

THE BULLETIN

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WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 P.M.

VAYESHEV - Genesis 37:1-40:23

Our Adult Choir & Youth Choir present:

"THE MUSIC OF CHANUKAH PAST & PRESENT"

Candle Blessing: Marsha Giacobello

(Babysitting available during services - see inside)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:00 A.M.

BAT MITZVAH OF MARISA GIACOBELLO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:45 P.M.

SECOND GRADE SHABBAT DINNER

8:00 P.M.

MIKETZ - Genesis 41:1-44:17

FOLK CELEBRATION FOR SHABBAT & CHANUKKAH

Families should bring their Chanukkah menorahs and candles
with them for a festive candle lighting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:30 A.M.

TORAH STUDY
& SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 P.M.

VAYIGASH - Genesis 44:18-47:27

Rabbi Paskoff will speak:

"WHY BE GOOD?"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 A.M.

TORAH STUDY
& SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 P.M.

VAYECHI - Genesis 47:28-50:26

Rabbi Miller will speak:

"APPROACHING 1991"

Candle Blessing: Nora Krieger

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

11:00 A.M.

BAR MITZVAH OF ROBERT KRIEGER

PERFORM THE MITZVAH OF TZEDAKAH:
BRING CANNED AND/OR PACKAGED GOODS WITH YOU
WHENEVER YOU COME TO THE TEMPLE.
THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FOOD PANTRIES
FOR THE NEEDY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

BETWEEN US . . .

We are living during a time in which the world is on the brink of war, economic recession is a reality (whether it is official or not), and many are wondering what life is all about.

Judaism has always looked optimistically at the world even when all around have been pessimistic. That is part of what makes our faith and tradition unique; it is also what has given the Jewish People the ability to survive.

On January 4 and January 5, our congregation will hold a special Shabbaton. The theme is Matters of Life and Death. We will explore the meaning of living and what life is all about. I encourage you to be with us for part or all of the program. I know it will be a special experience for everyone.

Inside this month's bulletin is more information about the Shabbaton. Do join us. It will be a most precious day.

Bennett F. Miller

WORSHIP SERVICES - DECEMBER 1990

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 – The Adult Choir and the Youth Choir will welcome the Festival of Lights with a program “The Music of Chanukkah Past and Present.” The music will include choral settings of familiar and obscure Chanukkah texts spanning the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Together we will worship for Shabbat and Chanukkah. Following services, we will enter the Social Hall and join in a festive lighting of our Chanukkah menorahs. *Be sure to bring your menorah and candles with you!*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 – A series of conversations with some of our Religious School students has left Rabbi Paskoff puzzled. The students don't know what goodness is, they can't identify truly good people, and they don't know why they need to be good. Rabbi Paskoff will share some thoughts on the subject and its implications.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 – Rabbi Miller will share some thoughts about the new year, soon to begin, and its meaning for us as Jews.

ADULT EDUCATION

MINIMESTER 2

Monday evenings – November 26, December 3, 10
7:45 – BIAS CRIMES & THEIR EFFECT ON YOUTH & SOCIETY Paul Goldenberg, Investigator, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, Joint Unit to Stop Terrorism, will discuss this problem that affects our community. (Please do not bring children.)

7:45 – BACK TO BASICS: LIFE CYCLE EVENTS
This continuing course is taught by Rabbi Jack Paskoff

8:00 – BEGINNERS HEBREW

Shoshana Parsells is the teacher for this class.

9:00 – JEWISH RADICAL MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

Dr. Enid Dame, Professor of English at Rutgers University and Lehman College, will present her views on the rise of Jewish Radicalism in 19th century shtetl culture, its recurrence in the 1930's, and its influence on the New Left of the 1960's. Dr. Dame will refer to John Frankel's Prophecy and Politics, Nora Levin's While Messiah Tarried, Clifford Odet's Awake and Sing and other sources.

9:00 – ADVANCED HEBREW

Rabbi Jack Paskoff teaches this class in advanced Hebrew.

The Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple Adult Education Committee invites you to join

A SPECIAL ADULT EDUCATION SHABBATON

January 4 and 5, 1991

MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH

The Purpose of Human Existence

The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday with a special Shabbat dinner and services during which Rabbi Miller will present the opening address. After services, a discussion with Rabbi Miller will take place. Saturday morning's program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include study and Shabbat worship – followed by lunch and an afternoon session. We will conclude around 3:30 with Havdalah. We hope you will participate in this program on both Friday and Saturday. The form below will allow you to sign up for all or part of it.

For more information about the Shabbaton, call Felice Schrager at 247-8890.

For the Adult Shabbat Dinner only, call Claire Sinai at 249-1708.

Please make your reservations by December 21.

Return to: Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple, 222 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Please register me/us for us for the Adult Education Shabbaton, as follows:

Friday and Saturday – includes all meals: _____ @ \$20 each including 3% for Mazon

Friday evening only – includes Shabbat dinner: _____ @ \$12 each including 3% for Mazon

Saturday only – includes lunch: _____ @ \$10 each including 3% for Mazon

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.

Name(s) _____ Daytime Telephone Number _____

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

December 1990

Being president of a congregation such as ours has many responsibilities. Many of them are taxing on my time, my energy, my pocketbook, my family, my friends, and sometimes even my patience. There are, however, responsibilities that are very rewarding and gratifying. One of the customary duties as the President is to greet and sometimes house special guests of the Temple.

On the weekend of November 3 and 4, I was lucky enough to have to carry out that charge. That weekend our Religious School had its annual Book Fair, very ably chaired by Ginny Belowsky. A guest speaker had been invited by Susan Kushner to address all of the children of our Religious School. That guest speaker was Jacqueline Dembar Greene, a writer of children's books. Most of Ms. Greene's books deal with Jewish topics – many with a Sephardic slant because of her Jewish background.

I attended the presentations by our guest who, not surprisingly, enchanted our children. She made the name on a book jacket become a real person. The children began to realize that real people write books. Jackie, as she likes to be called, has two sons whose experiences at school around Christmas time motivated her to write her first two books dealing with Chanukkah.

