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By Christine Davis

Get ready to deck the streets and light the candles for Palm Beach’s holiday season. Come celebrate around town in an amazing display of lights. Mark your calendars for these events, which are sure to lift your spirits and get you in a holiday mood.

HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING
A community Chanukah party will

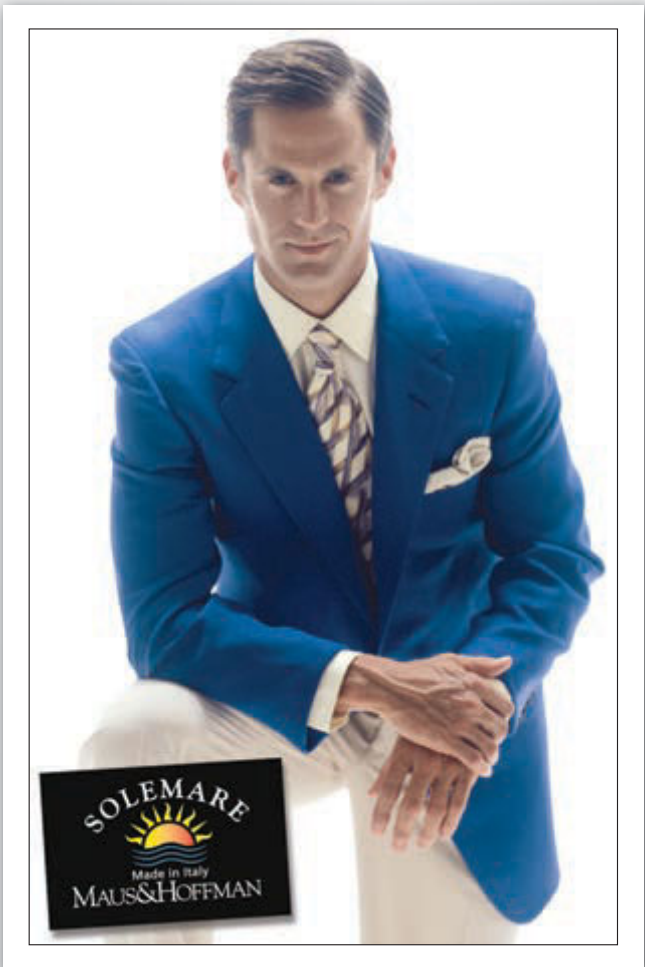
give Bradley Park a warm glow, with a light-up-the-third-night Menorah Lighting Ceremony scheduled for **Thursday Dec. 14, at 5:30 p.m.** Join the community’s Rabbis and town officials in the celebration, which will feature the lighting of a six-foot menorah. Enjoy complimentary Hanukkah cuisine, as well as entertainment for all ages. Bradley Park is just east of the Flagler Memorial (North) Bridge. Also, on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m., special

needs children and adults and their families are invited to a Hanukkah candle-lighting evening of joy, music, and friendship with Project Connect, featuring Dr. Laz and the Sensations. Dr. Laz, a talented musician, is an expert in the field of special education, and his “Sensations” are a unique, non-verbal group of individuals, each with his/her own special ability. This event will be at the Palm Beach Synagogue, 120 North County Road.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTINGS
On Tuesday, Nov. 28, the South County Road Association will co-sponsor holiday festivities with the Town of Palm Beach by the Memorial Fountain at Town Square, South County Road and Brazilian Avenue, starting promptly at 5 p.m. with the lighting planned for 5:30 p.m. Come early to enjoy musical entertainment

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The Best Gifts Are The Ones You Get to Experience

By Christine Davis

Suppose when you open your gift this year, you are transported to an luxurious locale, where you can relax and be pampered?

Today, when it comes to gifts, it's the intangibles that count, says luxury-marketing consultant Chris Ramey, of Affluent Insights. "The new definition of luxury is 'intangible.' Ten years ago, we used to say time is money. Today, time is opportunity. It's not so much a gift of a watch, per se. It may be a trip to visit the manufacturer of your watch."

"A gift of a memory lasts far beyond the holidays."

