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BULLETIN

FROM THE RABBI...

HANUKKAH STARFISH

A young girl was briskly walking back and forth along the beach in Miami. The tide was out and in its wake hundreds of starfish had been left stranded along the shore. They were drying out. As the girl walked, she picked up starfish and threw them back into the ocean. Now this one, here another, one over there, tossing them, spinning them, throwing them back.

A couple strolled by and, watching this youngster work so hard at her playtime and realizing the impossibility of completing her task, they yelled out, "Little girl, why do you bother? You will never be able to make a difference with all these beached creatures—go on



The girl paused for just a moment with "Maybe not with all these hundreds of the world."

Our choice to do one something for just in the world for that person. The list of for one person. And yet if each of us would difference it would make in our world.

**"...DO ONE
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WOULD MAKE..."**

another starfish in hand and yelled back to the couple, dying fish, but for this one, it makes all the difference in

one other person who needs us will make all the difference needs and the numbers of needy can seem overwhelming just do one something for just one other person—what a

So at this holiday season of Hanukkah when candles glow reflecting the twinkling stars of the canopy of heaven and the stars that have fallen beneath our feet, may we toss one starfish back into the ocean and give it life. Help one heart, feed one mouth, ease one pain, and the gift of Hanukkah's message will be given. A world of freedom! The freedom to give of yourself to another.

Light a menorah candle:

1. Against the shame of poverty by giving Tzedaka.
2. Against hunger by bringing food to the Open Shelter and making a donation to Mazon.
3. On behalf of AIDS victims by calling for increased research and safe-sex education.
4. In favor of the homeless by helping to supply shelter for one single-parent family.
5. Against ignorance and illiteracy by supporting public education and remedial studies for all students.
6. To fight bigotry by learning about the *A World of Difference* program of the Anti-Defamation League here in Central Ohio and extending a hand to a neighbor who is the same but different.
7. On behalf of Jonathan Pollard by writing a letter to President Bush asking for his release from prison.
8. For peace in the world by praying and working for peace in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, South Africa, and the streets of our cities.

And make a difference in the life of one human starfish who desperately needs our help.

WORKSHOPS FOR EVERYONE

On December 5, Temple Israel will hold the first of three workshops designed to help prospective and current members of the Temple become more familiar with Temple Israel and our prayer service. The workshop will begin at 9:30 AM with a continental breakfast, followed by a complete tour of the Temple facility. Staff, clergy, and board members will help familiarize participants with the Temple as well as the many roles that people serve within the Temple's family.

After the tour, Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe will conduct a Shabbat morning service designed to help everyone understand and

be comfortable with Temple Israel's service.

Those interested in attending should call the office at 866-0010 in order for us to anticipate our breakfast needs.

The second workshop, on April 25, 1993, will focus on Jewish festivals, with emphasis on the customs, foods, music, and ritual objects of each festival.

The last workshop will take place on September 12, 1993, and will focus on the High Holidays. Look in your upcoming Bulletins for further information on these two workshops.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Religious School Committee is seeking volunteers to be "Shomer" on Sunday mornings while children are in class, to assist Director Karen Elson with clerical duties (answer phone, enter attendance and Keren Ami contributions in book, etc.) and have a bagel and coffee. Please call Joyce Simson at 252-1260.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN COLLEGE?

If so, please let us know. At various times throughout the school year, Brotherhood and Sisterhood send something special to our college students. Call the Temple office at 866-0010 to put your child on our list.

Mazel Tov to . . .

. . . Susan and David Hirsh on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Faye, on October 23.

. . . Michael Levy, son of Reva and Don Levy, as recipient of the Tucson Advertising Club's "Ad Professional of the Year" award. Levy is currently a partner in the Tucson Weekly, serving as their Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

. . . Dr. Harriet Parker, who was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, one of only 200 women to receive this honor

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

The preschool has had a very busy and exciting year celebrating the holidays. We've baked challah, gone apple picking for Rosh Hashanah, and decorated our own Sukkah.

We will also enjoy celebrating Hanukkah. At our Hanukkah party, we will create dreidels, cook latkes, and decorate tablecloths. Our preschool families will join us to help sing songs, and share the festivities. The preschool wishes everyone a Happy Hanukkah!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BUNNY COWALL AND RICHARD KOTZER

In honor of the forthcoming marriage of Bunny Cowall and Richard Kotzer, Bunny's sister-in-law, Mrs. Marc Lieberman, will sponsor a special Oneg Shabbat on Friday, December 18.



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SAYS "THANK YOU"

Thanks are due this month to many people: to Religious School Committee members and the co-chairs, Joyce Simson and Bob Kellerman; to Karen Dicker, Marci Delson, Judy Herman, Holly Somogyi, and other Sisterhood members for help with Sukkot and Simchat Torah; to Jean Robbins and Donna Smiley, to Wendy Cohen, Diana Howard, and Michelle Cooper for preparing the first graders so well for Consecration; to Sunny Carney for newsletter layout; to our field trip drivers and those who arranged for the drivers; to Mindy Worley for getting the ice cream for fifth-sixth grade parent Participation Day; to Becky Schedler for her beautiful calligraphy on the third grade naming certificates; and to Rabbi Bleefeld for conducting our November teacher workshop.