What was especially wonderful for me was that I knew Jackie when she was in high school. She was dating my cousin, Mal Greene. We double-dated, went to each other's weddings and our children's Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, and made sure over the years to keep in touch. If we didn't, we'd lose contact because we live so far apart. We live here in central New Jersey and they in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

I never dreamed that I would be president of a congregation in which an old friend and now cousin would be an honored guest speaker. It's incredibly funny how life surprises you. Some of life's surprises are really wonderful and fill us with a real sense of joy and warmth. Having Jackie Greene and her husband Mal at our home and our Temple early in November was one of those very nice experiences. I hope that the children and parents who heard Jacqueline Greene were as moved and enriched by her presence as I was. B'Shalom,



Phyllis M. Zieky, President

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE!

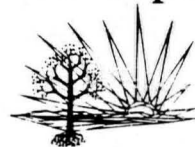
There will be babysitting provided during Shabbat services on **December 7.**

Please call Sue Jacobs at 247-7683

to let her know you will be bringing your children so that we can be sure to have enough sitters.

KEEPERS OF JEWISH EXCELLENCE

1990-91 Series presents



STEPHEN MICHAEL BERK

Sunday Morning, December 2, 1990

at 10:30 a.m.

"AMERICA, ISRAEL

AND THE MIDDLE EAST"

Dr. Berk, a graduate of James Madison High School, New York City, holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago, and Columbia University. In addition to teaching at Union College, he has taught at SUNY Albany, Williams College, and Bennington College.

He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and articles on "Israel and the American National Interests," "Fathers and Sons: Hasidim, Orthodoxy, and Haskalah – A view of Eastern Europe," and various treatises on Oral History.

Dr. Berk, an historian and Chairman of the Department of History at Union College, has lectured widely, published many scholarly articles and traveled extensively. His area of concern includes the Jewish People in the Twentieth Century, the Holocaust, the American Jewish Experience, Anti-Semitism, Soviet Jewry, and Polish-American relations. Dr. Berk has lived in the Soviet Union, Israel, and most recently participated in a seminar in Poland on Polish-Jewish relations.

Tickets are available through the

Temple office (545-6484) or at the door.

"BUILDING BRIDGES OF HOPE"

A SERVICE OF PRAYER & A CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

IN COMMEMORATION OF

WORLD AIDS DAY

SPONSORED BY THE NAMES PROJECT OF NEW JERSEY
AND THE AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK OF NEW JERSEY

Saturday Evening, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple

NEW PANELS FOR THE AIDS QUILT WILL BE DEDICATED.

FEEL FREE TO BRING ANY NEWLY COMPLETED PANELS.



The Caring Community Program

During the week of December 24, we will be providing a place to sleep for homeless men that have been closed out of the Ozanam Shelter.

Volunteers are needed in a number of ways. We need four to six people (individuals, singles, friends, spouses, parent-child combinations have worked well in the past) to spend each night.* A few volunteers are needed to pick up laundry in the morning and return it later in the day; also, some assistance is needed on Monday morning to help move the cots to the next location.

A training session will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at 8:00 in Keller Hall.

Also needed for the shelter are bath towels and hotel-sized toiletries.

***Typical Volunteer Scenario:**

Persons referred to the Temple shelter will arrive between 8 and 9 p.m. One volunteer will meet them at the outside door. A second volunteer signs them in and receives any valuables to be locked away for the night. The third volunteer would conduct a security check to ensure the safety of volunteers and guests. Two more volunteers would help the men find beds and the restroom. The last volunteer would stay by the telephone.

The men generally went directly to sleep. After 9:00 p.m., some men might be referred by phone from the Ozanam Shelter if there is space. During the night, the volunteers would take turns sleeping (cots provided). At 6:30 a.m., the men are awakened and everyone leaves by 7:00 a.m.

Last winter all of the volunteers left in the morning feeling more elated than tired.

Please contact Francine Kartzman (238-9583) or Rabbi Paskoff (545-6484) to volunteer!

**DID YOU SEND IN
YOUR BLOOD DONOR CARD?
The AEMT Blood Drive is on
Sunday, December 9 - 9 to 2:30 !**

TRAINING SESSION FOR HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS

If you can spare a few hours, we invite you to share in this mitzvah. Your involvement can be once a week or even once a month.

The training session will be held on **Monday evening, December 3, at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a bag dinner; coffee will be provided.

This evening will be led our rabbis, Marilyn Goldsmith, and Harvey Stone. You may call Marilyn at 238-7748 or Harvey at 613-0830 for more information.

CHILDREN'S QUILT PROJECT UPDATE

The Children's Quilt Project (CQP) of New Jersey is celebrating its first birthday this month. With the help of Anshe Emeth's Caring Community, the CQP has spent the last year making quilts to comfort children with AIDS.

Many people have heard of the AIDS Quilt, made of panels commemorating the lives of AIDS victims. These panels are made in memory of those who have died of AIDS; the CQP quilts are made as gifts for children who are living with this disease.

Quilts are given to the Pediatric AIDS Program at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. Last year, the program needed 40 quilts; this year the staff has asked for at least that many more.

The quilts are given to the children for their birthdays. Originally, the staff had planned to mail the quilts. However, after seeing the first child's excitement and pleasure, the staff decided to give the quilts in person!

Those of us in the CQP continue to be very touched by the reactions of both the staff and the families to the quilts. While we had hoped they would be special to the children receiving them, we hadn't realized what the quilts might mean to the staff of the programs through which they are distributed. It has been very moving to see how much pleasure the nurses and social workers take in handling the quilts. They continue to "ooh and aah" over them, talking about how each would be just right for a particular child.

Thinking of all the difficult decisions and events the staff has to deal with every day makes us feel humble about what we're doing, but seeing the boost the quilts give also inspires us to keep on working.

Our CQP group is small, with just six members, and there are many children who need the comfort of our quilts. Fortunately, we have come to act as a quilt clearinghouse: we have received beautiful quilts from a group of senior citizens in Tom's River, from quilting guilds in Flemington, Woodbridge, and Somerset, and we even had one dropped off at the Temple during the summer from a woman in Pennsylvania.