Chris Callahan, broker at Moran Yacht and Ship in Fort Lauderdale, echoes Ramey's findings. "I'm biased, but I think that chartering a yacht is the most incredible experience that an individual can have," he says.

'For holiday events, the most important thing is about being with friends and family and enjoying the experience in a unique manner under one roof

CHRIS CALLAHAN
Broker at Moran Yacht and Ship

"Memories last forever. There's nothing in the world like yachting."

For yacht charters, the holidays are one of the busiest

times of the year, and they are often family oriented, he notes. "It's a great way to get everyone together and have a unique Christmas experience."

You can even specify that your yacht be decorated for the holidays, he says. "Crew members put on pretty nice holiday displays. They like to decorate. At every charter show, there are place-setting and chef competitions. All around, whether it's about food or decoration, there's a focus on wow'ing guests."

For a holiday charter that is "absolute paradise," he suggests to start at Antigua and head south, with possible ports-of-call at Guadeloupe, Montserrat, Dominica, Martinique and San Lucia, ultimately ending up at St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Depending on size and age of the yacht, rates for a week's charter start at \$30,000 on through \$1.2 million. For example of the range: to charter Sexy, a 78-foot



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Lazzara, the cost is \$35,000. Kismet, a 312-foot Lursson that sleeps 12 guests, costs \$1.2 million. The 279-foot Lursson, Solandge, costs 1 million euros.

“It’s a very different experience from the Christmas market in Germany. One of the big draws for a charter vacation are water sports and ecotourism,” Callahan says.

“For holiday events, the most important thing is about being with friends and family and enjoying the experience in a unique manner under one roof.”

Two years ago, The Breakers re-imagined the Flagler Club, a \$5 million renovation, transforming it into an ultra-luxury hotel within a hotel. “Before, it was a concierge floor, but we wanted to make it a boutique hotel with a residential feel,” says Jessica Regen, general manager of the Flagler Club.

During that time, she has seen the Flagler Club experience given as a gift, “Husbands have called, setting up dining and spa appointments for their wives; parents send children, and visa versa.

“For the holidays, the hotel, overall, is decorated with a festive feel and offers an array of programs. At the Flagler Club, we’ve brought in a sommelier and chef for wine tastings, and we’ve offered events during our cocktail hour.

“In the past, for New Years Eve, we’ve had a champagne toast at midnight. Our terrace faces west with a view toward the city, and we can see all the fireworks. We’ve also had dessert parties with hats and celebratory items.”

Guests often receive champagne and other gifts, she adds. “We’ve given some of our repeat guests monogrammed robes, and if we know that they like a special chocolate, we’ll put it in their room; we try to customize the Flagler Club experience as much as we can.”

The Flagler Club, a “25-room guesthouse” has a club lounge, terrace, and a dedicated staff of 19. Another perk, for transportation to and from the airport, the Flagler Club sends a Tesla. “It’s an enormous hit, and is one of the number one conveniences that our guests love.” The Starting rate for the Flagler Club in season, is \$2,100 per night.

Concerning trends, Sam Blue, director of operations at Eau Spa, notices that spa guests look to go “above and beyond luxury,” he says. “Everyone wants pampering and there’s a wave of wellness going on, too.”

A treat that’s in demand is the Spa’s Gala Grooming two-day experience. “Each day is seven hours,” he says. “The first day includes body scrubs, a spray-tan, eyelash tint and lifting facial. On the next day, guests receive a manicure and pedicure. They have their hair and makeup done. They can order their lunch and it will be delivered to them. People are then gala ready, and women really appreciate this gift.”

There’s a whole realm of spa services for men, too.

He calls the 42,000-square-foot Eau Spa facilities, “an adult playground” with 19 treatment rooms and a co-ed garden with private cabanas. There are also private villas within the treatment rooms that have outdoor showers and oversized soaker tubs. Ranges in price at the Spa go from a manicure for \$45 all the way to a \$1,350 Spa package.



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Buyers be aware: You can *hire* someone to shop for you!

