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DECEMBER 1-31

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

VAYETZE-Gen. 28:10-32:3

8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Miller will speak:

"OPENING THE GATES OF PRAYER"

Candle Blessing: Sue Rubinfeld

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:00 A.M.

BAT MITZVAH OF LAUREN RUBINFELD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 P.M.

VAYISHLACH-Gen. 32:4-36:43

Dedication of the David H. Meyer Children's Center

(See Between Us)

Candle Blessing: Barbara Halpern and Linda Rosen

Babysitting available during services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:00 A.M.

B'NAI MITZVAH OF JOSHUA HALPERN AND JOSHUA ROSEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 P.M.

VAYESHEV-Gen. 37:1-40:23

Music Shabbat:

Excerpts from Judas Maccabeus by G.F. Handel

Candle Blessing: Barbara Bittner & Dina Needles

Babysitting is available during services

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:00 A.M.

B'NOT MITZVAH OF MELISSA BITTNER AND MELISSA NEEDLES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 P.M.

MIKETZ-Gen. 41:1-44:17

**A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION
OF SHABBAT CHANUKKAH**

Families should bring their Chanukkiot and candles with them
for our annual festive candle lighting.

Services will be held in Keller Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:00 A.M.

SHABBAT WORSHIP AND TORAH STUDY
(10AM in the Conference Room)

BETWEEN US . . .

If someone were to ask what makes Anshe Emeth a special place I would say it is because we love our prayer and we love our kids. Our prayer represents our faith in a God-centered world in which goodness prevails. Our youth represent our belief that there is a future worth living and perpetuating beyond ourselves and our own generation.

There is a controversy today about the nature of our prayer. Some think our prayerbook is already out of date and that we are ready for liturgical reform. After all, our prayers are a reflection of how we feel about the world around us and about our attitudes to God and to humanity. So a process of liturgical change has begun. As a congregation we have been invited to be a part of that change. A new *gender-sensitive* prayerbook has been prepared and we will begin to use it in the cycle of our services so that we can be involved in the liturgical changes that are taking place today.

For our children, nothing could be more important than their future. No one knows that more than Ethel Meyer. Through her generosity our Gan Yeladeem has become a special and wonderful place for Jewish day care in our community. Now Ethel has decided to see that the Gan will continue and that the future of our youth will be assured. On Friday evening December 9, Gan Yeladeem will be dedicated in loving memory of Ethel's son David. It will now be known as the David H. Meyer Children's Center. Do plan on joining with us for the dedication and in thanking Ethel for all that she is doing to make sure that our young are taken care of and that our future is assured through them.

WORSHIP SERVICES DECEMBER 1992

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 -

Our Reform movement is now involved in the process of liturgical change and revision. It is nearly twenty years since Gates of Prayer was first issued. Join Rabbi Miller as he discusses the liturgical issues that we are facing and some of the cases that are taking place. At this service, a new *gender-conscience* prayerbook will be used.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 -

Our Gan Yeladeem Day Care/Preschool program has now celebrated its third birthday. What a wonderful and happy place it is for all of the children who come here to learn and to grow. At Shabbat services we will celebrate the Gan's fourth birthday as it becomes the David H. Meyer Children's Center. We hope all will join with us in the dedication of this very special and important place in our Temple.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 -

Music Shabbat. The cantor and the Temple Choir will sing excerpts from George Frederic Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabeus. This oratorio is famous for its thrilling choruses. The Temple Choir will sing the well-known "O Father, whose almighty pow'r" and "See, the conquering hero comes!", and the cantor will sing some of the solo music from this great work.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 -

Join with us as we gather together to celebrate Shabbat Chanukkah. We invite everyone to bring Chanukkiot to the Temple and join in a special lighting of the chanukkah candles. We will sing Chanukkah songs and rejoice in our Festival of lights together.

ADULT EDUCATION

MINIMESTER II

JEWS, POLITICS, AND ELECTIONS: THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL

Professor Gerald M. Pomper, Lecture I and III

Professor Myron J. Aronoff, Lecture II

Monday Evenings 8:00 - 9:30 pm

November 30, December 7, December 14

Professor Gerald Pomper is a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University. He has authored 14 books on American government and has been a Fulbright Professor at Tel Aviv University. Dr. Pomper will deliver the first and third lectures in the series.

Professor Myron J. Aronoff is professor of political science and anthropology at Rutgers University. He is a graduate of Manchester University and UCL.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

December 1992

Roberta and I spent the weekend of November 13-15 attending the Union of American Hebrew Congregation's Regional Biennial Convention in Mahwah, New Jersey, with 25 others from Anshe Emeth and 500 more from the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council. I am proud to report that ours was the largest delegation of the 58 Reform congregations in our region, and that several Anshe Emeth members and clergy gave wonderful presentations at some of the workshops that were offered.

