

TEMPLE ISRAEL WINDOW

FAMILY CHANUKAH "MISHPACHAPALOOZA"

**A TEMPLE ISRAEL FIRST ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15—6:00 P.M.**

Live from the town of Modin, here at Temple Israel on a special visit, the characters of the Chanukah story come alive as we celebrate Shabbat with song and story. Come hear Chanukah stories told by Judah Maccabee and his friends.



The dinner this year is being prepared by members of Sisterhood and subsidized by our Shabbat Shelly Fund. Yes, no gelt will be necessary for the dinner this year. Thanks to the Shabbat Shelly Fund, our dinner is free, BUT, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

Don't forget to bring your menorahs and candles from home. We will light them at the dinner together.



Following Shabbat services, join Sisterhood and Temple Israel down in the Social Hall for our annual Chanukah Latke Dinner and Brisket Bake-Off.

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FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY

RABBI DAVID A. LIPPER

I am proud of our congregation. This fall has seen an elevation of activity as we have begun taking steps outlined by our Long Range Plan. The work and energy that went into this report show the caliber of our members and their commitment to Temple Israel. It is reflective of the vision that a small group of people had over 140 years ago.

In anticipation of your questions about the report and in hopes of creating a larger dialogue about the future of Temple Israel, the Long Range Planning Committee is hosting a "Town Hall" meeting at Temple on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. This is an informational meeting designed to answer questions about the report which you have received.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

MICHAEL NEUMANN

It is difficult to write on any subject in which the congregation has not participated. I have greater difficulty writing on a subject that is unfamiliar. This month will be the exception! I feel obligated to inform you of my trip in early November to Erie, Pennsylvania, to attend the 2006 Regional Biennial of the Union for Reform Judaism. Last year, a record number of Temple Israel participants and I attended the National Biennial in Houston, and in December 2007, I will go to the National Biennial in San Diego. I hope that you will consider joining us at such a special convention.

So why share with you something that really does not directly affect Temple Israel in Akron, Ohio? It is because these conventions do directly affect us. These conventions reinforce that we all share very similar issues while attempting to support our individual synagogues

valuing Jewish practices. There are workshops that are available for many topics pertinent to Reform Judaism. The participation of the attendees brings lasting intellectual and spiritual growth. Scott Jaffe, Rabbi Lipper and I not only attended but also were presenters at a workshop. We will work harder to engage more congregants to attend in the future.

Workshops at the last regional Biennial were broken down into five areas.

(1) Outreach and Sacred Community, including supporting conversion, creating a culture of leadership, supporting interfaith families, and synagogue. (2) Youth and Lifelong Jewish Learning with programs such as keeping youth involved in Jewish experiences. (3) Synagogue Management, including managing change, changing your synagogue space for the 21st century, fundraising, and measuring the

success of your programs. (4) Worship and Music such as re-invigorating Shabbat worship. (5) Social Justice, including social action for the masses, and the importance of social action to Israel. In addition to workshops, you have the opportunity to worship, form friendships, and eat (yes, we love to eat) with Jews from synagogues everywhere. The entertainment was exceptional, and we were treated to singer/songwriter Debbie Friedman.

The Regional and National Biennials give us all the opportunity to grow our individual synagogues, while feeling proud to be Jewish. I urge you to consider attending one of these in the future. The excitement of sharing and giving will be an exceptional experience. Please contact me to learn how to be part the 2007 National Biennial.

(Rabbi's column, continued from page 1)

If you have not received a copy of the report, please call Molly at the Temple office and one will be sent to you.

Congregational Town Hall meeting to answer questions about the Long Range Plan on Monday evening, December 4, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

I hope that you will come and share your thoughts that evening. Many hard working congregants put in vast amounts of energy to generate the report, and I hope that you will see their dedication shine through.

Dedication is what this month is all about. Chanukah celebrates the re-dedication of the Temple following the occupation by the Assyrians. After years of struggle, a dedicated band of Jews led by Judah Maccabee, repelled the Assyrians and retook control of the Temple. After a period of cleansing, the light was rekindled and the Temple was reopened.

Think about the dedication of the Maccabees and how they were willing to struggle for what was so important for them. They had a goal and a plan, and though it took many years, they were able to reach their dreams. Is there a lesson for us in looking at the Plan created by our own dedicated members? I think so.