Also, we thank everyone who purchased a tree for our 100-tree Temple Israel Religious School Garden.

Our teachers participate in the wider community as well. Several, along with the educator, have conducted activities for children at the JCC Book Fair and will lead a dreidel project at the Ohio Historical Society. Two of our student aides attended a workshop at the JCC on working in the classroom. On December 20, our teachers will attend Yom HaMoreh, the city-wide teacher study day.

December 20 and 27, and January 3 will be vacation days. School resumes January 10.

SPECIAL NOTE: We ask your help in improving our students' attendance rate. Please emphasize to your children the importance of regular religious school attendance.

JUDAICA SHOP DECEMBER "Feature of the Month"

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop invites you to view
IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL . . .

Hanukkah is certainly a holiday for children - of all ages. And so the Judaica Shop would like to introduce you to our line of children's merchandise:

Dreidles, menorahs, gelt and games; books, tapes, piggy banks, and music boxes; baby albums, mezuzot, silver cups, jewelry, and so on . . .

And because we know that GIVING can be just as rewarding as "getting," the Shop now carries several items for your child(ren) to get for grandparents, parents, siblings, and perhaps that favorite religious school or Kol Ami teacher.

To better serve you and your young shopper, the Judaica Shop will remain open until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 6 and again till 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 13. Shop volunteers will be available to assist you with your selections. Wrapping paper, ribbons, cards, and paper goods are all available for purchase.

Wishing you and yours a very happy and healthy Hanukkah!

The Judaica Shop

Sundays 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

(1:00 P.M. on 12/6 and 12/13)

Tuesdays 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Fridays 7:30 - 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 - 9:30 P.M.

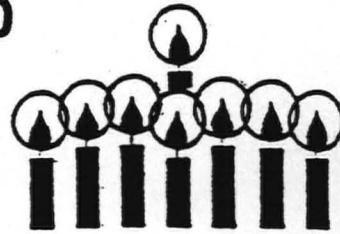
or by appointment - contact Deborah Kuhr, 866-0010

SISTERHOOD TOT SHABBAT

Sisterhood is very excited to announce the first Tot Shabbat of the new year on Saturday morning, January 9, at 10:30 A.M. Young children from ages two through six and their families are invited to join us in the sanctuary for a brief participatory service led by Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe. Following the service there will be

Shabbat crafts and a light lunch. All are welcome to attend and share in the joy of Judaism as our youngest children, together with their families, delight in the stories of our Torah and create Jewish memories. For reservations, please call the Temple office at 866-0010.

**BROTHERHOOD
HANUKKAH
FAMILY
DINNER**



The entire congregation is invited to attend a fun filled Hanukkah program and dinner sponsored by our Brotherhood on Sunday, December 20, 1992 at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall. Come and socialize with your friends, meet new people and celebrate Hanukkah.

Following a short service in the sanctuary, the Brotherhood will prepare and serve a traditional Hanukkah dinner including latkes, brisket, salad, pie and beverages. Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe will conduct the service and program. Brotherhood members planning the evening are Clark Berman and Howard Gabe.

Send your check for \$8 per adult and \$4 per child ages 2-12 to: Dr. Sanders Farber
894 Persimmon Place
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Without a reservation, the charge at the door will be \$12 for everyone. All reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 16. Your check is your reservation. For further information call Clark Berman at 431-5043 (day) or 237-9985 (evening).

Temple Israel Judaica Shop's

Hanukkah Bazaar

Sunday, December 6

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring a Complete Line of
Hanukkah Judaica . . .

*Menorahs, Children's Toys and Games, Crystal, Giftware,
Books, Tapes (Audio and OCR), Gelt, Dreidles,
Almond Kisses, Gift Wrap, Cards and Decorations*

PLUS . . . A Fantastic Collection of Teachers' Gifts

AND . . . Affordable Items for Young Shoppers

BRAND NEW! Lucite Giftware

(English and Hebrew Engraving Available)

For your convenience, our volunteers are available to
help young shoppers make their purchases for Mom & Dad,
Sibs, and Grandparents. So be sure to "SHOP THE SHOP"
for all your Hanukkah needs!

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS:

Sunday,	December 6	9:30 A.M.	-	1:00 P.M.
Wednesday,	December 9	9:00 A.M.	-	11:30 A.M.
Thursday,	December 10	9:00 A.M.	-	11:30 A.M.
		2:00 P.M.	-	6:00 P.M.
Friday,	December 11	7:30 P.M.	-	8:00 P.M.
		9:00 P.M.	-	9:30 P.M.
Sunday,	December 13	9:30 A.M.	-	1:00 P.M.