The UAHC conventions are exhilarating events. The Regional Conventions are held locally in even numbered years; the National Conventions in odd numbered years. The next one will be in San Francisco in October 1993. These conventions provide the venue for a large assembly of Reform Jews to study, explore new ideas, and interact with lay leaders and clergy who have in common the special bond of Reform Judaism. We share Shabbat, workshops, discussion groups, entertainment and meals. When the convention ends, attendees return to their congregations energized by the warm fellowship and creativity that we had experienced.

The UAHC conventions are but a few of the many special events in which members of Anshe Emeth may participate. Carol Adelman is now preparing our first annual "Volunteer Opportunities" brochure which will list our 1992-1993 committees; it will be mailed to all members in January or February. Some committees will surely be of interest to you, and I wholeheartedly encourage you to become an active participant in our Temple community.

Jordan Brown

Join with Rabbi Bennett and Joan Miller

For Anshe Emeth's

ISRAEL TRIP

July 26-Aug. 9, 1993

ORIENTATION

On Sunday, December 13, 1992

at 7:30 in the evening

Come and learn about the itinerary, orientation and other information.

RSVP to Rabbi Miller's office, 545-6484

This trip is for first timers and for those returning to Israel.

TRIBUTES - DECEMBER 1992

ALTAR FLOWER FUND

Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Melissa Needles
by Dina, Harvey & Brian Needles
Josh Rosen
by Linda, Raymond & Michael Rosen
Lauren Rubinfeld
by Sue, Alan & Adam Rubinfeld
In Memory of:
Belle Gottlieb
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Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

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by Linda, Raymond & Michael Rosen
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In Memory of:

Steven Redman
by Betty & Fred DiLalo
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Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Melissa Needles
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In Honor of:

Harriet & Milt Stoll on the
Bar Mitzvah of their grandson
Sam Schoenberg
by Dorothy Edenbaum

In Memory of:

Belle Gottlieb
by Bernice & Harold Bruskin

HONORARIUM FUND

In Honor of:

Rabbi Bennett F. Miller
by Ethel L. Meyer
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Victoria Mack
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In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

Belle Gottlieb
Angela & Michael Gesso
Irving Karess
by Ann, Steve, Noah & Adam Cohen
Donald Mayer
by Ann Thayer-Cohen
Adele Pasazamant
by Adelaide & Terry Brenner
Ida Polsky
by Adelaide & Terry Brenner
Ann Rosenfeld
Helen Ringel
by Paula & Mark Weitzen

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Bat Mitzvah of:

Hillary Freeman
by Andrea, Fred, Scott, Jodi & Robyn
Horowitz

In Memory of:

Dora Butnick
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by Blanche Nathan

MAX MARDER FUND

Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Melissa Bittner
by Shoshana Parsells
Joshua Halpern
by Shoshana Parsells
Joshua Rosen
by Shoshana Parsells
Lauren Rubinfeld
by Shoshana Parsells

In Honor of:

Bernice & Fred Swidler on the
Marriage of their daughter Susan
by Carol, Stan, Marni & Ilana Runyon

Bertha Gluck on the

Engagement of her granddaughter
by Anshe Emeth Temple Seniors
Fran & Ivan Moradoff on the
Engagement of their daughter Toby
by Shoshana Parsells
Shoshana Parsells on the
Birth of her granddaughter
by Carol, Stan, Marni & Ilana Runyon
Ruth Berkowitz
by Anshe Emeth Temple Seniors
Speedy Recovery of Florence Bean
by Anshe Emeth Temple Seniors
Speedy Recovery of Isabelle Goldner
by Anshe Emeth Temple Seniors

In Memory of:

Adele Pasazamant
by Bobbie & Bob Stone &
Dora Tamaroff
Ida Polsky
by Anshe Emeth Temple Seniors
Steven Redman
by the Donnelly Family
Chickie Weinstein
by Shoshana Parsells
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Hillary Freeman
by Sue, Alan, Adam & Lauren
Rubinfeld
Jamie Strauss
by Alice & Paul Rich, Todd & Geryl

In Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Buchbinder on the
Bar Mitzvah of their son Seth
by Alice & Paul Rich, Todd & Geryl
Susan & Jerome Block on the
Marriage of your son Jaime to Heidi
by the Chodroff Family
Rhoda & Monty Rosenbusch
Elaine & Harmon Katz on the
Birth of their granddaughter Melissa
by the Chodroff Family
Rhoda & Monty Rosenbusch