We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Religious School. We welcome experienced quilters and those who want to learn. We also welcome financial contributions to cover the cost of materials.

If you would like more information about the project, please call Deborah Cherniss at 985-9384 or Liz Atwood at 828-2131. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check out to Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple and indicate that you would like to money to go to the Children's Quilt Project (CQP).

Thanks again for your caring and support!

CALL Doris Kahn at 572-2777 to volunteer for duty at the local hospitals on December 25!

OUTREACH CONNECTIONS

Nancy Lasher, Chairperson

First of all, lots of saying "thank you" has to be done. Thank you to Deborah Rose and Karen Rispoli for their presentation to our Religious School teachers on the sensitive nature of blended family issues, especially to young children.

Thank you, also, to Luann Reed-Siegel, Chris Monday, and Ann Thayer-Cohen for designing and putting together the beautiful display case on Growing Jewish Roots and Outreach.

The Growing Jewish Roots – Blended Family Conference would never have been the success it was without the endless assistance of Sue Jacobs, Luann Reed-Siegel, Ann Thayer-Cohen, Karen Rispoli, Kim Donnelly, Kurt Gluck, Jane-Ellen Schneider, Sydney Brandwein, Rabbi Paskoff, Rabbi Miller, Cantor Coopersmith, the Temple office staff, Dru Greenwood, Kathy Kahn, and the rest of the staff at the UAHC. Thank you all!

Speaking of the conference, it was a wonderful day of speakers and workshops. It was attended by both members and non members of Anshe Emeth. The day's focus was defining our roles within the Jewish community. Rumor has it that like our Outreach Shabbaton, the Blended Family Conference will become a yearly tradition at the Temple.

And . . . in case you were wondering, the Outreach Shabbaton this year is on Saturday, January 12, 1991 from 9:30 to 5:00. This time we will be focusing on the Torah, and also on how to celebrate Shabbat at home. Sign up information will follow shortly, but if you would like to be an early bird, call me at 247-5072 to sign up.

TENNIS ANYONE?

On Saturday night, March 2, the Temple will be renting out the entire East Brunswick Racquet Club from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. for a fun-filled evening of tennis. So – get out your racquets and plan to have a great time. All player levels are welcome – beginner to advanced. Refreshments will be served.

If you plan to join us, please fill out the form below and return it to: Stuart Levine

120 Nathan Drive, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

If you're not sure, or need further details,
call Stuart at 297-3864.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Skill Level: (Be honest!) _____ Beginner
_____ Intermediate
_____ Advanced

"YOUNG COUPLES" CLUB

by Luann Reed-Siegel

The holiday season is upon us, bringing family gatherings, feasts, sharing and celebration. This month the Young Couples Club has something for everyone in all these categories.

Sharing can be lifesaving and yet painless: **please donate blood at the Temple on Sunday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Call the Temple office to schedule a donation time.

Share with our family, yours, and those less fortunate at the Temple on Sunday, December 16th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at our Chanukah Party. Come for fun and treats and bring a new unwrapped toy which will be donated to a needy child through Jewish Family Services. R.S.V.P. to Beth Zahorsky at 563-9657.

On Saturday, December 29, we will be staffing the homeless shelter at the Temple. The shelter, which rotates during the winter months between Anshe Emeth and area churches, is a great opportunity to do something for others and yourself. Laura Leibowitz (846-7528) will be coordinating our volunteers for this night (7 p.m. – morning).

Back by popular demand is our **annual family Shabbat dinner.** It will be held at the Temple on **Friday, January 18th.** RSVP to Risa Paskoff at 422-7249. Our next planning meeting will (as usual) be open to everyone. Please join us on Tuesday, December 18th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple.

THE SOVIET JEWRY COMMITTEE OF THE
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER MIDDLESEX COUNTY

PRESENTS

A SUNDAY IN PYATIGORSK

Sunday, December 2, 1990

Rutgers Hillel Center

A **noon** brunch in honor of local businesses
now employing Soviet Jews who recently settled
in our area plus **entertainment** provided by
Soviet Jews living in Middlesex County
plus the video premiere of
"The Jews of Pyatigorsk"

TICKET INFORMATION:

Advanced purchase: Adults \$8 / Students \$6
Price at the door – \$10.00

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:
The Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County
100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 101, Edison, NJ 08817
or call the Federation at (201) 985-1234

**PLEASE BRING CHANUKAH GIFTS FOR THE JEWS
OF PYATIGORSK – SJC WILL HANDLE SHIPMENT.**



Religious School News

by Susan Kushner, Religious School Director

Book Mark Contest Winners

Mazel Tov to the winners of our Jewish Book Month Book Mark Contest: Courtney Flaks, Fourth Grade; Jamie Luckner, Seventh Grade; and Adam Pober, Second Grade. Their beautiful entries were made into book marks which were distributed at our Book Fair and Open School last month. Come and see their wonderful book marks on the bulletin board outside of the Religious School Office. Congratulations to our runners-up, too: Marisa Levine-Sabol, Jared Halpern, Laura Weinstein, Rachel Sala, Rachel Hatzipetros, and Josh Greenbaum. And thank you to *all* of our students who participated in this year's contest.

High School Parent Special

We have a very special program planned for our high school students and their parents on Sunday, December 9 at 11:00. *Act One Theatre Presentations* will be here to do its most important production to date: **RIGHTEOUS GENTILES**, a play about Christians who helped the Jews during the Holocaust. This unique play with an uplifting message about some of the true heroes of our times has been written and will be performed by Isaac Dostis and Diana Sunrise. Through drama, poetry, letters and speeches, this production relives the stories of those Good Samaritans who helped Jews survive during the most difficult of times. Six of Isaac's own family were saved during the Holocaust by a Greek Christian doctor who just this December has travelled to Israel to be honored at Yad Vashem (the Holocaust Museum of Israel) with the planting of a tree in his name on the Avenue of the Just. **Parents please RSVP to the Religious School Office by December 2 if you will be attending with your children.**

Chanukah Celebration for Third Graders and Grandparents

We will have our annual Chanukah Celebration for our third graders and their grandparents on Saturday morning, December 15 at 9:30 in Keller Hall. We hope that all of our students have grandparents who will be able to attend and to help us celebrate, but if there are children whose grandparents cannot be here, we will share! We will design wooden dreidels, make Chanukah decorations for our homes, create Chanukah cards to send to our friends in local nursing homes, eat delicious potato latkes and sing Chanukah songs.