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FOR A HAPPY HANUKKAH

A MANUAL FOR THE HOME

THE MODERN MESSAGE OF HANUKKAH

As children, most of us were told at Hanukkah time the legend of the small cruse of oil miraculously lasting not one but eight days as a sign that God favored His people. This story is still a favorite among our children, inspiring them with mystery and a sense of awe as each night they recount the tale and look forward to the kindling of all eight lights on the final night.

Judaism's Continuity

Despite the important place this story has assumed in Jewish tradition, the true story of Hanukkah takes on special relevance for the modern Jew. This holiday speaks to us not only of religious vigilance in the face of external threats, but also of Jewish identity, the dual threats of assimilation and fundamentalism, and the supreme value of our people's continuity from one generation to the next.

Maccabian Revolt

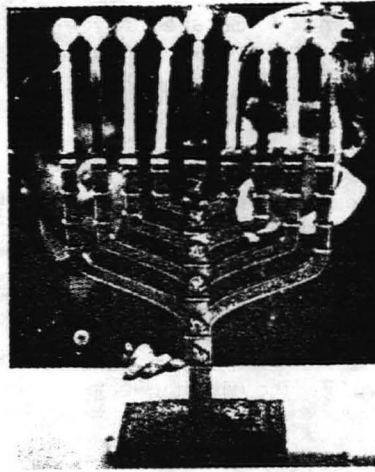
Many believe that the story of Hanukkah revolves around the battle between the Greeks led by the Syrian king, Antiochus, and the Jews, led in revolt by Mattathias Maccabee and his sons. This is only part of the story. In truth, the Maccabean revolt was a civil war waged between the fundamentalist lower class traditional Zealots living in the hill country in coalition with the moderate, urbanized, Hellenized Jews living in the cities against the extreme Hellenized Jews who had all but forsaken Jewish tradition.

The Greek Influence

It is important for us to consider the unique conditions which gave rise to this war. For two centuries since Alexander the Great conquered Asia Minor, Greek culture brought philosophy, the arts, the applied sciences, literature and wealth to the countries within the Greek orbit. The cult of the body led to freer sexual morality, the growth of the gymnasium, athletics, and sculpture glorifying the human form. Jews were attracted to these cultural influences and many adopted the Greek ways, spoke Greek, took on Greek names, and forsaked the traditions of their forebears. Jewish youth began to compete naked in the gymnasium, the brit of the covenant became a liability towards inclusion in the general society, Sabbath worship seemed parochial, and the laws of Torah were regarded as irrelevant and anathema to life.

Sacrifice at Temple Mount

Meanwhile, the Syrians were battling for control of the land of Israel against the Egyptian Seleucids. As the Greeks began to



lose their hold on the land, their rulers became harsh and insensitive to the religious and cultural ways of the population. The local ruler, the self-appointed High Priest Menelaus, established a new city (i.e. Aelia Capitolina) on the site of Jerusalem, gave a Greek name to the God of Israel, introduced the detested pig to the Temple Mount as a sacrifice and celebrated Greek festivals there.

Coalition of Jewish Factions

These extreme Hellenizing moves galvanized both the moderately Hellenized Jews of the cities with the more radical and traditional followers of Mattathias. The moderates, who might have once been sympathetic to the Greek culture, watched as Jewish towns and populations were destroyed. This was too much for many who felt primordially Jewish. Thus, a coalition was forged between moderates and traditionalists against those who had long lost all semblance of Jewish loyalty. War was waged, and only because the Syrians were engaged in a war to the East did the Jewish community prevail and reassert its national hegemony on the land of Israel.

History Reaffirming our Identity

This history reflects more than a battle for religious freedom. It is also a story of the reassertion of new Jewish nationalism, of the dangers of unchecked assimilation and of intolerant fundamentalism. It is a story which calls upon Jews everywhere to reaffirm our Jewish identities and loyalties while at the same time acknowledging positive influences that work upon us from other cultures.

The story of Hanukkah, though more than 2000 years old, is a modern story for modern Jews seeking to know who we are and what Judaism means to us.

BLESSINGS FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-alam, asher kid'shanu b'mitsvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitsvot, and commands us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-alam, she-asa nisim lavoteinu bayamim haheim bazman hazeh.

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

(FIRST NIGHT ONLY)

Baruch Ata, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-alam, she-he-chiyanu v'kiyimanu v'hi-giyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed is Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

GUIDE TO KINDLING THE HANUKKAH LIGHTS

The lighting of the candles of the Hanukkah menorah is the central motif of the holiday of Hanukkah. There are two opinions in the tradition as to how one lights the menorah. One opinion is attributed to Hillel, who said that one candle is added each night of the holiday. The other opinion is attributed to Shammai, who said that eight candles are lit on the first night and that on every succeeding night a candle is removed. The latter opinion is based on the idea that, according to the legend of Hanukkah, there was a quantity of oil burning in the Temple on the first day and with each passing day the amount decreased. The opinion of Hillel, however, became the accepted one. His rationale was based upon the idea of increasing the amount of joy with each day and with each candle.

The way in which the candles are lit is as follows: the candles are put in the menorah from right to left, the last candle being lit first. All the candles are lit with the shammas candle. Therefore, on the third day the candles are lined up from right to left and are lit from left to right.