By Christine Davis

Where are you, Santa, when we need you? Not everyone enjoys shopping, especially when it's during the busiest shopping season before the holidays. For those non-shoppers, there are options. Unfortunately, Santa isn't one of them. But he does have his elves, so to speak. So, non-shoppers can have the luxury of hiring someone to do the shopping for them, or they can call their favorite Palm Beach store and ask for help.

While Elisha Daniels, through her eponymous Boston-based business (85 Waltham Street, Boston; 617-669-0871), provides personalized shopping for a variety of luxury retailers, she also shops for her Manhattan, Boston and Palm Beach clients.

"I can shop anywhere for my clients. I am up and down Worth Avenue – it's my favorite little spot in the world – or I select items from shops' websites or over the phone, and I do direct business with showrooms in New York, so there's nothing I can't get."

Her most unusual request? A client's husband asked her for 40 gifts for her 40th birthday. "The good news, I knew his wife, so I did it all in two days."

The most fabulous gift? She was asked to pick out a diamond ring. "It was stunning, a work of art – a 7-carat diamond ring from Harry Winston."

For new clients, she does a consultation over the phone via Skype or Facetime. She'll get her customers' lists, analyze and research items, and come up with ideas and concepts. "They should know what their budget is, and give me as much information as possible about the person receiving the gift," she says.

Once she has made her selections, she emails photos of them to her clients so that they can make the final choices.

"I shop, pick, pack, gift wrap, deliver, and it doesn't mater if it's on Christmas Eve," she says, adding that, for the most part, she's been working on her clients' holiday lists since October.

While she does most of the shopping, she works with a small group of assistants who help her with the wrapping and packaging. "It takes a village to shop," she quips.



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Marianna Abbate has her pulse on personalized shopping as well as customer service in Palm Beach. As the owner of Luxury PR Group, she works for the Worth Avenue Association, and as the owner of The Fashion Doctors (205 Worth Ave., Suite 124, Palm Beach; 561-843-9554), she, with her staff of stylists, provides personal shopping services.

“For personal shopping, because I’ve shop Worth Avenue for the last 14 years, I know the stores inside and out,” she says.

While many of her clients come to her through hotel concierge referrals, she also has her share of local customers. “A lot of my clients don’t want the hustle and bustle, and basically, our job is to ease their shopping experience,” she says.

They call her up, tell her what they are looking for, and send her out.

While she already knows the shopping preferences for repeat clients, in order to get an idea of what new clients want, she typically sends them a questionnaire, asking about sizes and measurements as well as color and brand preferences. “I’ll also ask them about their daily activities, what events they go to, who their favorite designers are, whether they have dark hair, dark eyes.”

Once she’s got that, she’s ready to go. She’ll shop the shops, take photos of items she thinks fit the criteria, and confers with her clients via email and phone. They make their choices; she gathers up the gifts, and mails them off.

Concerning customer service and customized care that Worth Avenue boutique owners provide to their customers, they are very hands-on, too, she notes. “Many of the retailers will go the extra mile for their customers. It’s the highest level of costumer service that there is.

“If you want Christmas PJs monogrammed, Ed

Kassatly will do it. Maus & Hoffman will package up special things that their clients want, and deliver them. At Tamara Comolli, there’s a little refrigerator in the shop stocked with champagne; buy a bracelet and get a glass of bubbly. At Marley’s Palm Beach Collection, the clothes you see there, you won’t see anywhere else. And at Sherry Frankel’s Melangerie, she has special embroidered items for children.”

It’s not just the shops on Worth Avenue that offer top-notch customer service. “You can walk into a store and get personalized custom gifts,” says Patricia Sans, president of the South County Road Association, speaking about member stores.

“Lori Jayne Monogramming and More, for example, offers monogramming and engraving. If you are looking for a special dress, at C.Oricco, you can go over and they’ll have it laying out for you. At the Classic Book Shop, they’ll find you your book, and even get it autographed, if you want.”

And a last word from Abbate: “What people might not realize, shopping in Palm Beach is easier than shopping online, and you can touch and see the product.”



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“I don’t really want another little trinket around my house, but flowers or plants are something that we can all enjoy. I like giving them for Christmas. I’ll often give an orchid, or this year, I’m making these little living wreaths for gifts; they can be used as centerpieces, or they can be hung.”

