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DECEMBER 1 - 31

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 P.M.

VAYESHEV - Gen. 37:1 - 40:23

Rabbi Miller will speak:

**"CHALLENGING THE MEANING OF OUR LIVES:
THE DANGER OF FAILING TO LIVE WITH SPIRITUALITY"**

Babysitting is available during services

Candle Blessing: Dianne Lior

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00 A.M.

BAT MITZVAH OF ATAR LIOR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 P.M.

MIKETZ - Gen. 41:1 - 44:17

FOLK CELEBRATION FOR SHABBAT and CHANUKKAH

Be sure to bring your menorah and candles with you.

Candle Blessing: Renee Deutch

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

11:00 A.M.

BAR MITZVAH OF ERIC DEUTCH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 P.M.

VAYIGASH - Gen. 18 - 47:27

MARY and SAMUEL HAMELSKY MUSIC SHABBAT

A JAZZ SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE

conducted by its composer, Jose Bowen

Babysitting is available during services

Candle Blessing: Dinah Einhorn and Deborah Cohen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:00 A.M.

B'NAI MITZVAH OF JEREMY EINHORN and MICHAEL COHEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 P.M.

VAYECHI - Gen. 47:28 - 50:26

Rabbi Dubowe will speak:

"IS THE CHANUKKAH MENORAH A PUBLIC SYMBOL?"

Candle Blessing: Alice Calman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 A.M.

TORAH STUDY and SHABBAT WORSHIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 P.M.

SHEMOT - Exod. 1:1 - 6:1

Rabbi Miller will speak:

"THE MEANING OF LIVING IN EXILE"

Candle Blessing: Francine Marcus

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 A.M.

TORAH STUDY and SHABBAT WORSHIP

BETWEEN US ...

*Wisdom is God's power in action; for
without it, everything is but theory.*

— The Mezeritzer Rabbi

There is a lot of debate beginning to take place in our country about education in America. Most of the debate centers on the quality (or lack of it) of education in our public schools. Almost all agree that the quality of the way in which we are educating our children has gone down. But few agree on what to do and even fewer agree on what to teach. The debate is about to increase in intensity as privatization increases, as vouchers are encouraged, and as costs go up.

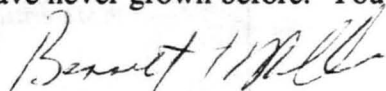
The real debate about education should first begin with philosophical underpinnings. If you don't know what you want to accomplish it will be very difficult to accomplish it. Maybe that is the problem with our educational system in America. We know that we want quantitative education but we are not so sure about our qualitative goals. We want our math and verbal scores to increase but we have not yet figured out the place for moral scores and ethical behavior. And what makes matters worse is that we expect the schools to accomplish everything for us.

As Jews we ought to know better. No school can do it all. Values and ideals and ethical behavior are not taught; they are shared and then acquired. You get them from mentors, from parents, and from fellow

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students. You acquire them as you live and learn in the crucible of life. That's why our tradition tells us that the best way to learn is to get a friend, a partner, a sharer in the journey of life — then go and study. The quantitative material will come afterwards.

If you don't know where to get a study partner join us at the Temple for study. There are many waiting to share. If you are afraid to study, take the risk; you will grow in ways you have never grown before. You may even attain wisdom.



WORSHIP SERVICE - DECEMBER 1993

Friday, December 3 - *Challenging the Meaning of Our Lives: The Danger of Failing to Live with Spirituality.* There is a spiritual side to living but most of us deny it or don't allow ourselves to feel it. Rabbi Miller will speak about the importance and significance of the spiritual side of life and its meaning for us in today's world.

Friday, December 10 - Join with us as we gather together to celebrate Shabbat and 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. *Be sure to bring your menorah and candles with you!*

Friday, December 17 - *Mary and Samuel Hamelsky Music Shabbat*

Join us for a **Jazz Shabbat Evening Service** with the music conducted by its composer, Jose Bowen, featuring Cantor Gershon Silins, the Anshe Emeth Choir and Junior Choir, and a jazz instrumental ensemble. *Don't miss this unique event!*

Friday, December 24 - *Is the Chanukkah Menorah a Public Symbol?*

Should the Chanukkah Menorah be displayed on public property? Is the Chanukkah Menorah a secular symbol or a Jewish symbol? Where does one draw the line between religious symbols or public symbols on public property? How do we as Jews feel about Christmas symbols being used as secular symbols on public property? Rabbi Dubowe will discuss and share several incidents about this sensitive issue that is raised at this time of year.