The light of the menorah is never to be used for functional purposes. It is a custom to place the menorah in a window so that it can be seen from the street. The idea behind this is that the mitzvah of the menorah is the seeing of the light. The light is a symbol of the "miracle" of the Hanukkah story.

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH

After the death of Alexander the Great (323 B.C.E.) his Empire was divided into two smaller kingdoms—Egypt to the south and Syria to the north.

In the year 175 B.C.E. there arose a new king in Syria—Antiochus IV. He was a harsh ruler and treated all those whom he conquered cruelly.

Antiochus sent officers to the cities of Judea to proclaim, "The king has ordered all his kingdom to become one people and that everyone should forsake his own laws and his own religion." The king commanded the people to break the Sabbath and ignore the holy Jewish festivals. He instructed the Jews to ignore their prayers and religious practices. An idol was placed on the altar of God and incense burned in its honor.

The king's officer came to the city of Modin and said to Mattathias, a priest who dwelt in Modin, "You are a great man and well-known in the city. Come and fulfill the king's command and you shall be counted among the king's friends." But Mattathias turned to the officer and answered in a loud voice, "Neither I nor my sons nor any faithful Hebrews will ever worship an idol."

The Syrian officer called for another volunteer. When, in the sight of all the people, one of the Jews came forward to sacrifice to the idol, Mattathias was filled with anger, and struck him down.

Then Mattathias leaped to the top of the altar and shouted, "All those who are faithful to the Lord, follow me."

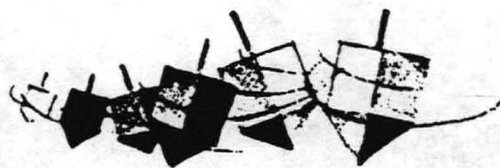
One of Mattathias' sons, Judah (called "The Maccabee"), became the commander-in-chief of the Hebrew army and led the people into

battle. Never did men fight more bravely against such odds. Because they believed in their cause and were faithful to the heritage of their fathers, they were able to defeat the stronger enemy. Because they were dedicated to their religious heritage and to the principles for which it stood, they were filled with the courage and strength to achieve the final victory.

Judah, his brothers and all loyal Jews came to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem. However, when the people gathered to celebrate the "rededication" the High Priest could find only one small jar of Holy oil with which to light the Ner Tamid (the Eternal Light). This was just enough oil to burn for one day. Then it was that a wondrous thing occurred. For the oil in the lamp burned for eight days!

In remembrance of this great occasion, Hanukkah—the Feast of Dedication—is observed every year for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev.

Since the time of the Maccabees the battle for religious freedom has been fought over and over again throughout the world. After each victory, grateful men, women and children have dedicated themselves to their traditions and kept alive the remembrance of the struggle for religious freedom. As we celebrate the festival of Hanukkah, this year and every year, let us always give thanks for the freedom which our ancestors won so bravely. May we always treasure this precious possession, and ever seek to build a world in which all men may live in freedom and peace.



HANUKKAH SONGS

MI Y'MALEL

Mi y'ma-lel g'vurot, Yis-ra-el?
O-tan mi yim-neh?
Hen b'hol dor ya-koom ha-gi-bor go-el
ha-am.
Sh-ma! . . .
Ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh,
Ma-ka-bi mo-shi-ah oo-fo-deh
Oo-v'ya-mey-noo kol am Yis-ra-el
Yit-a-hed ya-kum l'-hi-ga-el.

WHO CAN RETELL

Who can retell the things that befell us?
Who can count them?
In ev'-ry age, a hero or sage came to our aid!
Hark! . . .
In days of yore, in Israel's ancient land,
Brave Maccabeus led the faithful band.
But now all Israel must as one arise,
Redeem itself thru deed and sacrifice.

O HANUKKAH, O HANUKKAH

O Hanukkah, O Hanukkah
Come light the menorah!
Let's have a party,
We'll all dance the horah.

Gather 'round the table,
We'll give you a treat,
Dreydels to play with,
And latkes to eat.

And while we are playing
The candles are burning low.
One for each night
They shed a sweet light.
To remind us of days long ago.

MA-OZ TSUR

Ma-oz tsur y-shu-a-ti
I-cha na-eh l-sha-be-ach
Ti-kon bet te-fi-la-ti
v'sham to-dah n'za-be-ach
L'et ta-chin mat-be-ach
mi-tzar ham-na-be-ach
(Az eg-mor be-shir miz-mor
cha-nu-kat ha-miz-be-ach) 2

Y'va-nim nik-b'tzu a-lai
a-zai bi-mey ches-ma-nim
Oo-far-tzu cho-mot mig-da-lai
v-tim-oo kol chash-ma-nim
Oo-mi-no-tar kan-ka-nim
na-a-sah nes l'sho-sha-nim
(B'ney vi-nah y-mey sh-mo-nah
kav-oo shir oor-na-nim) 2

A HANUKKAH GLOSSARY

HANUKKAH—A Hebrew word meaning "dedication". When the Jews had sent the Syrians down to final defeat, their first act was to cleanse the Temple in Jerusalem and remove the various pagan symbols and idols from it. They then held a ceremony dedicating the Temple once again to God. The holiday derives its name from the ceremony.