Mitzvah Madness Month

"Be a Giraffe – stick your neck out to make the world a better place" is the theme, once again, of Mitzvah Madness Month. This year, we set aside the month preceding Chanukah to reach out to others and to give, not only our tzedakah money, but special gifts of caring to those in need. Within our religious school, the tzedakah program is an essential part of each grade level curriculum. Each grade will learn about their own special tzedakah organization(s) and will do special projects. We began Mitzvah Madness Month the week of November 17 with kick-off assemblies and will finish on the first night of Chanukah, December 18. Have you seen our special Mitzvah Madness Month buttons? Each of our students was given a button and asked to bring a dollar as a donation. The money raised from button "sales" will be used to buy equipment for the Jennifer Lalin Memorial Library in Israel. (Buttons are available to parents, too. Just ask us!) Watch for our second volume of the Jewish Giraffe Journal in January and share with your children in the joy of Jewish caring, helping, giving.

Second Grade Shabbat Dinner

The Shabbat Dinner for second graders and their families will be held on Friday evening, December 14, at 5:45. Our Shabbat dinners provide us with the very special opportunity to share in a warm family Shabbat experience together: to welcome the Shabbat with the lighting of the candles, the reciting of the Kiddush over the sweet wine and the motzee over the delicious challah; to sing beautiful Shabbat songs; to eat a wonderful Shabbat meal together; and after dinner to attend Shabbat Chanukah services in the sanctuary. Please join us for this special time and be sure to bring your Chanukiah (Chanukah menorah) for our group lighting after services.

Thank You! Todah Rabah!

- to Ginny Belowsky who once again organized and ran the best Book Fair we've ever had for our religious school on November 3 and 4, and to the parents who helped: Barbara Sigman, Karen Rispoli, Rochelle Newman, Peggy Scheller, Barbara Wichinsky, Susan Pober, Shelley Strauss, Julie Green, Ronnye Schreiber, Jeanette Flaks, Ruth Hass, Alice Rich and Wendy White.
- to Julie Green and Pat Gash for stitching the banners which our students created in their elective with Shoshana Parsells. The banners, one for each book of the Torah, are just outstanding and will help to make our temple even more beautiful.
- to Karen Zweig for doing the calligraphy for our fourth grade naming certificates

SOVIET JEWRY

by Sue Levine, Chairman

The Zontov family, our adopted Soviet family, has been here in the United States for six months. They have moved from North Brunswick to Highland Park and love their two bedroom apartment. Almost fully furnished, they have linen, dishes, clothing and a working car. (They still need pots. Is anyone able to donate some pots and pans?)

Slava and Yolena are both working temporary jobs and working hard. Slava hopes to be able to get a job in his field of mechanical engineering as soon as possible. Dimitri, almost eight years old, is a good student at the Soloman Schecter Day School.

Again, many thanks to Temple members and to our community. Thanks to the National Council of Jewish Women for lovely clothing, Marcia Milgrom for doing Slava's resume, Dr. David Schwartz for his dedication in treating the Zontovs, and to Dr. Melvin Katz for taking care of Dimitri. Grateful thanks to all the others who donated items.

At the last meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Lila Schwartz, Chairwoman, announced that volunteers are needed for vocational training for the Soviet Jews. ESL (English as a second language) volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday evenings in Metuchen in the fields of bookkeeping, health care, engineering, and computer science. You do not have to speak Russian. If you are able to volunteer one night a week, please call Lila at 738-5225.

Also, please mark December 2 on your calendar for the Annual Soviet Jewish Rally that will honor the employers of our Russian families. A brunch is planned, a video will be shown about Piatagorsk, our newly adopted community in the Soviet Union, and Russian musicians will play. Thank you!

USHERING SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 1990

Friday, Dec. 7	Sanctuary	- Sydney & Charles Brandwein
	Lobby	- Minda & Bob Shein
	Delavan	- Valerie & Richard Weidmann
Sat., Dec. 8	Sanctuary	- Nora & Mark Krieger
Friday, Dec. 14	Sanctuary	- Phyllis & Michael Zieky
	Lobby	- Joyce Morris
	Delavan	- Terri & Alan Woller
Sat., Dec. 15	Sanctuary	- CHANUKAH - NO BAR MITZVAH
Friday, Dec. 21	Sanctuary	- Roberta & Jordon Brown
	Lobby	- Sam Fisher & Annie Boatman-Hinds
	Delavan	- Jeanette & Steve Flaks
Sat., Dec. 22	Sanctuary	- NO BAR MITZVAH
Friday, Dec. 28	Sanctuary	- Debby & Leon Stark
	Lobby	- Sandy & Carl Feller
	Delavan	- Linda & Donald Hoffman
Sat., Dec. 29	Sanctuary	- Phyllis & Stan Kremen
		- Gladys & Edward Kahn

Please try to obtain a substitute if you are unable to usher when scheduled, and call Fred Greenstein at 249-6456.

CHAVUROT UPDATE

The Jewish Survival Kit (a values clarification exercise), Jewish movies and discussion, a night on the town, Chanukah parties . . . just a few of the possibilities for Chavurah activities!

WANTED: TO FILL 4 CHAVUROT!

Singles/Single Parent Families	Couples and Individuals Age 55+
Couples 35+ Interfaith, if possible, but not necessarily. Strong desire to socialize with other Jewish couples	An Intergenerational Chavurah

A chavurah can be formed to meet your particular needs and desires as well.

For more information on joining a chavurah, please call Jerry and Gail Seasonwein at 390-4014 or Maurice Rosenstrauss and Paula Selkow at 873-3955.

FROM ONE OF OUR CHAVUROT

by Deborah Cherniss

The twelve members of our chavurah are couples and single parents with children ranging in age from eight to fifteen (most are between ten and twelve). We hope to get to know each other through a smorgasbord of activities: sharing discussions, plays, holidays, family outings, and participation in some community projects.