Friday, December 31 - *The Meaning of Living in Exile* When Jews went into Egypt we began to learn the meaning of living in exile. Some believe that we still live in such exile —distanced from the center of our lives. Rabbi Miller will speak about the meaning of exile and how it affects us as individuals and as a community.

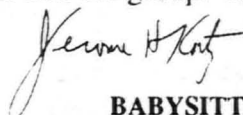
OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The word "study," according to Webster's Dictionary, is the "application of the mental facilities to the acquisition of knowledge ... a careful examination or analysis of a phenomenon, development, or question." From a historical perspective, this word conjures up visions of men, alone in dimly lighted medieval cloisters, hunched over ancient books, struggling to gain insight and meaning from each written word. From a religious perspective, one thinks of patriarchal rabbis surrounded by young men and boys, questioning their statements and arguing with their conclusions.

These images are quite different from our own Shabbat Morning Torah Study group. Every Saturday morning, from September through June, we meet with Rabbi Miller in the conference room. This wonderful, friendly group consists of many individual Temple members with backgrounds and levels of knowledge as diverse as one could imagine. There are the "regulars" who make the class a high priority and those, like me, who come less frequently. However sporadic, we are always made to feel welcome and part of the group.

Weekly, we read and discuss passages from *The Torah a Modern Commentary* by W. Gunther Plaut. From Genesis Chapter 1 "When God began to create the heaven and the earth ..." (note the word "began") until the last class in the spring, we look at the meaning of these words from our own points of view. We have the literalist who interprets the story to mean precisely what the words convey, and the historian who accepts the words only if actual proof can be found of the events described. We discuss the sections from the conservative, liberal, and feminist view points. And we especially examine the same words from our Rabbi's point of view. Whether we laugh or cry with him, I find this hour and a half to be like an oasis in a desert; a refreshing pause in my weekly schedule, that allows me to step back from the normal requirements of living and look at life, as Rabbi Miller would say, "through different colored glasses."

Perhaps the next time you are at the Temple on a Saturday morning, you will take the time to join Rabbi Miller and the group. It will be a time well spent.



BABYSITTING AVAILABLE!

During December, babysitting will be provided during Shabbat Services on December 3 and 17. Please call either Ann Thayer-Cohen at 819-0580 or Sara Levine at 297-3864 to let them know you will be bringing your children so that we can be sure to have enough sitters.

Mary and Samuel Hamelsky Music Shabbat

A Jazz Shabbat Evening Service

Friday evening, December 17 at 8 p.m.

On Friday evening, December 17, 1993 at 8:00 p.m., we will present our annual Hamelsky Program. A *Jazz Shabbat Evening Service* will be conducted by its composer, Jose Bowen, and will feature Cantor Gershon Silins, the Anshe Emeth Choir and Junior Choir, and a jazz instrumental ensemble. This pairing of Jewish liturgy and a genuine jazz idiom will be a unique worship and music experience, not to be missed.

Jose Bowen teaches at Stanford University, where he is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Musicology and Humanities. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Music, and his awards include the Hubbell Award from ASCAP, the Koret Israel Prize, and awards from the Jewish Music Commission and the Guild of Temple Musicians. He has performed with Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie, Liberace, Hubert Laws, and many others.

About this composition, Bowen has written, "Although I write different kinds of music, I eventually decided to write a jazz service because I believe in the emotional power of jazz... which is so full of the joy of life."

Come celebrate Shabbat with us in this unique way!

