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Rabbi Kenneth Brickman – Cantor Larisa Averbakh

Friday, November 30th8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

TORAH STUDY

Parashat Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Saturday, December 1st10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

Friday, December 7th8:00 p.m.

Candle Blessing

Kiddush Prayer

Rabbi Brickman will Speak

“Preparing for Chanukah - The Festival of Lights”

Saturday, December 8th10:00 a.m.

Haftarah Reading

Kiddush

VOLUNTEER CHOIR TO BEGIN REHEARSALS

The Cantor will begin conducting rehearsals for our volunteer choir on Saturday, December 1. Everyone is welcome to come and sing! The only prerequisite is a love of Jewish music. The rehearsals are held immediately after Shabbat morning worship.

CHANUKAH WILL BE HERE SOON!

We will light the first candle of Chanukah at sundown on Sunday, December 9. Chanukah candles are available in the Temple office for \$1.00 per box.

Our Temple's celebration of Chanukah will be held on Friday evening, December 14. Save the date and watch your "Temple Bulletin" for more details about this annual Chanukah Family Service.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHANUKAH FAMILY EDUCATION

The Religious School will sponsor a Chanukah Family Education program on Sunday morning, December 9 at Temple Beth Am in Bayonne. Religious School families should watch their e-mail and snail mail for more details about this exciting program created just for the families in our school.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather is inclement and you are not sure whether services or other Temple programs are being held, please call the Temple office, 201-333-4229, before coming to the Temple. If no one is in the office, a message will be recorded on the answering machine indicating whether services or other activities have been cancelled.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER STUDY

Our prayer study group continues to meet at 9:15 am on Saturday morning before our Shabbat morning services. Join us for this informal, but informative discussion group, which deepens our understanding of the prayers we recite each week.

VAN SERVICE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

Remember that the van to the Temple runs every Friday night, beginning at the St. John's Apartments and continuing from there down the Boulevard to the Temple. If you would like to take advantage of this free van service, please call the Temple.

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In honor of the marriage of granddaughter, Michelle to Brian, to Ruth Lubow from: Maurice Weinberg

In memory of beloved husband, Dr. Solomon Hirsch to Sarah Hirsch from: Maurice Weinberg

THANK YOU

The Temple acknowledges with gratitude very generous contributions in memory of beloved father, Dr. Solomon Hirsch to Dr. Robert Hirsch from:

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CONDOLENCES

The Rabbi, Cantor and members of the congregation extend sincerest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the family of Mona Feller.

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Contributions have been received:

In honor of the marriage of your granddaughter, Michelle to Brian, to Ruth Lubow from:

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Contributions have been received:

In memory of beloved mother, Pauline Rodney by Joan Kaminsky

In memory of beloved husband, Myron Wasserman, beloved mother, Mary Feldman and beloved daughter-in-law, Ronde Joyce Wasserman by Kay Wasserman

In memory of beloved mother, Mary Feldman by Sus Maltzman

In memory of beloved wife, Anne Goldstein Weinberg by Maurice Weinberg

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of my friends at the Temple for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy and tributes in memory of my beloved husband, Dr. Solomon Hirsch.

Sarah Hirsch

THANK YOU

It was truly a pleasure for me and my family to celebrate the wedding of my granddaughter in the Temple sanctuary. I am grateful to all of the members of the Temple who shared our joy by attending the ceremony. I also appreciate the tributes and good wishes I received in honor of Michelle's marriage to Brian Pargman.

Ruth Lubow

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of my friends at the Temple for their visits, their tributes and their good wishes during my recent hospitalization.

Bert Mehlworm.

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WEEK ENDING: DECEMBER 8th

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Hanukkah

Al ha-Nisim - for the Miracles

During Hanukkah the following reading is added to the Amidah which is a central prayer of our worship service. This addition is a brief history and explanation of the holiday of Hanukkah.

"We give thanks for the redeeming wonders and the mighty deeds by which at this season our people was saved in days of old.

"In the days of the Hasmoneans, a tyrant arose against our ancestors, determined to make them forget Your Torah, and to turn them away from obedience to Your will. But You were at their side in time of trouble. You gave them strength to struggle and to triumph, that they might serve You in freedom.

"Through the power of Your spirit the weak defeated the strong, the few prevailed over the many, and the righteous were triumphant. Then Your children returned to Your house, to purify the sanctuary and kindle the lights. And they dedicated these days to give thanks and praise to Your great name." (*Gates of Prayer*)

A few explanations:

The Hasmoneans were another name for the Maccabees, led by Mattathias and his son Judah. The tyrant was Antiochus Epiphanes IV of Syria. The weak were the Maccabees and their followers whose numbers were much smaller than the mighty Syrian armies sent to battle them. The house the Maccabees returned to was the *Beyt Ha-mikdash* - the Temple in Jerusalem which they cleansed and rededicated for service to God. Hanukkah means dedication.

The Mitzvot and Traditions of Hanukkah

- It is a mitzvah to celebrate Hanukkah for eight days beginning at sundown on the 9th of December.
- It is a mitzvah to celebrate Hanukkah by lighting the menorah at sundown on each of the eight nights.
- It is a tradition to display the Hanukkah menorah — called a hanukiah — in a window facing out to the street, thus publicizing the miracle of Hanukkah.
- It is a tradition to eat foods made with oil to recall the miracle of the oil.

Holiday Schedule

Hanukkah
25 Kislev—2 Tevet

Kindle the first candle
of Hanukkah
at sundown
on December 9th



The last night of
Hanukkah is
December 17th.

Gathering Around the Holiday Table

The Hanukkah Blessings

- Candles are added to the hanukkiah from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first.
- Light the Shamash- the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles - first using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights; say or sing:

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-she-
ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu
l'had-lik ner shel Hanukkah.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You make us holy with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר
קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתַי וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu/l'i-mo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers/mothers in days of old, at this season.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ/לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

On the first night only we add:

*Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-heh-cheh-ya-nu,
v'ki-y'ma-nu, v'higi-anu,
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

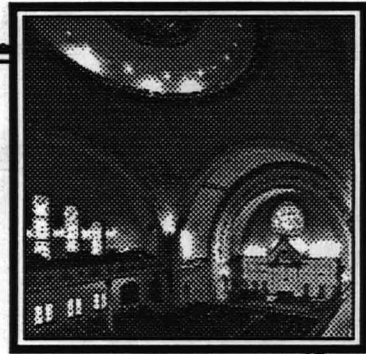
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ
וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.

If you celebrate Havdalah at the conclusion of Shabbat, this is observed first and then the Hanukkah candles are kindled.



You're invited to our Hanukkah Family Celebration!



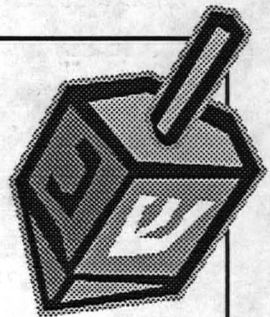
Friday Evening, December 14 at 7p.m.

*Join us for a "Latke Fest" at 7 and then outside to light the Menorah. We'll then go back indoors for a brief Family Service featuring Hanukkah songs and a special story.
Free & fun for all!*

Where: Temple Beth-El, 2419 Kennedy Boulevard

When: Friday, December 14—7p.m. Latke Fest,
7:45 Menorah Lighting outside, 8:00 Family Service

Who: You! and bring a friend or family member(s).
We look forward to celebrating together!



*For reservations or more information please call the Temple office at 201.333.4229.
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