JUDAH MACCABEE—The name comes from the first letters of the Hebrew prayer Mi Kamocha Ba-elim Adonai ("Who is like Thee, O Lord!") inscribed on the Maccabean battle banner. Another reason that Judah was called the Maccabee is that he struck with the force of a mighty hammer. The Hebrew word for hammer is "makav". Judah became known as "The Hammer", or The Maccabee.

MACCABEES—Hebrew soldiers who fought the Syrians. Named after their leader, Judah the Maccabee.

MENORAH—Hanukkah candle holder. Contains places for 8 candles and a 9th candle, the shamus, is raised above the others. Each of the 8 candles represents one of the 8 days of Hanukkah.

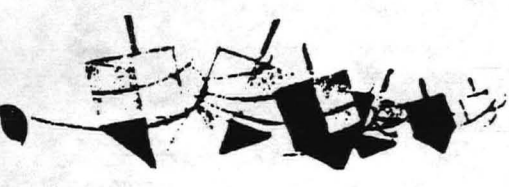
DREIDEL—A four-sided top used on Hanukkah. Each side has a different Hebrew letter: nun, gimmel, hay, and shin. This stands for "Nes gadol ha-ya sham" ("A great miracle happened there").

SHAMUS—Helper-candle used to light all the other candles.

LATKES—Potato pancakes. Traditional Hanukkah delicacy.

MATTATHIAS the Hasmonean—Priest who started revolt against the Syrians. Father of Judah Maccabee.

THE HANUKKAH SERVICE



ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou, a-midst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt-ring tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word . . .
Broke their sword . . .
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering
That the time is nearing
Which will see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

MY DREYDEL

I have a little dreydel,
I made it out of clay;
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreydel I shall play.
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
I made it out of clay;
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
Now dreydel I shall play.
It has a lovely body,
With leg so short and thin;
And when it is all tired,
It drops and then I win.
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
With leg so short and thin;
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
It drops and then I win.
My dreydel is always playful,
It loves to dance and spin.
A happy game of dreydel,
Come play, now let's begin.
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
It loves to dance and spin,
O dreydel, dreydel, dreydel,
Come play, now let's begin.

BURN LITTLE CANDLES

Burn, little candles, burn, burn, burn
Hanukkah is here.
Eight little candles in a row
With a flame so clear.

Shine, little candles, shine, shine, shine
Over one and all.
Eight little candles in a row
Standing straight and tall.

Dance, little candles, dance, dance, dance
What a merry sight.

During the season of Hanukkah we, re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of freedom and liberty for which the Maccabees fought and which continue to be our treasured goal for all God's children. May we be one with all efforts to bring human dignity and personal fulfillment to all the children of this earth.

FIRST NIGHT: THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE

We light this candle in solidarity with those in Eastern Europe who struggle to achieve human dignity and freedom. We pray that the time will soon come when the blessings of full democracy will grace these nations so long held in the bondage of repressive communism.

SECOND NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF THE JEWS IN ETHIOPIA

This night we are mindful of the continuing plight of Ethiopian Jewry. We rejoice that 15,000 Ethiopian Jews live in Israel today. Yet, our hearts are also pained that nearly 10,000 still remain in Ethiopia and know hunger, fear and separation from their loved ones. May our own efforts on their behalf this year help bring them to the land of their dreams, reunited with their families and our people, in Israel next year.

THIRD NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF THOSE IN THE BONDAGE OF POVERTY

On this night as we gather in the warmth and comfort of our home, we know that thousands in our own community and tens of thousands throughout our country - suffer the privations of dignity - sleeping on sidewalks and park benches, gathering their food from trash containers, clothed in rags and deprived of the basic human rights. May we work together so that all may have warm shelter and plentiful food.

FOURTH NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

As we rejoice at this festive season, we are mindful of the conflict and discord which tears at the soul of our brothers and sisters in the land of Israel. We share their anguish that the pathway of peace and reconciliation continues to elude Jews and Arabs. May the candle we light this night be the harbinger of the day when at last Shalom will enhance the borders of our beloved homeland.

FIFTH NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF THE NEWCOMERS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

We kindle this night a new candle for those Russian Jews who are newcomers to our community. Let us reach out to them in sensitive and warm embrace. May each of us recognize our responsibility to help in this wonderful opportunity and challenge. Let us recognize the opening of the gates of immigration as a glorious moment of triumph in Soviet Jewry's struggle for freedom.

SIXTH NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF LIBERATION AND HOPE

On behalf of all our brethren disbursed to the four corners of the world who live in fear, repression and imprisonment, we stand this night in solidarity with them. We pray that they might find strength to persevere in the midst of their ordeal, and that they may be liberated with Godspeed. Until that time, our Hanukkah flames are theirs, and their hopes are ours. We are one people united with one faith and with one dream of liberation.