In Memory of:

Hannah Miller
by Carol Adelman & Ricki
Steven Redman
by the Donnelly Family
Rosa & John Donnelly
Rita & Herb Gluckman
Christina McMahon
Corinne & Richard Post & Sons
Kathy & Don Salzmman

Charles Sheratsky
by Leslie & Joel Katz
Barbara Levy & Family
Chickie Weinstein
by Marilyn & Howie Asofsky
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Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:
Hillary Freeman
by Alice & Paul Rich, Todd & Geryl
Cheryl, Warren & Meredith Sweberg
Lauren Rubinfeld
by Rhea, Marty, Andy, Jodi & Eric
Basroon
Jamie Strauss
by Doris & Stuart Kahn
In Honor of:
50th Wedding Anniversary of
Pearl & Bernard Mirinov
by Andrea, Fred, Scott, Jodi &
Robyn Horowitz
50th Wedding Anniversary of
Lorraine & Leon Smith
by Debra Lotz
Ruth & Norman Rosenberg
Margaret Baller on the
Marriage of her daughter Sharon
by Barbara & Kurt Nathan
Ruth & Norman Rosenberg on the
Marriage of their daughter Lois
by Dr. & Mrs. Maurice Belsky
Elaine & Harmon Katz on the
Birth of their granddaughter Melissa
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Birth of their granddaughter
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Carol & Larry Zicklin
Sherry & Fred Moskowitz on the
Birth of their daughter Melissa
by Marilyn Stamberg
Speedy Recovery of Dr. Arthur Karshmer
by Dr. & Mrs. Norman Reitman
In Memory of:
Adele Paszamant
by Doris & Stuart Kahn
Lorraine Levine
Thelma & Hal Shriber
Ida Polsky
by Doris & Stuart Kahn
Thelma & Hal Shriber
Steven Redman
by Melba Avondoglio
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Charlotte Brinstein
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Josephine Hall

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Annie Lonne
Mary Manchur
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Ida Teich
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Chickie Weinstein
by Carol & Larry Zicklin

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:
Melissa Bittner
by Susan Kushner
Joshua Halpern
by Susan Kushner
Melissa Needles
by Susan Kushner
Joshua Rosen
by Susan Kushner
Lauren Rubinfeld
by Susan Kushner

RINA B. PAKENHAM MEM. FUND
In Honor of:
Sharon & Mel Karmazin on the
Engagement of their daughter Dina
by Carol Adelman & Ricki
Alice & Paul Rich, Todd & Geryl
Roz & Marvin Ladov on the
Engagement of their son Jonathan
by Elaine & Harmon Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Simon Berinson on the
Birth of their great granddaughter Melissa
by Elaine & Harmon Katz
Elaine & Harmon Katz on the
Birth of their granddaughter Melissa
by Linda & Bert Busch
by Susan & Howard Freeman
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz on the
Birth of their great granddaughter Melissa
by Elaine & Harmon Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Moskowitz on the
Birth of their daughter Melissa
by Elaine & Harmon Katz
Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Moskowitz on the
Birth of their granddaughter Melissa
by Elaine & Harmon Katz

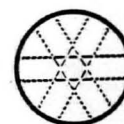
In Memory of:
Charles Sheratsky
by Susan, Ira & David Barkoe
Barbara, Ed, Eric & Jaimie Lazarus
Dina & Harvey Needles

TZEDAKAH FUND

Bar Mitzvah of:
Joshua Cherniss
by the Basroon Family
Roberta & Jordon Brown
Ann, Steve, Noah & Adam Cohen
In Honor of:
Susan & Jerry Block on the
Marriage of their son Jaime to Heidi
by Arlene & Barry Goldman
75th Birthday of Carl Reiss
by Bea, Harold & Sharee Reiss
In Memory of:
Donald Mayer
by the Rispoli Family
Ida Schiffman
by Bea & Carl Reiss

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EDUCATION &
DAY CARE FUND**

In Honor of:
Carole & Sam Eichenbaum on the
Engagement of their son Steven
by Sara, Stuart, Sandra & Lori Levine
Naming of our granddaughter
Chelsea Fay Kessler
by Beverly & Alvin Kessler
70th Birthday of Harold Shapiro
by Ethel L. Meyer
In Memory of:
Hannah Miller
by Judith Sherman
Adele Paszamant
by Blossom & Jerry Lowen



MAZON

The Temple has received contributions for
Mazon from:

Deborah & Cary Cherniss in honor of the
Bar Mitzvah of their son Joshua

Rachel Perla in honor of her Bat Mitzvah

Ruth & Norman Rosenberg in honor of the
Marriage of their daughter
Lois to Thomas Pepper

Anshe Emeth for Chai Weekend and
Gan Yaladeem dinner.