Shalom,
Rabbi David A. Lipper

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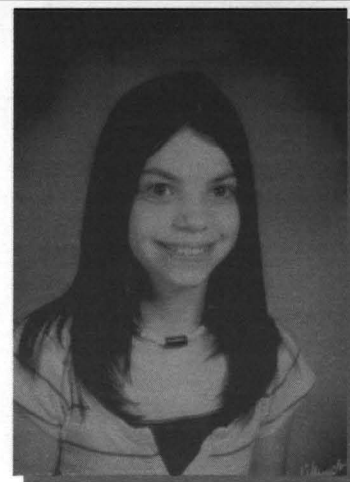
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Bat Mitzvah



Brianna Pauline Greer

Saturday, December 30, 2006
6:00 p.m.
Vayechi

Brianna is the daughter of Heidi and David Greer of Copley and the sister of Cara. Grandparents are Leonard and Marilyn Cohen of University Heights OH and Dolores Cohen (deceased).

Brianna is in the seventh grade at Norton Middle School. She participates in 4-H Equine, competitive cheerleading, tumbling and band, where she plays the flute.

For her Tikkun Olam project, Brianna has been volunteering at the Pegasus Horse Ranch, where children needing therapy attend.

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What Are You Doing on the 25th of December?

Plan to do a community mitzvah that day and help Caring Community deliver hot lunches to area police and fire stations at noon. Bring your families to Carol and Eric Blum's home for brunch at 10:30 a.m. and then make deliveries in the Akron area. The public servants who have to work that day are very happy to see us coming. Please RSVP to Carol Blum at 330-668-2461 or let her know by e-mail at cmblum225@aol.com.

Caring for Others

The Sisterhood cooked up a lot of Sloppy Joes for the MRDD Halloween Party, enjoyed by more than a hundred guests. Costumes, music, dancing, and great food made the "boo-ti-ful" October event a success. The Confirmation class helped serve the ghouls and goblins. The next MRDD event, a Holiday Party, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel.



Ready to serve the MRDD dinner were Sisterhood members Beth Sugerman, Phyllis Komerofsky, Patti Margolis and Vikki Horowitz.

Temple Israel's Chanukah & New Member Dinner

FRIDAY

December 15, 2006



Bring your family Menorah

**A GREAT TIME
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Chanukah Service at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by the Shabbat Shelley Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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Our party will include: _____ Adults & Children age 13 and older
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FOR THE BRISKET BAKE-OFF
ON DECEMBER 15,
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AT 330-836-0416.**



The Confirmation class came dressed in costumes to help at the MRDD party.

HONORABLE MENTSCHEN

Each chapter within Hadassah's 4-state Central States region was encouraged to honor a member of the chapter with the *Women of Innovation Award*.

Audrey Baker and Cheryl Carter, Akron Chapter Hadassah's co-presidents, nominated **Barbara (Bobby)**

Adler. The awards were presented at the Fall Conference, which was held Oct. 20-22 in Cincinnati.



Bobby organized and implemented an extremely successful Stem Cell Research program last April. With over 150 attendees, the event made local press and aired on local cable twice. Her commitment to the program was based on her personal quest to find a cure for a rare blinding disease afflicting her own young granddaughter.

The stem cell research event included a high-powered panel with State Senator Eric Fingerhut, Rabbi Lauren Werber, Cleveland Clinic cardiologist and researcher Dr. Mark Penn, and National Hadassah moderator Karen Venezky. The event made Akron Hadassah stand out as a community leader. Ninety-eight letters supporting embryonic stem cell research were later faxed to Congress.

The event wasn't meant to be a fundraiser, but Bobby organized 3 grants which defrayed most expenses, received a \$1,000 donation from a special donor, and had several dozen Chai sponsors. With so many attendees, Akron Hadassah was able to send a research contribution to Hadassah's Goldyne Savad Institute for Gene Therapy in Jerusalem.

Ken Isroff and Katie Mills announce their engagement. Ken is the son of the late Harriet and Tom Isroff. Katie is the daughter of the late Whitley Mills, Jr. of Hagerstown, MD and Susan Mills of Atlanta, GA. Ken is a 1986 graduate of Firestone High School and received his BS degree from Miami of Ohio and his MBA from Case Western Reserve. He is working for Information Resources Inc. in Chicago. Katie graduated from Hood College and is employed by the law firm of Grippo & Elden in Chicago. The couple currently resides in Chicago and plans to be married in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in February.