SEVENTH NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF MEMORY AND WITNESSING

On this night of Hanukkah, each of us, the entire household of Israel, stands together as one as we witness our people's suffering throughout the world. Yet, we are not disheartened. Indeed, we take hope that one day all our people and all peoples may know the blessings of liberty and faith, of freedom from hunger and fear, oppression and sorrow. We, the bearers of the Hanukkah tale, understand the meaning of Jewish history, and we affirm this night those lessons; that to be human is to hope for a better day, and to be a Jew is to affirm life, even as we live within memory. May these lights, kindled all, inspire us always to care, love, and perform deeds of kindness to others.

EIGHTH NIGHT: THE LIGHT OF OUR OWN HOPES AND DREAMS

On this eighth night of Hanukkah, we stand before this menorah so filled with the beauty of glowing candles. May the radiance before us symbolize the hope in each of our hearts for a life of abundance and personal blessing. As the lights of the menorah continue to increase from night to night so may we each grow as human beings reflecting the divine image. May each of us always be a source of love and compassion to loved ones, friends and all the peoples of the earth.

RECIPES FOR HANUKKAH

POTATO LATKES

4 peeled potatoes 2 tbsp. flour
1 tsp. salt 1 egg
1 tsp. baking powder

Grate potatoes into bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Fry in shortening until crisp and brown.

MENORAH FRUIT SALAD

Cherries (flame)
Pineapple or Pear spears (candles)
Banana (menorah)
Lettuce

HERBED POTATO LATKES

2 eggs ½ tsp. rosemary leaves
3 cups grated potatoes ¼ tsp. ground sage
¼ cup grated onion ¼ tsp. pepper
3 tbsp. flour Oil
1½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. parsley flakes

Beat eggs until light and foamy. Stir in the grated potatoes, grated onion, flour, seasonings and herbs until thoroughly blended. Heat about ⅛ to ¼-inch depth of oil in a large heavy skillet. For each latke, drop about ¼ cup potato mixture into the hot oil. Fry on each side until golden brown. Add oil to pan as needed to keep proper depth for frying. Drain latkes well on absorbent paper. This makes about sixteen of the lightest latkes in latke-land. Serve hot, with applesauce or dairy sour cream.

CINNAMON-APPLE LATKES

2 eggs ½ cup unsifted flour
3 tbsp. sugar 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tsp. salt Oil
2 tsp. cinnamon ½ cup sugar
½ cup water
3 cups chopped cooking apples

Beat eggs until light and foamy. Mix in 3 tablespoons sugar, salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and water until well-blended. Stir in chopped apple, flour and grated lemon peel; mix well. Heat about ⅛ to ¼-inch depth of oil in large heavy skillet. For each latke, drop about ¼ cup apple mixture into hot oil. Flatten slightly. Fry on each side until golden brown. Add oil to pan as needed to keep proper depth for frying. Drain the latkes well on absorbent paper. Combine ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon to make the topping. Sprinkle sugar-cinnamon mixture over hot latkes. Serve immediately. This makes a delectable dozen, enough to make six latke-lovers happy (but you'll make them even happier if you're ready to fix another batch fast).

CHEESE & RAISIN LATKES

2 eggs, separated ¾ cup unsifted flour
¼ cup water ½ cup raisins
2 tbsp. sugar Oil
1 tsp. salt
2 cups (1-lb. pkg.) cottage cheese

Beat together the egg yolks, water, sugar and salt until well mixed. Stir in cottage cheese. Add flour; stir until thoroughly blended. Mix in raisins. Beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form; fold into cottage cheese mixture. Heat about ⅛ to ¼-inch depth of oil in a large heavy skillet. For each latke, drop about ¼ cup cheese mixture into hot oil. Fry on each side until golden brown. Add oil to pan as needed to keep proper depth for frying. Drain latkes well on absorbent paper. Serve hot with dairy sour cream. You'll have about twelve delicate cheese-raisin latkes... and more compliments than you can count.

DREYDEL SANDWICH

Stem can be green pepper or part of sandwich.

Any sandwich
Pimento (letters)

MENORAH VEGETABLE SALAD

Red peppers (flame)
Carrots (candles)
Celery (menorah)
Egg salad, cottage or cream cheese (filling)
Cookie cutters are available in Sisterhood Gift Shop

COOKIES

2 cups flour 1 tbsp. orange juice
2 tbsp. bkg. powdr. 1 cup sugar
½ cup shortening 1 tsp. vanilla
¾ tsp. salt 2 eggs

Cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs. Beat. Add dry ingredients. Add liquids. If dough is a little wet, add more flour. Roll out on board. Sprinkle all over with yellow or orange colored sugar. Bake at 400° for 10 minutes on ungreased sheets (Frozen cookie batter may be used).

POTATO BLOCK PRINTS

Make gift wrap paper or napkins with potato block prints. This project is suitable for children.