We all met to plan our first activities, and at our next meeting will watch a movie together and then discuss it. In November, we went to Comedy Night, and in December we'll have a Chanukah party so that our children can meet each other.

Other activities we are considering: a family visit to Ellis Island; a Lower East Side "treasure hunt"; a pot luck dinner; attending services together; attending a Temple adult education program and meeting afterwards for discussion; making a holiday visit to the Jewish Home for the Aged, perhaps at Purim with the children in costume.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PUT YOUR AD IN OUR 131ST ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE TEMPLE DIRECTORY!

If you send it in now, your ad can appear in our directory of Temple members. Call Ken Gordon at 297-2526 (days or 329-8770 (evenings). If you need a form, call the Temple office at 545-6484, and we will send one out to you.

WITH OUR YOUTH

AETY

by Jenny Cantor, Vice President

Hello, everyone! Once again it's Jenny with the AETY report to tell all you members what's happening in the youth group.

First of all, this year's group is great – each event is better than the last! The Boston trip is coming up, so don't forget to sign up! The new youth lounge is done, and on January 5 we are having a party in honor of it.

Our youth group is a great place to make friends, be yourself, and just have a great time. Join up – if you're not a member already – it's awesome!

See ya!

ALL STUDENTS – GRADES 9-12:
There might still be openings
for the BOSTON TRIP, December 7-9.
See Rabbi Paskoff for details!

JAETY NEWS

by Mike Sherman

This year has been a great one for JAETY. We've had wonderful out-of-Temple events – including Great Adventure, Ellis Island, and "Driving Miss Daisy." We've also had fun in-Temple events – including building the Sukkah, movie night, and MTV night.

During the month of November, MTV night was our first activity. We sang Hebrew songs to the tunes of popular American rock groups. We then watched the videos while having snacks and drinks. This was an enjoyable evening.

Our next November event was the play "Driving Miss Daisy." It was spectacular and was certainly worth seeing.

All of our in-Temple events have been fun, but the turnouts could be even better. If you are in sixth, seventh, or eighth grades, give us a try. We guarantee you'll have a great time!

MITZVAH SQUAD

The Mitzvah Squad has had one event so far. On November 4, we visited the Jewish Home for the Aged in Somerset. Ten of us went, and we all had a good time. Not only did the people at the home enjoy our visit, we all benefited also.

Our next meeting is Saturday, December 1 at 12:15 p.m. after Hebrew school. We will discuss going back to the home on December 16 with The Holiday Project and JAETY.

If you are interested in joining the Mitzvah Squad, call Meredith Schneider at 422-7746 or attend the December 1 meeting.



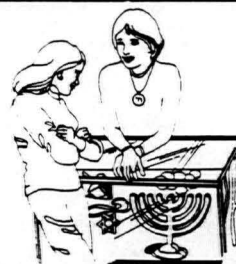
FROM THE GANG IN THE GAN

Gan Yeladeem, our Temple's Day Care Center, celebrated its **first anniversary** on November 6th. A luncheon, hosted by the staff and children was attended by the Rabbis, Cantor, Temple staff members and parents. Joseph Sciortino, 21 months old, blew out the candles on the cake. Joseph has been part of the Day Care Center since last December and will graduate into the Pre-School next September.

During the month of December the Day Care Center/Pre-School will be celebrating Chanukah with many varied activities. We'll be making latkes, applesauce, and maybe doughnuts. Look in our hallway to see the children's art work. There will be a daily candlelighting, as well as individual class parties. **HAPPY CHANUKAH** to all the people in the Anshe Emeth family from the "Gang in the Gan".

There are a few immediate openings in the Day Care Center and Pre-School. If you have, or know of a child between the ages of six weeks and four years old needing a warm, loving, caring environment, please call Betsy Millman, at 545-6555 for information.

**The Religious School invites
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CAMP HARLAM PRESENTATION
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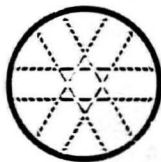
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Alice and Stan Alekman
Joy and Louis Goldstein
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Phyllis and Michael Zieky.

If you responded to Mazon's appeal directly, please inform the Temple office – we'd like to monitor our "partnership's" progress.

We acknowledge receipt during the summer of a gift from Claire and Irving Sinai in honor of Laura's marriage. These gifts are in the true spirit of Mazon's philosophy – a sharing with the less fortunate when celebrating mitzvot – especially when the occasion includes food.

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IN REMEMBRANCE: YAHREZITS FOR DECEMBER 1990

The names listed below are taken from the Book of Life and the Memorial Plaques in our Sanctuary. As is our practice, these names, which are posted monthly, are read at the Sabbath service immediately following the date of passing. Anyone wishing to have the name of a loved one read on the Sabbath should call the Temple office, 545-6484.

SHABBAT

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SHABBAT

December 14, 1990

ESTHER PATT
CHARLES PATT
JACOB GROSS
DAVIS MILLER
ALFRED JAMES
RUTH L. LALIN
JACK WOLFE
HANNAH WEIL COHN
ETHEL KUSHAKOW
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ROSE BRINSTEIN
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SUSIE LEHN
RACHEL GOLDSMITH
LENA FREEDMAN
LOUIS MERSON
ABRAHAM PANSY

SHABBAT

December 21, 1990

LOUIS WALKER
SARAH KRONE DREIER
PHILIP L. SCHWARTZ
ALEX KATCHEN
ROSE DUBIN SAUL
EUGENE ARKY
NATHAN KASTELANSKY
DOROTHY GETZ
SOLOMON KIRSCHNER
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SOPHIE R. MILLER
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BERTHA GOTTLIEB
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SHABBAT

December 28, 1990

IRVING HAHN
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THE TEMPLE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

on

Tuesday, December 25

and on

Tuesday, January 1, 1991

IN MEMORIAM

*We record with profound sorrow
those who have passed away.*

*Eva Sklarew,
sister-in-law of Anne Rosenfeld
and Harold Sklarew
Edna Cohen, mother of Dr.
Richard Cohen
May their memory abide for
blessing.*