An Opportunity to Give

A new law, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, will make it easier for congregants to make a significant financial contribution to the Temple. The new law is in effect only for 2006 and 2007, and allows tax-free withdrawals directed to charities directed from Individual Retirement Accounts—IRAs.

The law allows donors older than 70½ to distribute up to \$100,000 per year to qualified charities, such as Temple Israel. Distributions are tax free, but donors will not be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for their gift. Also, the distribution must be made directly from the Trustee of an IRA to the Temple or the Temple Foundation.

Please check with your IRA Trustee or professional advisor for further information on how to distribute your gift. But do consider taking advantage of tax free donations to the Temple from your IRA this year and next.

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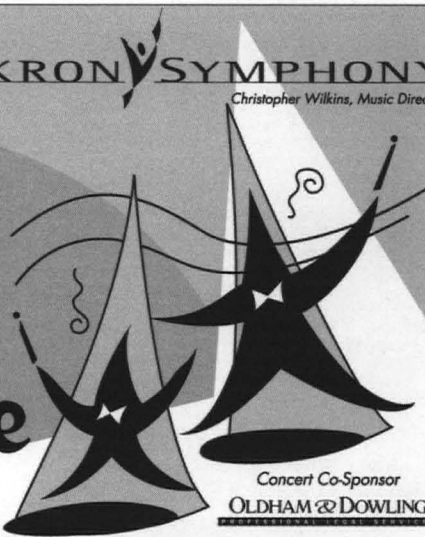
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Sunday, December 10

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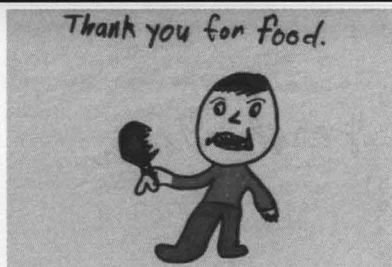
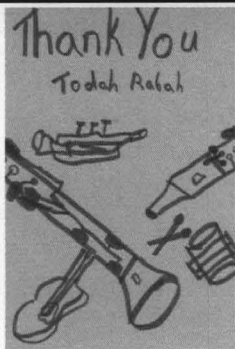
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Kyle Gersman is thankful for music, while Joseph Gerin appreciates food.

The Kol Tov Choir embarked on a thankfulness quest in November. Based on drawings the children made, here is a song devised from their suggestions:

THANK YOU, GOD

(from suggestions of the Kol Tov Choir)

(Chorus)

Baruch Atah Adonai, Thank You, God (2x)

Thank you for my family
Food and home
Thank you for music
Nature and shalom

(Chorus)

Thank you for friends
Our lives, being free
Thank you for the Torah
God and me

(Chorus)



The Cantor Gedaliah Gertz Education Center donated nearly \$150 dollars to the 2006 Crop Walk.



Dena Lipper and Jacob Kalish have been playing their instruments during services on Sunday mornings. Jacob rocked the Family Service in November with his renditions of "Sim Shalom" and "Oseh Shalom"! Bravo to these talented musicians!

Regional Biennial Update

On November 2, I had the opportunity to attend the Educators Seminar at the Regional URJ Biennial in Erie PA. The educators explored creating "just" educational settings, meaning we should try to operate through a lens of social justice. Many of our classes are involved in planning social action and tzedakah projects and bringing canned food. Rabbi Jan Katzew from the URJ Department of Lifelong Learning led us in Torah study through moral education. Is morality teachable? We explored moral development of characters such as Jonah to see if they developed as moral individuals through the lessons God taught them.



It is always a nice break to convene with colleagues to study Torah, compare ideas and refresh my spirituality. I look forward to sharing some of these new ideas with the faculty.