USHERING SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 1992

Frid.	Dec. 4	Lobby	-Alicia Dermer & Janice Blevin
		Sanctuary	-Laura & Richard Singer
		Delavan Street	-Paula Friedman & Edward Lowenstein
Sat.	Dec. 5	Sanctuary	-Barbar & Stephen Halpern Linda & Raymond Rosen
Frid.	Dec. 11	Lobby	-Carol & Robert Horowitz
		Sanctuary	-Renee & Victor Deutch
		Delavan Street	-Marion & Jack Baum
Sat.	Dec. 12	Sanctuary	-Barbara & Jay Bittner Dina & Harvey Needles
Frid.	Dec. 18	Lobby	-JoAnn & Carl Gensib
		Sanctuary	-Shelly & Brian Dubin
		Delavan Street	-Zippora & Allen Levy
Sat.	Dec. 19	Sanctuary	-Barbara & James August
Frid.	Dec. 25	Lobby	-Frances & Robert Kramer
		Sanctuary	-Marcia & Alan Eisenberg
		Delavan Street	-Sheryl & Steven Aymes

Please try to obtain a substitute if you are unable to usher when scheduled, and call Fred Greenstein at 249-6456. (When Fred is not available, call the Temple office at 545-6484).

SCRIP IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE JUDAICA SHOP!

Now, in addition to all the other ways you can obtain Scrip, it is also available for purchase in the Judaica Shop whenever it is open.

The other convenient ways to get Scrip for Foodtown or Pathmark are to contact Ginny Belowsky during the day at (201) 589-9162 or in the evening at (908) 257-6704 or the Temple office or any of the area captains listed below:

Hedy Brown (E.B.)	238-2462
Sherry Freedman (E.B.)	249-1116
Claire Sinai (E.B.)	249-1708
Francine Shames (K.P.)	821-9484
Sara Levine (No. B.)	297-3864
Gloria Cohn (Cranbury)(609)	655-8690
Jane Freedman (N.B.)	247-1005
Luann Reed-Siegel	494-1757

Thank you for your support of the Scrip program.

ARE YOU BETWEEN 35-50?!!!

An invitation to Singles between 35-50!

Please join us to discuss organizing
a program for sharing and growth
within the Temple community

Sunday, December 13, 1992 at 11:15 AM
in the Conference Room.

Rabbi Miller & Marilyn Goldsmith



THREE MEN ON A HORSE!

Join us on Saturday, December 12, for a performance of *Three Men On A Horse* at George Street Playhouse at 8:00pm. This performance of this classic comedy will be followed by a dessert hour at the theater, which is located at 9 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick. **The cost is \$25 per person. For those who have a subscription, the cost will be \$15.** We must receive the tickets that you are exchanging by November 25, 1992. Please mail your reservation and check to the Temple office. Seating is limited.

MARCH 20 MARCH 20 MARCH 20 NEW YORK THEATER PARTY

Call the Temple office to reserve your ticket(s) to this year's hottest Broadway Show

Goodbye Girl

Book by Neil Simon

Music by Marvin Hamlisch

Starring Bernadette Peters and Martin Short

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s). Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$150/per person).

ENTERTAINMENT '93 BOOKS

The *Entertainment '93 Books* have arrived!
They are great for holiday gifts or for your own
enjoyment and savings.

You may start using the books immediately
for dining, vacations, hotels,
airline discounts, cruises, sporting
and entertainment events.

Use the book just a few times
and make back your investment.

THE LIBRARY...

The library is now open and available to all members of the congregation. We have a selection of current periodicals, including *Commentary Jerusalem Post*, *Jerusalem Reporter*, *Masoret*, *Moment* and *Tikkun*.

A sample of recently added books are:

Battle Lines. The American Media and the Intifada.

Death of an American Jewish Community. A Tragedy of Good Intentions.

Fighting Back. A Memoir of Jewish Resistance in World War II.

Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality. A Sourcebook.

Putting God on the Guest List. How to reclaim the Spiritual Meaning of your Child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Understanding the Dead Sea Scrolls.

In addition, we are continually adding new children's books.

133RD ANNIVERSARY DIRECTORY

Ads are being solicited for the 133rd Anniversary Directory. Please call your business friends and have them participate in this important fund-raiser. The Directory will be printed in February 1993.

CHANUKKAH GIFT FAIR- 1992

Make sure that your Chanukkah Gift Fair orders are in by December 4th.

Come and see all the gift items we have available and give us your order.