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CALENDAR OF TEMPLE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 1990

Saturday	1	Mitzvah Squad	12:15 p.m.
		"Building Bridges of Hope" - World AIDS Day - Memorial Service	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	2	Choir Rehearsal (note earlier time!)	9:15 - 10:30 a.m.
		Keepers of Jewish Excellence - Stephen Michael Berk	10:30 a.m.
		"A Sunday in Pyatigorsk" - Rutgers Hillel Center - Soviet Jewish Rally	noon
Monday	3	TRAINING SESSION FOR HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS	6:30 p.m.
		Adult Education Minimester II continues:	
		"Bias Crimes & Their Effect on Youth & Society"	7:45 p.m.
		"Back to Basics: Life Cycle Events" - Rabbi Paskoff	7:45 p.m.
		Beginning Hebrew - Shoshana Parsells	8:00 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew - Rabbi Paskoff	9:00 p.m.
		"The Jewish Radical Movement in America"	9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	4	Intermediate Hebrew I & II	11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
		Torah Study for Trustees	7:00 p.m.
		Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	6	Children's Quilt Project	9:30 a.m.
Friday	7	Music Shabbat: "The Music of Chanukkah Past & Present" - Choirs	8:00 p.m.
		(Babysitting available during services.)	
Saturday	8	Camp Harlam Presentation - Keller Hall	9:30 a.m.
Friday - Sunday, December 7-9:		Youth Group Boston Trip	
Sunday	9	BLOOD DRIVE	9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
		Religious School - Act One Theatre Presentations: "Righteous Gentiles" -	
		a play for high school students & their parents	11:00 p.m.
		AETY/JAETY	
Monday	10	Adult Education Minimester II concludes:	
		"Bias Crimes & Their Effect on Youth & Society"	7:45 p.m.
		"Back to Basics: Life Cycle Events" - Rabbi Paskoff	7:45 p.m.
		Beginning Hebrew - Shoshana Parsells	8:00 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew - Rabbi Paskoff	9:00 p.m.
		"The Jewish Radical Movement in America"	9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11	Intermediate Hebrew I & II	11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
		Temple Seniors	12:30 p.m.
		Ways and Means Committee	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12	No Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	14	Second Grade Shabbat Dinner	5:45 p.m.
		FOLK CELEBRATION FOR SHABBAT & CHANUKKAH	8:00 p.m.
		(Be sure to bring your menorah and candles!)	
Saturday	15	Chanukkah Celebration for 3rd Graders & their grandparents	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	16	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
		Young Couples Club - Chanukkah Party	3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday	17	Beginning Hebrew - Shoshana Parsells	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	18	Intermediate Hebrew I & II	11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
		Officers' meeting / PTO	8:00 p.m.
		Young Couples - Planning Meeting	
Wednesday	19	Shelter Training Session - Keller Hall	8:00 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	20	Children's Quilt Project	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 1:		NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	
Sunday	23	No Choir Rehearsal	
Monday	24 - 30	Caring Community Project: Overflow Shelter for Homeless Men	
Tuesday	25	Temple Office Closed	
Wednesday	26	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	30	No Choir Rehearsal	

BULLETIN DEADLINES

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December 7
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MAILING DATE

Week of December 17
Week of January 1

THE ANSHE EMETH CHANUKKAH SUPPLEMENT

prepared by

Rabbi Bennett F. Miller

THE STORY OF CHANUKKAH

The festival of Chanukkah commemorates the successful revolt of the Jews of Eretz Israel against an alien conqueror, the Seleucid Syrian Empire. The revolt started in 167 B.C.E. and ended in 142 B.C.E. when the Seleucid emperor, Demetrius II, officially recognized Judea's independence. Chanukkah commemorates a crucial stage in the revolt - the liberation of Jerusalem and the purification and re-dedication of the Temple on the 25th of Kislev in the year 164 B.C.E.



The struggle against the Seleucid Syrians was led by the Hasmonean family. The father, Mattathias, was a *kohen* (a priest) who lived in the village of Modi'in. He had five sons and it was the third of them, Judah (known in the Apocrypha and Josephus, as "the Maccabee," which perhaps means "the Hammer") who took over the leadership of the revolt after Mattathias' death in 167/166 B.C.E.

Mattathias' sons, usually known as the Maccabees after Judah's *nom de guerre*, were fearless warriors and astute statesmen, but above all they were patriots completely dedicated to the cause of Jewish freedom and sovereignty in Eretz Israel. They occupy an honored place in the annals of Jewish history and their story has had a major impact on western thought. Their struggle has been the theme of countless books, plays, paintings and musical compositions, some of which are among the world's artistic masterpieces.

After the death of Alexander the Great, his empire was divided between Ptolemy who declared himself King of Egypt, and Seleucus who ruled Syria to the north and made his capital at Antioch. Judea was often the battleground upon which these two great powers fought. Judea itself was controlled by the Syrians.

Because of the Greco-Syrian influence, Greek customs were often observed in Judea. Many Jews began to imitate everything Greek. In Jerusalem many young Jews wore Greek clothes, spoke Greek, and changed their names from Hebrew to Greek. For example, the name Joshua became Jason. Sports and games grew in popularity, and young priests left their duties in the Temple to take part in them.

In 175 B.C.E., following the assassination of Seleucus, his younger brother, Antiochus assumed the throne of Syria. He immediately embarked upon a campaign to extend his dominion, to forestall reprisals for the seizure of Judea, to maintain a united front and institute a form of cultural totalitarianism.

Antiochus encountered one difficulty in the accomplishment of his plan: the Jews. To solve his problem he disposed of the high priest, Onias, installing in his place, Joshua, his Greek-minded brother. This was the first step in his plan of radical Hellenization.

In 168 B.C.E., on the verge of capturing Alexandria, Egypt's capital, Antiochus was confronted with Roman opposition. Rather than face the mighty Roman Empire, Antiochus was forced to withdraw from his campaign to lay siege to Alexandria. This disgrace caused Antiochus to impose even tighter controls to maintain a united front.