L'Shalom, Carrie Shkolnik

The 8th grade Sunday school class was fortunate enough to have Lici Calderon speak to us. Mrs. Calderon is a Holocaust survivor, and she shared with us some of her experiences. She and her family were held in detention for a while, but most of the time, they were separated from each other and living in hiding. Mrs. Calderon spent most of her time in a Lutheran girls' school. There were two things that the class was most struck by: 1) the risk taken by her family's Christian neighbors, which enabled her family to go into hiding, and 2) her ability to think on her feet and do and say what she needed to in order to survive. We feel very lucky to have had Mrs. Calderon speak to us, and found her story inspiring.



Teacher Susan Clements, Lici Calderon, Emily Adelman, Kyle Sutter & Sarah Helfer

Our Teachers Report

Third/Fourth Grade Hebrew—Mrs. Ronen

We have reached the mid-point of our first term of the 2006-2007 Hebrew school year. I am happy to report that the 3rd/4th class is progressing beautifully. The children have completed the first eight chapters of our Hebrew Primer. They have learned 16 letters, 5 vowels and the script of eight letters.

Fifth Grade Hebrew—Mrs. Hood

The fifth grade class at Temple this year is an absolute pleasure to teach. The students are well behaved, curious, easily amused, proud, fun-loving, and all get along well.

One of our focuses this semester is electing to raise money for two charities—Make a Wish Foundation & Ronald McDonald House. We have a chart in the classroom of the students' names that shows their contributions each week to tzedakah. They are very excited and will hold a bake sale at Temple on Dec. 17.

Chanukah Blessings and Treats

Chanukah Home Blessings

It is a mitzvah to publicize the miracle of Chanukah by placing the menorah in a window of your home.

(On every night)

**BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-HAY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM A-SHER
KI-D'SHA-NU B'MITZ-VO-TAV V'TZI-VA-NU L'HAD-LIK NER SHEL CHA-NU-KAH.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with commandments and has commanded us to light the Chanukah lights.

**BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-HAY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM
SHE-A-SA NI-SIM LA-A-VO-TAY-NU BA-YA-MIM HA-HEM BAZ-MAN HA-ZEH.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, for having brought miracles for our ancestors in those days at that time.

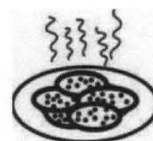
**BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-HAY-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM
SHE-HE-CHE-YA-NU V'KI-Y'MA-NU V'HI-GI-YA-NU LAZ-MAN HA-ZEH.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who has kept us, sustained us and allowed us to reach this joyous occasion.

Light Your Menorah from Right to Left (Just like reading Hebrew)

Latkes for Chanukah

3 large potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
1 small onion
Pinch of pepper
2 beaten eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons matzah meal



Wash the potatoes well, but you don't have to peel them. They are healthier and easier to prepare unpeeled. Grate them coarsely into a bowl. Grate in the onion, using a food processor if you have one. Add the salt and pepper, eggs and matzah meal. Let the mixture sit for 10 minutes to thicken. Pour off the excess liquid.

Heat the oil for one minute in a frying pan. Gently drop the mixture into the pan, making each latke two inches across. When the latkes are brown around the edges, turn them and fry them on the other side until crispy. Drain on paper towels. Eat them with applesauce, sour cream or cinnamon and sugar. Makes about two dozen latkes.

A Trio of Rabbis

Seventy-eight people came to Temple Israel for the second week of the Academy of Adult Jewish Learning. Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi Mendy Sasonkin and Rabbi Stephen Grundfast came to the table to answer a myriad of questions about God. Sharing their views with intelligence and some humor, the Rabbis made everyone in the audience happy to be there that night.



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An Annual Brotherhood Gathering with Friends

Brotherhood's Annual Interfaith Dinner with St. Paul's Men's Club was held at Temple Israel on November 8. The speaker was Rev. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew on the subject of "One Woman's Journey in Ministry." This was a fascinating story of how, starting from early childhood and as part of a frequently moving military family, she became an Episcopal priest with many stops and obstacles along the way. The audience included five other priests from St. Paul's supporting their colleague.

Our B'nai Mitzvah students helped serve the catered dinner and our Confirmation class youth were in attendance. Jim Levin, Brotherhood's Interfaith chair, made all the arrangements.



Dave Shapiro and Art Krakauer welcomed St. Paul's member Chip Billow, center, to Temple Israel.