(All orders must have parental approval and be accompanied by a check.

As always, all proceeds from the Judaica Shop go to the Max Marder Fund.)

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Parents and their children who will be celebrating their 13th birthday between July 1, 1994 and June 30, 1995, please attend the meeting on Monday, December 14, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.

Important information will be discussed and given out that evening.

WE ARE STARTING SOMETHING NEW AT THE TEMPLE AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!!

A number of our members have expressed an interest in developing a social outlet within the Temple for themselves and their families. Our hope is that such a group can help people begin to meet others within the Temple family, so that Anshe Emeth can take on more of a feeling of home. We plan to meet once each month for programs that will cover the full range of activities from purely religious to purely social, and everything in between—some for adults only, and others to include children.

Toward this end, I hope you will join us for a Havdalah service that will be followed by

A WINE & CHEESE PARTY

on Saturday evening, December 5th at 8:00 P.M. The cost of the evening is \$3.00 per person, which will also cover a donation to Mazon (an organization with which Anshe Emeth is a partner in trying to bring an end to world hunger) as per Temple policy.

Please return the tear-off below with your check made out to Anshe Emeth by December 1, to reserve your place. I am looking forward to your participation with us. If you have any questions or if you would like to sign up for this program call Rabbi Paskoff at the Temple office at 545-6484.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Enclosing \$ _____ for _____ people.

JUDAICA SHOP

Help needed!

Volunteers to work in the Judaica Shop.

For more information, please call

Rose Dreier at 257-7868 or

Judy Rothberg at 828-4845



AETY

Aety has been having a great year so far, with both social action programs and "strictly fun" programs. We recently had an informative and interesting program about death and dying, and we had our annual Shul-in which drew a lot of people and turned out to be fun. We saw *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and had an Environmental Awareness program all in the same evening. Everyone is excited about our trip to Baltimore on the weekend of December 11th and it should be the highlight of the year. Be sure to tune in for next month's update.

JAETY NEWS

On October 25, JAETY went to Sports-n-Stuff. We had a great time using the batting cages and playing miniature golf. We also had a basketball tournament. Then to add to the excitement on this trip, we played many video games. It was a blast!

On December 6, JAETY will be going to the Jewish Home for the Aged in Somerset. We will be visiting elderly Jewish people and bringing them Channukkah gifts. Then on December 20, JAETY and MAETY (Twinkies) will be going to the Raritan Community College to see a Channukkah show. Afterwards we will be coming back to the Temple for a grab bag; parents are invited. Hope to see you there!

MAETY NEWS

By a near unanimous vote, our 4th and 5th graders decided to change their name from "The Jewish Twinkies" to "Maety"-Mini-Anshe Emeth Temple Youth.

Two events to look forward to:

Family Outing to see Chanukkah at Home - A musical celebration of the Festival of Lights at the Raritan Valley Community College. The show begins at 3:00 p.m. Each family must arrange their own transportation. Afterwards we will return to the Temple for a grab-bag and candle-lighting before going home. Cost is \$11. Please reserve your place by sending a check for the appropriate amount to AETY, in care of the Temple.

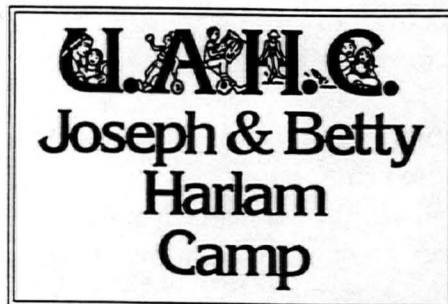
4th and 5th Grade Retreat - January 29-31. Watch the mail for more information. Save the dates now!

MAZEL TOV...

MARGARET BALLER on the marriage of her daughter Sharon
MILDRED MAIR for her grandson Glenn passing the bar exam
CARL REISS in celebrating his 75th birthday
JANE ELLEN ANDALVIN SCHNEIDER on the birth of their granddaughter Sarah Lise
ELAINE & ART STOLLER on the birth of their granddaughter
BETH & THOMAS STUCKEY on the birth of their daughter Anna Michelle

CAMP HARLAM

Whether playing, creating or learning; Camp Harlam sums up the ultimate in summer camp living in a Jewish environment.



Located in the foothills of the Poconos, Camp Harlam provides the finest in educational and recreational activities for Reform Jewish Youth. Camp Harlam aims to achieve these goals through a mature, experienced and dedicated staff who are devoted to the well-being of the individual child.