Often, cut flowers will last a good week, she says, and an orchid, like a phalaenopsis, will last a good long while. “I still have the one I was given in August for my birthday.

“It’s so nice to have something blooming in your house and it’s a reminder of the person who gave it to you. It’s a treat. After the flower on my birthday orchid was no longer, I put the plant in a tree. It attached itself and I have it going again.”

Florists around town not only create lovely holiday arrangements, but some will also decorate their clients’ houses with trees and wreaths, decking the halls with very creative boughs of holly as well as other greenery.

Tom Mathieu of Tom Mathieu and Co., for example, is currently very busy with holiday home decorations. “We’ll do wreaths for the front door, greens on the staircase and mantel, interior wreaths on mirrors. At Christmas, we’ll get the tree, deliver it, light it, put it in a stand, and sometimes it lasts the whole month of December,” he says

For swags, he likes incorporating magnolia leaves. “They make for a nice thick garland. The leaves are so nice and shiny and their dark backs create a fresh contrast. I’ll also use a lot of Fraser fir and juniper, and we’ll use a mixed variety of pines, but magnolia sets a garland off.”

Since decorating homes for the holidays is a big part of his business, he carries vintage-style Santa Claus and all sorts of Christmas ornaments. “Red, green, silver and gold mercury-glass balls that have a crackle finish to them are popular, and stripes and plaids are very traditional. Shiny ornaments always look very pretty, and rich red ornaments look spectacular against the green tones of the tree,” he says. For a neutral, he likes gold, which, he explains doesn’t fight with the other colors and it’s traditional and elegant.

Closer to the actual holiday dates, his focus transitions to creating holiday floral arrangements. For Hanukkah centerpieces, he incorporates white flowers. “Amaryllis are a striking large flower that lasts a long time, or I’ll use white hydrangeas, sometimes adding green foliage, which looks pretty and makes the white pop.

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For some gift arrangement ideas, a traditional, fun, and a long-time favorite at his shop incorporates candy canes wrapped with a red ribbon around a cylindrical vase. He fills it with red amaryllis, greenery and red ornaments. “I love candy canes at Christmas, and I like peppermint. If we happen to break a candy cane, we’ll eat it,” he says.

Another idea, taking a cue from one of his clients, is filling a container with red delicious apples and mini-green lady apples and setting them off with pinecones and magnolia leaves.

“We’ve sugared fruit and there’s a miniature pink pineapple that we’ve done with fresh greenery and persimmons. They are a like a little compote of pretty fruits for the holidays and are very festive.”

Faith Murray, owner of Flowers of Worth Avenue, does both home decorations and gift arrangements, too.

“We will send orchid arrangements or bouquets and for Palm Beach, it’s all about white; we do a lot of lilies and hydrangeas, mixed with green accents.

For one party, she made orchid arrangements for the buffet table, and around the house, she placed floral arrangements in key positions. These consisted of hydrangeas, red berries and Christmas greens, along with red and white roses, set off with pinecones and branches.

“We buy boxes of different varieties of Christmas

greens, so we’ll use holly, cedar, and spruce, and we’ll add in some Christmas accents.”

But it’s not only about white, red amaryllis makes a nice statement, too, she adds.

For other ideas, “One of my clients likes to go exotic, and I get to do these huge tropical arrangements with unusual flowers and exotic leaves; that’s the most fun.” For another client, I went with purple, coordinating the arrangement with a focal-point painting that is part of my client’s décor, and another client requested bouquets that I make a bouquet that picks up colors in her fish tank.”

And of course, poinsettias are still a favorite for the holidays. “Last year we stocked a boatload, and we were cleaned out.”

At Palm Beach Orchids by Lindsey, “we like to do traditional, with Palm Beach glitz that is tastefully done,” says Scott Walker, the store’s floral designer.

Over the holiday season, the most often requested flower is the white phalaenopsis, but he often uses dendrobium and cymbidium orchids, too.

He will place them in a mercury-glass container or in a silver ceramic vase, and he’ll add in shiny glass ornaments of various sizes. “We like to mix in unusual branch materials, sometimes flocked to look like snow, or we’ll add in branches with pearls or beads in silver and gold. “Under the lights, they sparkle,” he says.