USHERING SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 1993

Fri., Dec. 3	Sanctuary	- Roberta & Jordon Brown
	Lobby	- Karen & Brad Finkelstein
	Delavan St.	- Lisa Baum/Lee Jussim
Sat., Dec. 4	Sanctuary	- Renee & Victor Deutch
Fri., Dec. 10	Sanctuary	- Marlie & Mark Wasserman
	Lobby	- Ilene & Ira Lipson
	Delavan St.	- Sheila & Edward Thau
Sat., Dec. 11	Sanctuary	- Dinah & Robert Einhorn
		Deborah & Richard Cohen
Fri., Dec. 17	Sanctuary	- Gail & Howard Weber
	Lobby	- Vicki & Richard Weinstein
	Delavan St.	- Sandra & Jerry Grundfest
Sat., Dec. 18	Sanctuary	- Rhea & Martin Basroom
Fri., Dec. 24	Sanctuary	- Roberta & Harvey Stone
	Lobby	- Shari & Marc Rothstein
	Delavan St.	- Laurie & Edward Halper
Fri., Dec. 31	Sanctuary	- Claire & Irving Sinai
	Lobby	- Elissa Greenwald/ Alice Greenwald
	Delavan St.	- Barbara & Brad Lawrence

Please try to obtain a substitute if you are unable to usher when scheduled, and call Fred Greenstein at 249-6456 or Harvey Stone at 613-0830. (When Fred or Harvey are not available, call the Temple office at 545-6484.)

SAVE THE DATES FOR
Scholar - in - Residence
ELLEN M. UMANSKY

January 28 - 29, 1994

Note the date correction.

**Please join us on December 5, 1993
9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the Temple for:**

"Family Healthcare - Impact of Proposed Legislation"

- **Update on Legislation**
with Judith E. Burgis, moderator
Harmon R. Katz, D.D.S.
Beatrice E. Manning, Ph.D.
- **Healthcare from the
Human Perspective**
with Bruce M. Topolosky, moderator
Teresa M. Schaer, M.D.
Elfriede G. Schlesinger, Ph.D.

Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple Adult Education

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rabbi Dubowe uses a special telephone system which is designed for the hearing impaired. The New Jersey Relay Service is a free, 24-hour, seven day a week service. When you call the toll-free number (in New Jersey only), an operator will type your words so that Rabbi Dubowe can read them. It's easy to use — here's how:

1. Call the Relay Service at 1-800-852-7897.
2. Give the relay operator Rabbi Dubowe's number. (Office: 908-545-3775; Home: 908-249-4391)
3. Request Voice Carry Over (VCO) (so Rabbi Dubowe can speak to you directly after she reads your words.)

You can call Rabbi Dubowe using TDD equipment if you have it, and of course you can send her a fax at 908-745-7448 (the Temple's fax number).

Messages can be left through the New Jersey Relay Service, the secretary at Anshe Emeth, or through the TDD if you have one.

Rabbi Rebecca Dubowe's telephone numbers:

NJ Relay Service: 800-852-7897
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Home: 908-249-4391 (TDD & FAX)
Fax: 908-745-7448

*If you are out of state, call "O" for the Relay Service.
Save for future reference*

☆ VISIT OUR JUDAICA SHOP ☆ TO PREPARE FOR CHANUKKAH

Our Judaica Shop is here to help you! We have prayerbooks, cookbooks, Chanukkah cards, dreidels, Chanukkah menorahs, Chanukkah candles, challah covers, Talliesim, yarmulkes, gift items, etc. Please note the Judaica Shop now has House Pins for sale, too.

We are open Friday evenings after services, Saturday and Sunday mornings 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. Please stop by or call Rose Dreier at 257-7868 or Judy Rothberg at 828-4845.

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Jubilation '94

Join us on December 6 for a meeting at the Temple at 7:30 p.m. to be involved in planning our *celebration of Jewish life and culture around the world*. Note May 18 - 22 on your calendar. For more information call Paula Masciulli at 609 497-1133.

The Caring Community Program

We need lots of volunteers in December!

December is the busiest month for the Caring Community. We need lots of volunteers to work a few hours each at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital, and at the Jewish Home for the Aged.

We also need volunteers to stay overnight when the Homeless Shelter is housed at our Temple, December 20-26 as well as January 17-23, 1994. There are also a few errands to be run for the Shelter each of those weeks.