Upcoming Events

- Dinner meeting Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Jan. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Rockne's on West Market Street, Fairlawn. For details call David Adler at 330-864-5702.
- Trip to the Cavaliers vs. Phoenix Suns game with the Canton Brotherhood Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35. To participate, contact Ira Kirsch at 440-526-1488 or at ira@lowrates.net.

Music Lifts the Soul!

Kol Zimrah, the congregational choir at Temple Israel, ventured beyond 133 Merri-man to enthrall the residents of Chambrel in October. With upbeat music and lively rhythms, the choir brought smiles to many faces, including their own! Rory Sanders provided uplifting words and hilarious banter between songs. More visits are planned!



The folks at Chambrel filled the room to hear Kol Zimrah sing.



Charlotte Pollock and a Chambrel resident enjoyed dancing to Tzena Tzena.

YAHREZEITS December 2006

December 1

Vera Bear
Dr. Millard Beyer*
Lena Black
William J. Blumenstein*
Jerome M. Brown*
Melvin Cohen
Thelma A. Cohen
Nathan Frank
Alan A. Friedman
Bessie Friedman
Milton M. Frost*
Hyman Garfinkel
Mildred B. Glick
Bertha Goodman
Joseph C. Gordon*
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Martin Meltzer
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Iz Moses
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Morris Reiser*
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David Schaffer
Betty Schlitt*
Margaret Schneider
Jacob Senser
Richard N. Shine*
Harry Tass
Sara Rose Topper
Seymour N. Wolfson
Bernie Wollner

December 8

Jacob George Agins
Rose Epstein
Solomon A. Epstein
Morris Flignor*
Robert M. Goldsmith*
Sally Janis
Isadore H. Kaufman*
Martha Kessler*
Lena Koplin
Zinaida Krongauz
Lillian Landskroner*
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Samuel Sheftel
Edward Spitzer*
Preston G. Tuschman*
Edward A. Whitelaw**
Joseph Wolf*

** Marble plaque
* Brass plaque

We Remember

* *Natalya Gomelskaya*, sister of *Julia Shmukler*.

December 15

Regina Beck*
Madge A. Birnbaum*
Milton Dresner
Maxwell Ellick*
Irene Lehner Farkas*
Julius Federman
Samuel Federman
Sandra Rosenthal Frank*
Melba Gould
Gertrude E. Kahn*
Seymour M. Kaplan*
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Ida Moorstein
Jerry Motley
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Bennett Teitelman
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Estelle Waingar
Betty Wein*
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December 22

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Lester M. Cohen
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Cypa Cymerman
Max Cymerman
Edith Cohen Farber*
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Sol Forman
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December 29

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Thank You Notes

We wish to thank all of our friends for the Uniongrams we received in honor of our 25th anniversary. We appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness. *-Laurie Zuckerman and Steve Johnson*

Thank you to everyone who sent Uniongrams in honor of our 35th anniversary. It was so nice to be remembered in such a special and meaningful way. *-Scott and Elaine Jaffe*

Yearbook Correction

De and Art Friedman's e-mail address should be amfdfs@sbcbglobal.net.



WERBER'S WISDOM

RABBI LAUREN WERBER

I've learned a lot in the past weeks. After breaking my ankle in mid-October, I've learned that crutches are much harder to use than they were when I was a child. I've learned that the hardest part is holding a door open and getting through it on my own. I've learned that I can't carry anything in my hands while on crutches. I can reach the refrigerator but I cannot carry the food, I can buy anything I want but I cannot get it into the car, and I can play with my children but I cannot put the toys away.

I've also learned that I still can do a lot. I can hop down stairs, I can retrieve all kinds of things with an outstretched crutch, I can brush my hair while standing on one foot, I can sleep with a cast on my foot, and I can ask for help when I need it.

I've learned that pride and vanity are silly things. I've learned that it is better to ask for a drink than to be thirsty, better to ask for an arm than to fall down, better to wear an unattractive tennis shoe than

to hurt the other foot as well. I've learned that, if I use a wheelchair, I can get out more and enjoy more activities. I've learned that people are laughing with me but not at me, and that there is no shame in being injured or disabled. I've even learned that I can enjoy life just as much as I did before. I've learned that a broken ankle is quite an inconvenience, but I've also learned that it would be a whole lot worse without crutches. My fancy aluminum crutches help me to get around, but the far more important crutches of family, friends, and community help me stand up, cope, and laugh at my situation. I've learned that many, many people live the value of *bikkur cholim* – of visiting the sick and needy – and that their concern really does help.