“For Hanukkah, we’ll make up an orchid arrangement

with silver and blue tasteful touches.”

Some last thoughts from Mary Pressly: she’s noticed that some people like decorating with succulents and air plants, but for herself, she sticks to white and red flowers and berries, with an emphasis on fresh traditional greens. “We don’t have that kind of greenery here in Florida, and it has such a nice smell.”

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by the Kings Academy chorus, followed by the speedy arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus via fire truck. Best holiday wishes will be offered by VIPs, town officials, Mayor Gail Coniglio and Santa, who will give candy canes to the children. “Santa has time for every single child,” says the Association’s president, Patricia Sans, “Parking restrictions are lifted this evening encouraging residents to join us.” Also, she adds, do shop locally and take part in the annual Holiday Toy Drive, by bringing an unwrapped gift to leave beneath the tree for a child in need.

Led by Santa Clause, his elves and entertainers, The Worth Avenue Association and Mayor Gail Coniglio welcome the holiday season on Tuesday, Nov. 28, with its annual parade that concludes with a marvelous holiday tree lighting event, signifying the unofficial start of Palm Beach’s magical shopping season. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. at the 100 block of Worth Avenue and continue west to the intersection of Hibiscus Avenue and Worth Avenue. With the flip of the switch, the magnificent 40-foot tree will light up at 6:29 p.m. Make sure to get there early and queue up your children for a turn with Santa. This year’s event is in partnership with Hard Rocks Winterfest Boat Parade, and Santa will “float” down the avenue in a decorated boat, pulled by a Range Rover from Palm Beach Motor Cars and driven by Captain Lee, from Bravo TV’s Below Deck. The tree lighting is sponsored by Seminole Casino Coconut Creek.

For a holiday taste of Old Palm Beach celebrated during the Gilded Age era, visit Whitehall, where Henry Flagler’s youngest descendants will light a 16-foot-tall Grand Hall tree, richly decorated with ornaments, colored electric lights, and gifts for the local children. The Museum continues that tradition and will hand out Animal Crackers, a snack invented in the Gilded Age. The iconic circus box with a string was originally designed to be used as a Christmas tree ornament.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, seasonal refreshments will be served in the West Room from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Santa Claus will be in the Pavilion from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and brief organ performances in the Music Room will be at 3:30, 3:50, and 4:10 p.m. Brief piano performances in the Drawing Room will be at 3:40, 4, and 4:20 p.m. Holiday caroling in the Courtyard will be at 4:30 p.m. The tree lighting will be at 4:55 p.m.

These events are free with Museum admission.

Also on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m., this year’s special holiday lecture, “Christmas on the Home Front: Celebrating the Holiday During Wartime,” will be presented by historian and author, Penne Restad. The price is \$28 and includes Museum admission.

During Holiday Evening Tours, families are invited to tour Whitehall after hours by the glow of the original light fixtures. From December 19 through 23, tours will begin at 6:50, 7:05, 7:15, and 7:25 p.m. A choral group will sing carols, and holiday refreshments will be served. The price is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under age 18. Advance purchase is required. Call 655-2833. The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum is at One Whitehall Way.



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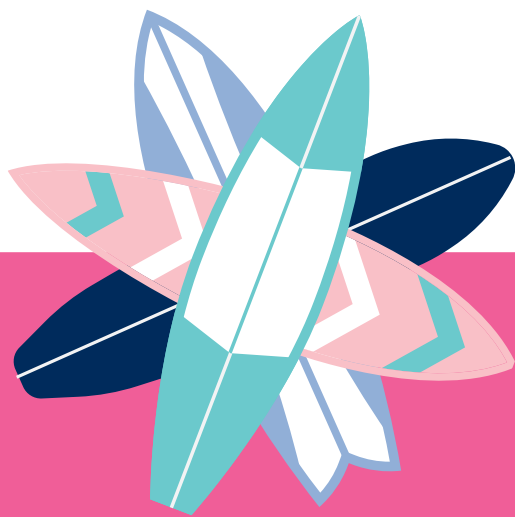
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