Please take time right now to look at your calendars. Plan to do something this month for the less fortunate in our community. Surely, we each have a few hours to give. Call Julie Green at 247-2578 or the Temple office at 545-6484 to sign up.

SCRIP



More and more people are participating in our Scrip Program, and we hope you will all join in this fund raising effort.

If you live in Highland Park or are in the Choir, the good news is that Deborah Cherniss has joined our list of scrip captains.

The Temple offers scrip from Mayfair Foodtown, Pathmark/Rickel, Grand Union, and Shop Rite.

You can purchase scrip through the Temple office, the Judaica Shop when open, from Ginny Belowsky (201) 589-9162(days) or (908) 257-6704(evenings), or by calling any of the area captains listed below:

CAPTAINS:

Deborah Cherniss (H.P.)	985-9384
Hedy Brown (E.B.)	238-2462
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 (Edison)	494-1757

**Entertainment Books are here.
Pick up your copy at the Temple office for \$40.**

**Forms for advertising in
the 134th Year Temple Directory
are available at the Temple office.**

Religious School News



Jewish Book Month Special

We will have a special program for Jewish Book Month on December 4 for students in grades K-6. Gerald Fierst, a New Jersey storyteller, will be here to share with us from the Jewish tradition of storytelling.

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 11 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 Chanukkah decorations for our homes, create Chanukkah cards to send to our friends in local nursing homes, eat delicious potato latkes, and sing Chanukkah songs.

High School Parent Special

Our Temple tzedakah *mavens*, Deborah Cherniss, Lee Livingston, Julie Green, and Ren Reinish will be here on December 12, from 10:15-12:15, to do a special Tzedakah Program for our high school students and their parents. We will learn about the importance of reaching out to people in need – here at the Temple, in our home communities, in Israel, and around the world. And we will discover how we can do our part to make the world a better place.

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 28-30, 1994 – 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 ecology through Torah study; 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 Sherry Schwartz and her committee for taking care of all of the details for our Shabbat dinners this year
- to Carl and Bea Reiss who count, bundle, and roll our tzedakah money – and to all of our children who make a

daily commitment to tzedakah

- to Barbara Sigman for continuing to do such a great job with the bulletin boards in the religious school hallway – make sure you stop to admire them!
- to Beth Stuckey, Freda Wolfson, Ellen Pearlman, Carol Horowitz, Rhonda Erdreich, Ilene Pincus, and Gail Buchbinder for their help with our fourth grade Hebrew name t-shirts
- to Vicki Weinstein for her work on the Personal Jewish Library program
- to Nancy and Paul Harris for running our annual Jewish Book Fair – you did a great job!



NEWS FROM THE GAN ...

The children at Gan Yeladeem, David H. Meyer Children's Center are busy preparing for an exciting month. They are learning about the story of Chanukkah, it's customs and traditions. We are also preparing for our Chanukkah Show, which will be performed on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, at 5:30 p.m., in Keller Hall.

The children are learning songs in Hebrew and English to sing to their relatives and friends. This is our special Chanukkah gift to you, so please come and share this special time with us.

Our pre-school children are learning about Judah Maccabee and the miracle of the oil. We are making menorahs and learning the blessings over the Chanukah candles. We are playing the dreidel game and learning to identify the letters, Nun, Gimmel, Hey, and Shin. Some of our new vocabulary words are Chanukiyah, Shamash, Sevivon, and Nes Gadol Hayah Sham.

Our pre-school cooks are using their skills to create the most delicious potato latkes. They are counting, cutting, peeling, grating, and mixing all the ingredients themselves. Of course, after the latkes are fried to perfection, they will get to eat them for snack.

For more information about our Children's Center, please call Elaine at 545-6555.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please attend a meeting on Wednesday evening, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple to share our ideas about starting a Jewish Kindergarten at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple.