The Athletic program is divided into instructional and recreational sports. Our outstanding sports facilities include: The Sports Place (an indoor field house), 8 tennis courts, indoor soccer, hockey, basketball, beach volleyball, softball and soccer fields, 3 swimming pools and a lake. We also boast an extensive arts program in: Video, Dance, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Radio, Music and Theatre.

For more information call 215-563-8183 or write to: Camp J & B Harlam, 2111 Architects Building, 117 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Summer Programs

There will be a meeting to discuss
Israel programs for our youth, who are now in the
10th. grade and older
Parents and students please plan to attend.
Sunday December 20th. at 12:15
For more information,
please call the Temple office at 545-6484.

Religious School News



Jewish Heroes Program

Our Jewish Heroes program will begin again on December 5, when Judah Maccabee visits our primary grade students, Abraham and Isaac visit our third grade students and Henrietta Szold visits our fifth grade students. Our Jewish heroes program, which is sponsored by the religious school committee, is a very special way for our students to learn about important people in Jewish history. Parents and high school volunteers learn all about the heroes they will *become*; they appear in costume and with props; they give the children wonderful Jewish Hero cards to collect. Thanks to all of those who help to make this excellent program come alive.

Chanukkah Celebration for Third Graders and Grandparents

We will have our annual Chanukkah Celebration for our third graders and their grandparents on Saturday morning, December 19 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.

Jewish Book Month Special

We will have a special program for Jewish Book Month on December 12 for students in grades K-6. Lisa Lipkin, a New Jersey storyteller, will be here to share with us from the Jewish tradition of storytelling.

Fourth and Fifth Grade Retreat

It is time, once again, for our annual Fourth and Fifth Grade Retreat! The date for this wonderful weekend is January 29-31, 1993 – and we would like *all* of our fourth and fifth grade students to participate! Our retreat weekend is a very special way for us to get to know our students outside of the more formal school setting. It is an enriching Jewish experience for all of us: learning about the shtetl experience and immigra-

tion to America; celebrating Shabbat and Havdalah together; singing and dancing; sledding down Chapel hill; doing craft activities; and learning to know one another. Please be sure to sign your child up for this wonderful weekend. If you need an application or have any questions, please call the religious school office.

Thank You! Todah Rabah!

- to Barbara Sigman for taking care of all of the details for our Shabbat dinners this year and for doing such a great job with the bulletin boards in the religious school hallway
- to Ginny Belowsky for her work on the Personal Jewish Library books and the Book Fair
- to Judy Perla, Sue Deckman and Laura Lifshutz for helping with our high school RISE program

Bookmark Contest Winners

Be sure to look at our beautiful and creative winning book mark entries which are posted in the hallway near the religious school office. Winners are as follows:

First Place Winners: Alex Hurst, Marti Schulman and Courtney Flaks.

Second Place Winners: Cari Reisman, Bernie Isaacson, Adam Pober, David McCandlish, and Gerri Miller.

Third Place Winners: Emily Millner, Abigail Wise, Jill Bakerman and Carly Zektzer.

NEWS FROM THE GAN...

The children at Gan Yeladeem preschool and childcare center are preparing for an exciting and fun filled month. They are learning about Chanukkah and all its symbols. They are making beautiful holiday decorations for our rooms and presents for their parents. On December 16, at 5:30 p.m., we will be having our first preschool and childcare show. The children will be singing songs in Hebrew and English for their parents and friends.

We are offering an adult and infant CPR course . It will be taught Jan.25 & Feb 1, in two evenings by members of the New Brunswick Rescue Squad. If you are interested, please call Elaine at 545-6555

The Temple office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1, 1993.



The Caring Community Program

NEEDED: FOR THE HOMELESS

This year, once again, our Temple - along with a number of churches in the area - is opening our doors during the winter months to help house the homeless. We will house up to 15 men who have been turned away from the Ozanam Shelter due to overcrowding. Our first week will be December 21 -27.

In order to be able to participate in this very important project, we need your help in the following ways:

(1) We need volunteers who will be willing to stay through a night.* The work is easy, and the rewards are great!

(2) We need people to help with the laundry during daytime hours.

Since our first week coincides with holiday vacation time, it might be a wonderful opportunity for a parent/child volunteer combination. In the past we have had a variety of group volunteers. (Co-workers, chavurah groups, old friends, grandparent-grandchild, etc.)

***Typical Volunteer Scenario:**

Volunteers arrive at 7:30 p.m. Men are allowed in between 8-9 p.m. One volunteer would meet them at the outside door. A second volunteer signs them in and offers to lock away any valuables for the night. Another volunteer or two helps the men find their bed, towels and restroom. A volunteer stays by the telephone.

The men generally go 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 take turns sleeping (cots provided). After 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!