In order to accomplish these means, a "state church" was established. Zeus was to be the "Church" god and Antiochus made himself "god Manifest." This action was counter to the policy of self determinism and pluralism, prevalent since the days of Alexander the Great.

Antiochus issued a proclamation prohibiting, on pain of death, any expression of Judaism. Temple services were ordered to be held in accordance with the new national religion.

When Syrian officers entered the small town of Modi'in they were met with resistance by an aged Jewish priest named Mattathias, and his family, the Hasmoneans. This resistance took the form of clandestine activities and occasional guerrilla attacks.

It wasn't until after the death of Mattathias that a combined movement evolved under the direction of his third son, Judah, surnamed the Macabee. Following successive hard fought victories over the Syrians, the Maccabees stormed the Temple hill, drove out the garrison police force, cleansed the sanctuary and re-established the traditional services.

The religious ceremony which relates to the celebration of rededication is the kindling of lights for eight evenings at dusk. One legend has it that the one-day supply of oil miraculously lasted for eight days; another that the eight candles represent the torches which replaced the stolen menorah. Whatever the reason, the Jews made this custom a fitting symbol of the festival's message - a brave light in the spiritual plane of our world.

Eventually the Hasmonean family came to rule Judea by right of heredity. As the years moved away from the fight for freedom, the Hasmoneans forgot their heritage and began to assimilate Greek customs. Their despotic rule led to great dissatisfaction among the Jewish people. This era was finally ended by the coming of Rome in the 1st Century B.C.E.

THE EIGHT DAY MIRACLE

Why do we observe Chanukkah for eight days, since the miracle of the oil occurred only for seven days, there having originally been sufficient oil for one day? Many of the great scholars have offered a variety of answers. The following are some of their explanations:

1. The first day of the festival commemorates the miracle of the military victory. "On the twenty-fifth day of Kislev the Jews rested from battle with their enemies." They therefore celebrated the day, just as Purim celebrates the day when the Jews "rested from their enemies." The remaining seven days commemorate the miracle of the oil.
2. The very discovery of the one remaining jar of pure oil that was marked with the high priest's seal was itself a miracle.
3. The discovered oil was divided into eight portions to last eight days required for the production of new oil. Till then the menorah was to be lit for at least a brief hour every evening. Miraculously, the minute measure of oil poured into the menorah each evening burned the entire day.
4. After the menorah was filled with all the available oil, the jar remained full as before.
5. All the oil was emptied into the menorah, but after the lamps had burned all night, they were found the next morning still filled with oil.
6. The Greeks prohibited circumcision; this decree was the harshest of all the decrees they issued, its aim being to annul the covenant between God and Israel. When the Hasmoneans prevailed against their enemies, they rejoiced over the renewal of the covenant of circumcision, which is set for the eighth day in a child's life.
7. The first night they made thin wicks, which could only draw a minute measure of oil; they also apportioned the oil itself, of which they poured only a little into the menorah. Miraculously, the lamps burned in full light all night, and the same occurred every remaining night.
8. The jar itself absorbs some of the oil so that there did not remain even sufficient oil for one day.
9. The Greeks wanted to uproot faith in divine Providence from the Jewish heart. They wanted to implant the belief that the events of nature occur only in accord with mechanical laws. Many Jews inclined to their views. Events, however, convinced them that all existence reflected divine Providence; that even when the world functioned in accord with natural law, it still remained totally dependent on the hand of God and God's providence. From the miracle they understood that the natural function of oil is also a miracle.
10. The very fact that they did not despair from lighting the lamps even the first day, despite the knowledge that they would be unable on the morrow to fulfill the Torah's command to light "a perpetual lamp," was in itself a great miracle; a miracle which enables the people of Israel to endure through all generations and every exile. Had they always tried to surmise what the future held in store for them, they would long since have lost the capacity to survive.



CHANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

The first Chanukkah candle should be lit on Tuesday evening, December 11, 1990.

The ceremony for the lighting of the candles begins with the reading of the daily paragraph for the Shamus and the special paragraph for the day. This is followed by the blessings after which all join the singing of Chanukkah songs and the Chanukkah hymn.

CHANUKKAH BLESSINGS

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם. אשר
קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה:

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha'olam, asher kid'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav
vitzi-va-nu l'had-lik nayr shel Chanukkah.

Praised by Thou, O Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, who allows us to
reach for holiness through the mitzvah of kindling the Chanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם. שעשה
נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה:

Baruch Ata Adonai Elohaynu Melech ha'olam, she'asa ni'sim la'avotaynu ba'ya'mim
ha'haym ba zman ha-zeh.

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, who has inspired
the heroic deeds of our people in times past at this season.

(for first night only)

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם. שהחיינו
וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה:

Baruch Ata Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam, she-he-che-ya-nu, v'ki-y'ma-nu, v'hi-gi-
a-nu la'zman ha-zeh.

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us and
permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.

THE SHAMUS (recited each day): As one candle may kindle many others, yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has
kindled the light of truth from many religions in many lands and still shines brightly through the ages.

FOR THE FIRST DAY: The first tells of him whose first command was "Let there be light." The darkness of idol worship
was scattered when Israel brought radiant knowledge of one God. "I am the first, and I am the last," says the Lord.

FOR THE SECOND DAY: The second light is the light of the Torah. Israel's book of law has brought learning and truth
to all of the western world. "The commandment is a lamp and the law is light."

FOR THE THIRD DAY: The third light is the light of justice. No nation can endure which is unjust to the weak.
"Justice, always justice shalt thou pursue" was the grandest commandment of Moses, our teacher.

FOR THE FOURTH DAY: The fourth light is the light of mercy. Cruelty hardens the heart and destroys friendships. "Do
justice and love mercy" was the teaching of Micah, the Prophet.

FOR THE FIFTH DAY: The fifth light is the light of holiness. Purity of thought, ability of action, make all life sacred.
From the Prophet Isaiah, these words have been taken into Israel's prayerbook: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts."

FOR THE SIXTH DAY: The sixth light is the light of love. When the love which our parents gives us makes all our life
beautiful, we learn to understand the Biblical words, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and soul and
might."