I've learned that there is love and support all around, that too often we underestimate the strength of our community and the power of the crutches who hold us up. I've learned that well-wishes, cards, thoughts and prayers work, and I've learned that people are ready to help.

Family members, congregants, friends, even casual acquaintances have been there for me. My parents are caring for the baby, my husband is picking up after me constantly, and my children are learning to pitch in. Neighbors and friends are driving the children to school, cooking for my family, and checking in again and again. My wonderful *Adult B'nai Mitzvah* class even delivered enough food to my house to feed us until I am cooking again! Strangers hold doors, offer to reach things, and help me to shop. I've learned that people care and we are never really alone.

I've learned to appreciate the ability to walk and the challenges of a disability and I await a *refuah sh'leimah* – a complete healing of my body – but I am not impatient. I have learned to be grateful, not only for health, but for community and for kindness. I am grateful for all the goodness I have witnessed and all the lessons I have learned. Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers, all of your kind words and kind deeds.

Community Havdallah



Congregants from area synagogues enjoyed a Community Havdallah service in November, featuring Rabbis David Lipper, Stephen Grundfast and Susan Stone telling stories and saying the b'rachot over the wine, spice box and

candle. Rory Sanders sang the liturgy. The evening began and ended with jovial singing, led by Danny Moss, a popular song leader at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, one of the regional URJ camps.

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New Children's Books in the Temple Library



Eight Wild Nights: A Family Hanukkah Tale by Brian P. Cleary

A large family celebrates Hanukkah by cleaning the house, entertaining guests, and preparing delicious food.

The First Gift by A.S. Gadot

As a boy tells about the first gift his parents gave him, his name, he identifies someone else who had the same name, recalls how names came to be, and lists different names one person might be called.

The Ziz and the Hanukkah Miracle by Jacqueline Jules

The Ziz, a huge and clumsy bird, helps the Maccabees find enough oil to light the menorah and restore the temple, leading to the miracle that is celebrated every year at Hanukkah.

Hanukkah: Jewish Festival of Lights by Terri Sievert

A brief description of what Hanukkah is, how it started, and ways people celebrate the holiday.

Shlemazel and the Remarkable Spoon of Pobost by Ann Redisch Stamper

Shlemazel, the laziest man in town, is tricked into believing that the lucky spoon given to him by a neighbor will bring him fortune and fame if used in the right way.

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SERVICES

- December 1 Shabbat Service—6:00 p.m.
December 8 Family Service—7:30 p.m. led by the 5th grade
with the Kol Tov Choir
5th grade dinner—6:00 p.m.
December 15 First Night of Chanukah: Family
Mishpachapalooza! - 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shelly Chanukah Dinner—7:00 p.m.
December 22 Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.
December 29 Shabbat Service—7:30 p.m.

TORAH STUDY

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 led by Rabbi David Lipper, Rabbi
Lauren Werber and congregants—9:00 a.m. in the Library

BAT MITZVAH

December 30 Brianna Greer—6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN/FAMILY EVENTS

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December 15 First Night of Chanukah: Family
Mishpachapalooza! - 6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Shelly Chanukah Dinner—7:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

- December 4 Congregational Town Hall Meeting—7:00 p.m.
December 5 AAIC—10:00 a.m.; Brotherhood—6:30 p.m.
December 6 Executive Board—6:30 p.m.
December 18 Temple Board—7:00 p.m.
December 19 Social Action, Religious Ed., Ritual—7:00 p.m.
Adult Education, Outreach—8:00 p.m.

EVENTS

- December 10 Brotherhood Blood Drive—9:00 a.m.
December 13 MRDD Holiday Party—6:00 p.m.
December 17 Hakoah Club Holiday Party—12:00 p.m.
December 24 Live from NY's 92nd Street Y featuring
David Broza—8:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

- December 6, 13, 20—4:15 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17 (Chanukah Program)—9:30 a.m.
No School: December 24, 27, 31
December 1-3 8th grade Washington, DC trip

CONFIRMATION CLASS

- December 6, 13, 20—6:00 p.m.
No Class: December 27

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