This is our fifth year of involvement with the interfaith homeless shelter. We have also committed our synagogue for the weeks of January 18-24 and February 22-28.

A training session will be held on Wednesday, December 16, at 8:00 p.m. in Keller Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to work at the local hospitals
Christmas Day. For more information
please call Julie Green at 247-2578

Ehud Ya'ari, scheduled to speak on
December 6 at 10:30 a.m. as part of our
Keepers of Excellence series,
has had to cancel.

We hope to be able
to reschedule this program.

FROM ONE OF OUR CHAVUROT

Joyful Noise has enjoyed a quiet summer and entered the fall with one new member in the Siegel family. This summer we had a discussion on a chapter from a book written by Abraham Heschel. This has led to this year's focus on prayer. In November Rabbi Paskoff will speak to us on his view of prayer, in January Cantor Silins will speak to us and later on in the year we hope to have Rabbi Miller talk to us about the new prayerbook that is in the works and what is happening in the Reform movement with liturgy.

We had our annual end of summer picnic at the Siegel house in August and got ready for the busy fall holiday season. In September we went to Donaldson Park to do Tash-lich and then our traditional Italian meal at a local restaurant. We got together again for Break-fast at the Jacobs house. Then later during Sukkot we enjoyed the Cohen's new sukkah.

Our new tradition is to spend a weekend together. We went down to Long Beach Island the weekend between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This was the first time our whole chavurah, all six families, has been away together. We had a house with two apartments and the Donaghy/Lasher family stayed at a near by hotel. Friday night we had a beautiful Shabbat meal together. Saturday was a restful day with morning services on the upstairs balcony in the sun. It was a great weekend of fun and study.

Currently forming new Chavurot. Speak to Rabbi Paskoff to find out more.

SPECIAL MUSIC SHABBAT

DECEMBER 18, 1992

JUDAS MACCABEUS

BY

GEORG FREDERIC HANDEL



The Volunteer Choir and cantor, accompanied by Jan Niemann, our organist, will present excerpts from this exciting work at Friday night service on December 18. The excerpts will include "O Father, whose almighty pow'r" and the well known "See, the conquering hero comes!"

This piece, which celebrates the Chanukkah story, is a masterpiece of choral music.

Searching for God in a Godless World

A Weekend Retreat

"for adults only"
with Rabbi Miller

January 22-24, 1993

Ocean Place Hilton
Long Branch, New Jersey

Sponsored by Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple Adult Education Committee

The cost of this weekend is \$170.00 per person (based on double occupancy) which includes room and meals, Friday Shabbat dinner through Sunday brunch.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Please reserve _____ spaces for me/us.

Enclosed is a deposit of \$25.00 per person to reserve space(s). Space is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. For more information contact Felice Schrager at 247-8890

IN REMEMBRANCE: YAHREZITS FOR DECEMBER 1992

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

December 4, 1992

IRMA JECK
LEO ROSENBERG
FRANCES LIVINGSTON SANGER
ISHMAEL SKLAREW
DR. NATHAN KARSHMER
ISRAEL GENDELMAN
EDWARD E. DEUTSCH
MOSES WALLACH
LOUIS ROSENFELD
THEODORE COHN
JEROME H. ODENHEIMER
EDWARD BREUER
JOSEPH F. ESPOSITO
NATHANIEL LEON FRANKEL
ISADORE SENOFF
PHILIP M. BRENNER
NATHAN SCHWARTZ
YETTA KIRSCHNER
BURTON EISENMAN
ARTHUR H. ZECKENDORF
DR. ABRAHAM LADOV
LILLIAN LEFKOWITS
MOSKOVITZ
ROGER GREEN
OTTO POLLINS

SHABBAT

December 11, 1992

GERTRUDE T. GOODMAN
LEON NEWMAN
EDITH GREIFF
GERTRUDE LEVINE
FRIEDA HAMELSKY
EVELYN R. HAAS
BARRETT COHN
SAM SPILLER
SOLOMON J. TRACHTENBERG
FREDA NORTH
ALFRED JAMES

ESTHER PATT
CHARLES PATT
JACOB GROSS
DAVIS MILLER
RUTH L. LALIN
JACK WOLFE
HANNAH WEIL COHN
ETHEL KUSHAKOW
DR. B. BERNARD CHILTON
NORMAN WILLNER
DR. LAWRENCE HOWARD LIEF