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 Marriage of their son Jeffrey
 by Nora & Steve Kandel
 Marriage of Dina Karmazin
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 Lee Livingston receiving PBA Award
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MAZIN and CAROLE AND

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of their children, Dina and Andrew
JOYCE AND ALVIN

GLASGOLD on the marriage of
their daughter, Ellen

ELAINE AND STUART SINGER
on the marriage of their daughter,
Linda

YOUTH GROUPS

AETY -

In October, we had a President's
Party hosted by our AETY President,
Rob Sherman. The party was a great
success. We had over 35 kids and the
evening was filled with lots of games
and fun. But that is not the end for
AETY. On December 19, we will be
throwing a "Post Chanukkah" Party!
Don't miss the fun event. On that
evening, besides food and games, we
will reminisce about and share our
fabulous and exciting trip that we
took to Washington, D.C. in early
December. Do you want to be a part
of AETY? Are you missing all the
fun? Give us a call for details about
future upcoming events. Your ad-
visors: Susan and Stu Kohn: 390-7812
and David Lettvin: 247-3546.

MAETY and JAETY -

The MAETY bowling event in
October was a great success. We had
14 kids show up and everyone had a
good time. MAETY and JAETY
will be having a combined Chanuk-
kah party on December 5th from 5:30-
7:30 p.m. We will eat latkes, play
dreidel, and exchange gifts. MAETY
& JAETY will also be visiting the
Central New Jersey Jewish Home for
the Aged on December 19. We will
meet at the Temple at 12:15. This is
a great Mitzvah - so come and join us.
So far, MAETY & JAETY are off to
a great start and we hope to see some
new faces at these upcoming events.
If you have any questions, comments
or suggestions, please do not hesitate
to call the Temple at 545-6484 or
Rachel Berez at (609) 443-4656. We
are always open to new ideas. Also,
thank you to all the parents who drove
to Roller Skating and Sports Park,
USA in November. It is much appre-
ciated!



**INTERFAITH TRIP
TO THE HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL MUSEUM**

On Monday, February 21, 1994
(President's Day), we will be co-
sponsoring a day trip to the Holo-
caust Memorial Museum in Wash-
ington, D.C.

Clergy and congregants from
Anshe Emeth, Emanuel Lutheran
Church and United Methodist Church
of New Brunswick will travel by bus
to visit the Museum. Our group will
be accompanied by Cantor Silins.

The bus will leave Anshe Emeth
at 7:30 a.m., in time for a noon
admission to the Museum, and we
will return to Anshe Emeth at about
8:30 p.m. The cost will depend upon
the number of people attending, but
will be \$25 per person. This will
include drinks and snacks for the
bus; we will bring our own bag
lunches (or dinners).

To sign up for the trip, or for
more information, please call Debo-
rah Cherniss, 985-9384, or the
Temple office, 545-6484.

**GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION
coming April 9, 1994**

To join the committee or for more
information, call the Temple
office at 545-6484.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A
JEWISH HERO?**

Be one of the members of the
congregation who dresses up like a
modern or biblical Jewish hero and
talks about the hero's life and times in
our Religious School classes. We
also need people to help make cos-
tumes and props.

If you would like to be a hero, or
help with costumes and props, or if
you want more information about
this, contact Cary Cherniss at 908-
985-9384.

**IN REMEMBRANCE:
Yahrzeits for
DECEMBER 1993**

The names listed below are taken from the Book of Life and Memorial Plaques in our Sanctuary. 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 at 545-6484.

SHABBAT

December 3, 1993

ROSE RIFKIN
MICHAEL ROSENTHAL
ISIDOR FRANK
IRMA JECK
JOSEPH M. MEYER
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
NATHANIEL LEON FRANKEL
JOSEPH F. ESPOSITO
ISADORE SENOFF
PHILIP M. BRENNER
NATHAN SCHWARTZ
YETTA KIRSCHNER
BURTON EISENMAN
ARTHUR H. ZECKENDORF
DR. ABRAHAM LADOV

SHABBAT

December 10, 1993

LILLIAN LEFKOWITS
MOSKOVITZ
ROGER GREEN
OTTO POLLINS
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

SHABBAT

December 17, 1993

DR. LAWRENCE HOWARD LIEF
SAMUEL BREINDEL
ESTHER LOWEN
ROSE BRINSTEIN
JULES J. WEISS
MAURICE DOAN
SUSIE LEHN
ELAINE R. NAAR
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