Cut a potato in half. Draw a simple design of star or dreidel with pencil on the cut side. Cut in design with a small knife about ½ inch into the potato. Cut away the part outside of the design. Brush ink or tempera paint on the raised design and press it evenly onto the wrapping paper.

You may use two or more designs, repeating them as you choose.

The same procedure can be used with art gum erasers instead of potatoes.

For printing, use stamp pads with different colored inks.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT HANUKKAH

1. There are a number of theories why there are eight days of Hanukkah celebrated. However, most scholars agree that one is most probable. Judah promised that if he was victorious in the revolt, he and his followers would revert to celebrating Succot properly. They had not been able to do so because of the fighting. The tradition of celebrating Succot was modelled on the eight days of celebration which took place in consecrating the Mishkan (i.e. Tabernacle).
2. The story of Hanukkah appears nowhere in the Hebrew Bible. This makes Hanukkah, Yom Haatsmaot (Israel Independence Day) and Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) the only holidays in the Jewish calendar year without a basis in the Torah.
3. The story of Hanukkah can be found in the Apocrypha (extra-Biblical books excluded from the Biblical Canon). The name of God is never mentioned.
4. The expression "nes gadol ha-yah sham" ("A great miracle happened there") with the nun, gimmel, hey and shin has a relationship to the Hebrew word for Messiah ("Mashiach"). According to the science of Gematria (which assigns a number equivalent to every Hebrew word — thus creating relationships between different words and ideas), the total for Mashiach equals 3-5-8 (i.e. mem = 40, shin = 300, yud = 10, chet = 8) and the total of the first letters of "nes gadol ha-yah sham" (nun = 50, gimmel = 3, hay = 5, shin = 300) is also 3-5-8. The rabbis concluded that what occurred in the Temple is no less significant than the coming of the Messiah.

HANUKKAH GAME

Games of chance are popular on this holiday. The most famous is the game of dreidel. Written on its four sides are the letters nun, gimmel, shin, heh standing for nes gadol, hayah, sham, ("A great miracle happened there"). Since Hanukkah has become an important national holiday in Israel, dreidels are now written nes gadol hayah po ("A great miracle happened here"). All participants in the game have a kitty (pennies, raisins, nuts, etc.). If the dreidel lands on the "nun", it means that the rolee gets 'nothing'. If on the "gimmel", it means "ganz" (winner take all). If on the "heh", the rolee gets one-half the kitty in the center. If on the "shin", the rolee must put in some designated amount. The winner is the one who has the largest pot at the end of the game.

B'nai Mitzvah for December, 1992

December 12--**Brent Lehring**, son of
Larry and Estelle Stern

Parents: Pictures for Bar/Bat Mitzvah must be received by the first of each month prior to the month of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Put in Bulletin mailbox. Wallet size school pictures are recommended.

BROTHERHOOD HANUKKAH FAMILY DINNER

The entire congregation is invited to attend a fun-filled Hanukkah program and dinner sponsored by our Brotherhood on Sunday, December 20, 1992 at 5:30 P.M. in the Social Hall. Come and socialize with your friends, meet new people, and celebrate Hanukkah.

Following a short service in the sanctuary, the Brotherhood will prepare and serve a traditional Hanukkah dinner including latkes, brisket, salad, pie, and beverages. Rabbi Bleefeld and Cantor Axe will conduct the service and program. Brotherhood members planning the evening are Clark Berman and Howard Gabe.

Send your check for \$8 per adult and \$4 per child ages 2-12 to:

Dr. Sanders Farber
894 Persimmon Place
Columbus, Ohio 43213

Without a reservation, the charge at the door will be \$12 for everyone. All reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 16. Your check is your reservation. For further information call Clark Berman at 431-5043 (day) or 237-9985 (evening).

THANKS TO YFTL

The Temple Israel Brotherhood would like to thank Gadi Simchon, Julie Cooper, Shelby Goldman, Adam Shnider, Amy Dicker, and Hillary Howard for serving dinner on September 15th. Thanks for your efforts in making this truly a sit-down dinner.

DON'T FORGET...

In order to take advantage of deductions for the 1992 year, all contributions need to be paid by December 31!

WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Meet with Rabbi Bleefeld for a Torah study session every Wednesday from noon until 1:15 P.M.

Jody Scheiman has graciously offered her offices for these interesting, informative, and interactive meetings. Jody has also offered to provide a complimentary lunch to anyone who calls her at 460-6591 to R.S.V.P. by 10:00 A.M. the morning of the session.

Study sessions will be at:

PaineWebber Conference Room,
Huntington Center . . . 33rd Floor,
41 South High Street

CHRISTMAS MITZVAH PROGRAM

Temple Israel Brotherhood needs 50 volunteers for both Mt. Carmel East and University Hospitals. They will be assisting on the floors, Emergency Room, and the Intensive Care Units.

The three shifts are Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, or Afternoon, and Christmas night. Orientations are required for everyone because of the liability of the hospitals. They will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 P.M. at University Hospital and Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 P.M. at Mt. Carmel East.

Call Stan Cooper at 431-5010 (office) or 861-6401 (home) to become a part of this special project..