SHABBAT

December 18, 1992

SAMUEL BREINDEL
ESTHER LOWEN
ROSE BRINSTEIN
JULES J. WEISS
MAURICE DOAN
SUSIE LEHN
RACHEL GOLDSMITH
LENA FREEDMAN
LOUIS MERSON
ABRAHAM PANSY
LOUIS WALKER
SARAH KRONE DREIER
PHILIP L. SCHWARTZ
ALEX KATCHEN
ROSE DUBIN SAUL
EUGENE ARKY
NATHAN KASTELANSKY
DOROTHY GETZ
SOLOMON KIRSCHNER
ISIDOR REHAUT
HARRY HAAS
FANNIE BRUSKIN
WILLIAM H. SCHLESINGER
JEAN FEINSTEIN
MARY JECK BECKER
WARREN GLASER

SHABBAT

December 25, 1992

THEODOR WERTHEIMER
DR. LYDIA ADLER DORSEN
SADIE K. STRAUSS
ESTHER RINGEL
BELLE MIDLER
SOPHIE R. MILLER
DAVID H. LEVIN
SOPHIE HIRSH
BERTHA GOTTLIEB

ANNE TOPPER
IRVING HAHN
JAMES WILLIAM HARVIE
SARAH POLLINS
ADELE BRODY
HERMAN LEON HANAUER
ROSE HIRSH MULHAUSER
IRVING C. SPICE
JEAN ULIN

IN MEMORIAM

We record with profound sorrow
those who have passed away:
Charles Baltin, brother of Florence
Sklarew
Lillian Geller mother of Willard Geller
Belle Gottlieb
Adele Paszaman, mother of Robert
Paszaman
Ida Polsky, sister of Julia Bank
Dorothy Wallen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANSHE EMETH MEMORIAL TEMPLE BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 13, 1992

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information or if you can
help,
please call Gail Weber at 297-5776
or

call the Temple office at 545-6484
WE NEED YOU!

HOSPITAL VISITATION

The Rabbis and Cantor visit Robert Wood Johnson and St. Peter's Hospitals regularly. However, the hospitals don't always tell us when our congregants are there. If you or a member of your family is going to be in the hospital, please call the Temple office at 545-6484, so that we can visit.

CALENDAR OF TEMPLE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 1992

Tuesday	1	Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		AETY & JAETY Boards	6:00 p.m.
		Dance Class	6:30 p.m.
		BOARD OF TRUSTEES	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	2	Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	5	Beginning Hebrew	9:30 a.m.
		Rabbi's Torah Study	9:30 a.m.
		Back to Basics	10:15 a.m.
		Young Group Wine & Cheese Party	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	6	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
		AETY - JAETY	6:30 p.m.
Monday	7	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Adult B'nai Mitzvah	7:00 p.m.
		Beginning Hebrew	8:00 p.m.
		Minimester II - Jews, Politics & Elections: The United States and Israel	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8	Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Anshe Emeth Seniors	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		Dance Class	6:30 p.m.
		Religious School Committee	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9	Just for Women	10:00 a.m.
		Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Friday	11-13	AETY Trip to Baltimore Babysitting during services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	12	Beginning Hebrew	9:30 a.m.
		Rabbi's Torah Study	9:30 a.m.
		Back to Basics	10:15 a.m.
		George Street Playhouse Theater Party "Three Men on a Horse"	8:00 p.m.
Sunday	13	Blood Drive	
		Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
		New Americans - Chanukkah Party	3:00 p.m.
		JAETY & MAETY	6:00 p.m.
Monday	14	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Adult B'nai Mitzvah	7:00 p.m.
		Beginning Hebrew	8:00 p.m.
		Minimester II - Jews, Politics & Elections: The United States & Israel	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	15	Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Just For Men	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		Dance Class	6:30 p.m.
		OFFICERS	7:00 p.m.
		PTO	7:30 p.m.
		Youth Committee	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	16	Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Pre-School Program	5:30 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Friday	18	Babysitting during services	
Saturday	19	3rd Grade Chanukkah Celebration	
		Light first Chanukkah candle	
Sunday	20	Provide-A-Meal	
		Singles Chanukkah Party	7:30 p.m.
Monday	21	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Adult B'nai Mitzvah	7:00 p.m.
		Adult Hebrew	8:00 p.m.
Mon. 21 - Sun. 27	27	Shelter	
Tuesday	22	Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
Friday	25	Office Closed	
Sat. 26 - Sun. 3	3	Religious School Closed	

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY BULLETIN IS DECEMBER 5th.

For snow closing, listen to WCTC.

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 Maccabee. 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 Saturday evening, December 19, 1992

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. שישש
נשים לאבותינו בקמים להם 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. שהחננו
לקנינו והניענו 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.

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THE DREIDEL

The most popular of all Chanukkah activities has always been the dreidel. As the name from the German "drehen," 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.