

Event: Annual Vodka and Latkes Event

From: Congregation Beth Judea Sisterhood in Long Grove, IL

First Annual Vodka and Latkes and MURDER

Concept: While guests were having a nosh (other than latkes), they were informed of several different high-end Kosher Vodkas, one at a time. There was also a spread of different types of latkes for guests to try. After the main vodka sampling was done, someone was to be “murdered,” and a game of Clue began.

Items served:

- Flavored latkes:
 - Original
 - Yucca
 - Avocado Salsa
 - Brussel Sprout
 - Butternut Squash/Sweet Potato
- Assortment of vegetables, fruit, chips, and other fun snack items (this is not meant to be dinner)
- Regular (well) vodka with mixers
- Assorted beer and wine
- Lemonade or tea, pop, and water

The tables were decorated with different Clue items, from the real game and from items listed in the cards that we used (see below). Our event was co-sponsored by Sisterhood and Men’s Club.

Cost:

\$18 single

\$30 couple

The MURDER theme took the form of a game of Clue. Instead of each person playing a character, tables worked together to solve the mystery with the items “Murderer, Weapon, and Location.”

In the actual game of Clue, Mr. Boddy is apparently the victim of foul play and found in one of the rooms. The object of the game is to discover who committed the murder, where it took place, and which weapon was used. The answer lies in an envelope, which contains three cards. One card tells the answer to each of the questions. The players are dealt the remaining cards. By asking questions to other players, to find out which cards are in their hands, they attempt to find the missing cards hidden in the envelope.

The Victim (Mr. Boddy in the actual game) was our current Congregation President, who agreed to attend the event as our “dead body.” He was thrilled to be a part of the evening. We recommend including someone from the board when possible, if they can attend the event. When we wanted to start the game, we snuck him out of the room and one of us ran into the room screaming that the President was just found dead!

In our game, three cards (one Murderer, one Weapon, and one Location) were set aside (these are the answers the teams were looking for). Each table (team) was provided with game cards (one Murderer, one Weapon, and at least one Location) and several Clue fact sheets to take notes on. Because we had six Murderer and Weapon cards each, but nine Location cards, some teams got two Location cards. To start the game, one person at each table rolled the dice. The rules of the game were similar to the classic Clue rules. Starting at the table with the highest number rolled, each table (team) asked the team clockwise to it for three cards (one each, Murderer, Weapon, Location). If they had any of the cards requested, then one of those cards was

shown to the team that asked. If they did not have the card, then the next clockwise team showed one of the three cards, and this process proceeded, until the asking team was shown one card. After seeing the card, they could guess the Murderer, Weapon, and Location pulled before the game began. If their guess was wrong, however, their team was eliminated, and the cards distributed to other teams. If the team is right, then they win, and the game is over. Teams are encouraged to take notes when people ask for cards.

We brought enough chocolate gelt and mini vodka bottles to provide them as mini trophies to the winning team. The game takes up enough time that you probably only need to play it once, though it could be played again.

For more information about this program, contact Sara Goldenberg at sarahbgoldenberg@gmail.com.

JEW CLUE**PEOPLE**

Ms. Scarletky

Colonel Mustardberger

Mrs. Whiteman

Rabbi Green

Mrs. Peacohn

Dr. Plumewitz

WEAPONS

Ham Bone

Jewish Guilt

Shofar

Menorah

Kiddush Cup

Tefillin

ROOMS

Board Room

Gift Shop

Hazzan's Office

Ark

Rabbi's Office

Sanctuary

Kitchen

Social Hall

Sukkah

Room:

Kitchen



Room:

Sukkah



VICTIM:

Mr. Sid
Mathiawitzenberg



Room:

Rabbi's Office



Suspect:

Rabbi Green



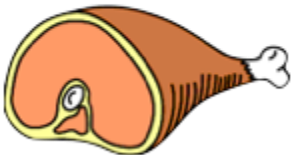
Suspect:

Colonel
Mustardberger



Weapon:

Ham Bone



Room:

Sanctuary



Room:

Social Hall



Room:

Ark



Room:

Gift Shop



Room:

Hazzan's Office



Room:

Board Room



Suspect:

Mrs. Whiteman



Suspect:

Dr. Plumewitz



Suspect:

Ms. Scarletsky



Suspect:

Mrs. Peacohn



Weapon:

Tefillin



Weapon:
Jewish Guilt

No grandkids yet?
OYE!



Weapon:
Shofar



Weapon:
Kiddush Cup



Weapon:
Menorah



Yucca Latkes

- 3 medium-sized yuccas, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces (or small enough to fit into your food processor)
- ½ sweet white onion, peeled and cut into pieces
- 1 medium sized Yukon (or other potato), peeled and cut into 2inch pieces
- 3 eggs
- ¼ cup flour or matzo meal
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Canola oil, for frying

Avocado Salsa for Yucca Latkes

- 2 avocados
- 1 habanero pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 hard-boiled egg, chopped
- Juice of two limes
- Salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons of white vinegar
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 scallions finely chopped
- 4 tablespoons chopped cilantro

Brussel Sprouts Latkes Ingredients

- ½ pound Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed (or 3 cups pre-shredded)

- 1 ½ pounds Russet potatoes, about 2 or 3, peeled or unpeeled, and cut to fit a food processor, if necessary
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and quartered
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 Tablespoon sea salt
- A few grinds of black pepper
- ½ - ¾ cup potato starch, panko breadcrumbs, all-purpose flour, or matzo meal
- Olive oil for frying (or a refined peanut oil or grapeseed oil has a higher smoke point, although not exactly healthful)

Butternut Squash/Sweet Potato Latkes

- 1 butternut squash
- 2 Yukon Gold potatoes
- 1 large onion
- 1 sweet potato
- 4 eggs
- ½ to ¾ cup flour
- 2 tbsp. kosher salt
- Olive oil for frying
- Optional: If you're serving these at a dairy meal, throw in ½ cup grated parmesan cheese

Classic Potato Pancakes

- 4 medium/large red potatoes, peeled, shredded
- 1 large sweet onion or 2 small sweet onions shredded
- 5 eggs
- 3 cups Italian breadcrumbs
- salt/pepper to taste
- Other ingredients to be used:
 - Vegetable oil for frying
 - Sour cream garnish
 - Apple sauce garnish



The 1st Annual Vodka & Latkes and MURDER....



December 9, 2017
7:30pm at CBJ

\$18 - single attendee
\$30 - couple attendees



You are invited to sample high end vodkas and nosh on a variety of latkes including:

- Classic
- Brussel sprout
- Butternut sweet potato



Wine, beer, and other snacks will be served.

During the event you are invited to help find the *clues* to finding the murderer. You will work with your fellow investigators to find out the weapon, location, and criminal. Your hosts will help you stay safe and find the murderer before the end of the night!

RSVP to Sarah Goldenberg by December 1st at sarahbgoldenberg@gmail.com



Checks can be made payable to Congregation Beth Judea Sisterhood