Schedule of Services

SABBATH SERVICES
EVERY FRIDAY
EVENING
8:00 P.M.

EVERY SATURDAY
MORNING
10:30 A.M.

December
Shabbat Van Dates
December 4
December 18

BULLETIN MAILING DEADLINES

Deadline for submitting flyers for the mid-month mailing is the 7th of each month.

Bulletin articles must be submitted by the 1st of the preceding month.

CANTOR AXE PARTICIPATES IN ARZA THINK TANK

Cantor Axe joined with leaders of the Reform and Progressive Jewish Movement to consider the relationship of Reform Judaism to Zionism and the State of Israel. In a three-day meeting, this major attempt to define the religious and theological relationship of Reform Jews to the State of Israel brought together 60 scholars, rabbis, and lay leaders of Reform Judaism from the United States, Canada, Europe, and Israel.

According to Rabbi Stanley M. Davids of Temple Emanu-El in Atlanta, Georgia, who first conceived of the conference, "the emergence of specifically Reform Zionist organizations in North America, the growth of the Reform movement in Israel, religious developments within the State of Israel -- all these indicate the time has come to re-examine the way Reform Jews look at, and toward, Israel.

"We hope that the process will not only lead to a statement of principles but will serve as the basis for a renewed Reform religious commitment to the concept of Jewish people that is at the heart of the Zionist idea."

Among the presenters and participants were Rabbi Richard Hirsch of Jerusalem, Executive Director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism; Rabbi David Lillienthal of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, President of ARZENU, the international Reform Zionist body; Donald Day of Buffalo, New York, President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism; Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn of Boston, Massachusetts, President of ARZA; and Cantor Vicki L. Axe, Temple Israel, Columbus, Ohio, President of the American Conference of Cantors.

GIVE SOMEONE A SECOND CHANCE

Become
a Blood Donor

Blood Drives will be held from 12:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 16 at Beth Tikvah, and on Wednesday, December 23 at the Jewish Center. For appointments, contact Sondra Osipow at 237-5267.

GREAT YEAR FOR TIFTY!

Temple Israel's Junior Youth Group, TIFTY, is off to a great year! Our first event was a pizza party at the Temple. Not only was the party a huge success, but we got some great ideas for future events.

In October, TIFTY travelled to Smith Farms for a hayride and cookout. The gorgeous weather was welcomed and everyone went home with their own hand-picked pumpkin.

Upcoming events include bowling, a Horizon game, and ice skating. If you have a 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, and would like some more information about TIFTY, contact Laura or Paul Greenland at 759-1028, or call the Temple.

FRIDAY EVENING BABYSITTING

As a service to our members, Temple Israel provides babysitting for Friday evening services.

Teenage members of our congregation are on hand in Room 8 to watch children ages 2 to 8. Please feel free to drop off your children any time after 7:45 P.M.

JOIN YJP FOR A COLUMBUS CHILLS' GAME

Join the fun watching the Columbus Chill on Sunday, December 27, with the Young Jewish Professionals of the Columbus Jewish Federation.

Tickets are \$10.00. For more information, contact Dee-Dee Stein at 235-6664.

ISRAEL DEPARTMENT OF CJF PRE-HANUKKAH FESTIVAL

The Israel Department of the Columbus Jewish Federation, in conjunction with the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center invites you to a pre-Hanukkah Festival, to be enjoyed by the entire family.

The events of the day will begin with a torch run with the theme, "Kindle the Light for Peace," to be held on Sunday, December 13, at 1:00 P.M. The torch run will begin at the Leo Yassenoff Jewish Community Center and will wend its way through the streets of Bexley, concluding back at the Center.

Beginning at 2:00 P.M., community pre-Hanukkah festivities at the Center will include a symbolic candle-lighting ceremony, performers, music, dancing, refreshments, arts and crafts workshops, puppet shows, an Israeli art and Judaica exhibit, and other activities. The festivities will conclude at 5:00 P.M.

Participating in the Torch Run will be a member of the Young Maccabee movement from Israel, and the leading torch to initiate the event will be brought directly from Israel.

Amira Armon, Consul of Israel in Philadelphia, will join the community in the celebration. Other local dignitaries are expected to join in the festivities. This event will serve to express community solidarity with Israel at an important time in her history.

Plan to attend the "Kindle the Light for Peace" Torch Run and festivities on Sunday, December 13.

Happy hanukkah

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and Sylvia Sachs

ENTERTAINMENT 93 BOOKS

A reminder from Temple Israel Sisterhood that Entertainment 93 Books are now available with many of your old favorites, along with newcomers too numerous to mention. To order your book and arrange pick up and/or delivery, please call Wendy Galan, 861-6305, or Beverly Bain, 235-5192. Books are also available at the Temple Israel Judaica Shop.

SISTERHOOD PRESENTS ERIE CHAPMAN

Sisterhood presents an evening with Eric Chapman of the popular "Life Choices" show, on January 19, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a dinner program. Mark your calendars now! More information to follow.

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