FOR THE SEVENTH DAY: The seventh light is the calm light of patience. Nothing can be achieved in haste. The
spreading tree and the soul of man grows slowly to perfection, thus says King David, "Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for
Him."

FOR THE EIGHTH DAY: The eighth light is the light of courage. Let truth and justice be your armor and fear not. Live
by the words Moses spoke to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage."



ABOUT THE MENORAH

Chanukkah never had a secular emphasis. It was
designed to be a "feast of lights" and not a "feast of
Maccabees." Thus, since the very beginning of the
festival, the menorah has always been a central motif.

According to the Talmud, a menorah (which simply
means "lampstand") is not to be made as a replica of the
seven-branched original in the ancient Temple. The first
Chanukkah menorahs looked nothing like the Temple
version that became the popular emblem for Israel;
instead, they resembled the oriental lamps in common
use. The eight or nine-branched imitations of the Temple
Menorah now accepted were not seen until the Middle
Ages in Europe. And so the form of a Chanukkah
menorah is open to creative interpretation, within certain
limitations designed to keep it from resembling the pagan
types or suggesting the Greek winter festival during
which bonfires were held, sacred to pagan gods - each
flame of the menorah burns distinctively, and should not
be allowed to merge with the next.

HOW TO LIGHT THE MENORAH

One candle is lit for each night of Chanukkah, in addition
to the Shamas (servant) which is always lit first and then
is used to light the actual Chanukkah candles.

The lights are placed in the menorah from right to left,
starting with one for the first night, then two on the
second, until all eight are lit on the last night. But the
candles are actually to be lit from left to right, so that the
additional light of each night is kindled first.

The lights should burn for at least half an hour. The
menorah should be set in front of a window or storm
door so that people who walk by are reminded of the
festival.

WHEN SHOULD THE CANDLES BE KINDLED?

"Immediately at the appearance of the stars" if possible.
Later in the evening if necessary, but always before any
member of the household - child or adult - goes to sleep.
On Friday evening, of course, the Chanukkah candles
are kindled before we light the Shabbat candles.

ELECTRIC CHANUKKAH LIGHTS

It is generally agreed in Judaism that electric Menorahs
are not approved for fulfillment of the Mitzvah of
Chanukkah. The actual lighting of the Chanukkah
menorah is a beautiful ceremony. The candles remain lit
for a short time, and their glow is much more beautiful
than the light of electronic devices.

THE EIGHT DAY MIRACLE

Why do we observe Chanukkah for eight days, the miracle of the oil lasting only for seven days, having originally been intended to last for one day? Many of the great scholars have offered a variety of explanations.



THE DREIDEL

The most popular of all Chanukkah activities has always been the dreidel. As the name from the German "dreihen," to spin, implies, this is a spinning top (in Hebrew, "sevivon"). This top was popular in medieval Germany; its letters in Latin characters: N-nisht (nothing); G-ganz (all); H-halb (half) and S-shtetl (put), were transferred to popular Jewish script and usage. Symbolically, the top recalls the "turnover" of events when Judah the Macabee's few forces vanquished and toppled the many in Antiochus' army. The natural sequence of events was overturned: the strong were spun into the hands of the weak, as enunciated in the "Al Ha-nissim" prayer of Chanukkah.

To justify the gambling, many interpreted the game as a disguised form of studying. When the Jews were not allowed to engage in the study of the Law, they would assemble to play the game and at the same time discuss the Law orally.

The Hebrew letters nun, gimmel, heh, shin on the dreidel are usually explained as the initial letters of the phrase that epitomized the great event "Nes Gadol Hayah Sham," a great miracle happened there. However, these letters became directions for a put-and-take game, indicating nun - take nothing; gimmel - take all; heh - take half, and shin - put in the pot. In Israel the letters are changed to nun, gimmel, heh, peh; the peh, meaning po (here) refers to the Temple area; but this was not universally accepted.

The letters were also mystically interpreted as alluding to the components of the human being as indicated in the Hebrew: nefesh - soul, guf - body, sekhel - mind; this is hakol - all the characters of the human being.

It was also observed that the four letters (358 in numerical value) are equivalent to nahash, the serpent or evil spirit. The dreidel is spun to topple evil and to bring forth the messianic era establishing God's kingdom.

Through Jewish history it has been stressed that the world is like a dreidel. Everything is set forth in cycles: things change and spin but all emanate from one Root. The dreidel reflects the game of chance in life as an on-going event.

CHANUKKAH FOODS

During Chanukkah it is traditional to eat foods fried in oil in remembrance of the miracle in which one day's supply of oil lasted for eight days.

SUFGANIOT

(doughnut holes)

- 1/2 package dried yeast
- 1 cup warm water (105-115 degrees)
- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, well beaten
- oil for frying

Sprinkle the yeast over the warm water. Let it stand until dissolved. Sift the flour with the sugar and salt; add the egg. Add the yeast mixture and beat well until thoroughly blended. Cover and put in a warm place (85 degrees) to rise until it doubles in bulk.

When the batter is ready, place oil in a frying pan to half the height of the pan and heat. When it is hot, drop the batter by spoonfuls into the oil. Fry on both sides until golden brown. Drain well on paper towels. Sprinkle with granulated sugar. Serve hot. Six servings.

LATKES

(potato pancakes)

- 4 large potatoes, grated
- 3 tablespoons matzah meal
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- oil for frying

Care should be taken to have all the ingredients ready for immediate use before grating the potatoes. (Grated potatoes that are left standing turn brown.) It is desirable to use two pans at the same time to expedite frying the pancakes.

Grate the potatoes, and squeeze out as much water as possible. Mix the grated potatoes, matzah meal, eggs, salt, pepper, and onion powder. Heat the oil; when it is hot, drop the potato mixture by tablespoonfuls into the oil. Fry on both sides until brown. Remove from the oil and drain on paper toweling.

The pancakes can be fried in advance and frozen. Before serving, lay the pancakes in one layer on a foil-lined cookie sheet and reheat in a 375 degree oven for about 20 minutes. Serve with applesauce. Six servings.