SHABBAT

December 24, 1993

FANNIE BRUSKIN
WILLIAM H. SCHLESINGER
JEAN FEINSTEIN
MARY JECK BECKER
WARREN GLASER
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
ARLEEN DAVIS
ADELE BRODY

SHABBAT

December 31, 1993

HERMAN LEON HANAUER
ROSE HIRSH MULHAUSER
IRVING C. SPICE
JEAN ULIN
DAVID S. SHRIBER
MORTON WASSERMAN
SOL ROSENFELD
MAX COHEN
DR. JULIUS KAHN
DAVE RICH
PHILLIP BATES
SOL R. LALIN
LEAH SHAPIRO
SOLOMON BERZ
RABBI NATHANIEL M. KELLER
MAX MARDER
DORA O. ZECKENDORF
ROSE S. KUN
FLORENCE J. BRYLAWSKI
RUTH E. COHN
ROSE LEVIN

IN MEMORIAM

ADELE GROSS
mother of Bess Greenberg

ELINOR LAWRENCE
mother of Brad Lawrence

MARY LEVY
mother of Beverly Sacharow

GERTRUDE STEVELMAN
mother of Susan Block

May their memory abide for blessing

CALENDAR OF TEMPLE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 1993

Wednesday	1	Basic Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Friday	3	Babysitting During Services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	4	Torah Study / Beginning Hebrew	9:30 a.m.
		Study with Rabbi Dubowe	10:30 a.m.
		Minyan	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	5	Family Healthcare - Impact of Proposed Legislation	9:30 a.m. - 12:15 a.m.
		Provide-A-Meal	
Monday	6	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	7:00 p.m.
		Jubilation '94 Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		AETY Board/JAETY Board	6:00 p.m.
		BOARD OF TRUSTEES	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8	Basic Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Just For Women	12:00 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
		Chanukkah begins	
Friday	10	Second Grade Shabbat Dinner	
Saturday	11	Torah Study / Beginning Hebrew	9:30 a.m.
		Study with Rabbi Dubowe	10:30 a.m.
		Minyan	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	12	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
Monday	13	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	14	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		Anshe Emeth Seniors	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	15	Basic Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Gan Yeladeem Chanukkah Show	5:30 p.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	16	Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Friday	17	Babysitting During Services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	18	Torah Study / Beginning Hebrew	9:30 a.m.
		Study with Rabbi Dubowe	10:30 a.m.
		Minyan	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	19	Tzedakah Committee	10:15 a.m.
		Provide-A-Meal	
Monday	20	Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class	7:00 p.m.
Mon. - Mon. 20 - 27		Shelter at Temple	
Tuesday	21	Prayerbook Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Intermediate Hebrew	12:30 p.m.
		Advanced Hebrew	1:30 p.m.
		OFFICERS MEETING	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	22	Basic Beginning Hebrew	11:30 a.m.
		Choir Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Friday	24	Office Closed	
Saturday	25	Torah Study and Shabbat Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sat. - Sun. / 25 - Jan. 2		Religious School - Closed	
Friday	31	Office Closed	

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY BULLETIN IS DECEMBER 5TH.

The Anshe Emeth Guide to



Chanukkah begins on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev – some time between late November and late December – and lasts for eight days and nights of songs, stories, games, and special food. Chanukkah is the time to light the *menorah* – a nine-branched candelabrum, to play with *dreidels* – four-sided tops, and to eat *latkes* – potato pancakes.

Chanukkah commemorates the victory of Judah Maccabee and his followers over the forces of the Syrian-Greek tyrant Antiochus Ephiphanes and the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem which the Syrians had profaned. We celebrate more than the end of the unsuccessful attempt by an outside power to destroy Judaism. The threat to Judaism was both internal and external. The assimilation to Greek culture was so great that many Jews sought to become fully assimilated, to be accepted as Greek citizens and to participate in Greek culture at the expense of their own unique culture. The resistance of the Maccabees and their allies to the advantages of assimilation preserved Judaism. The story of Chanukkah is the age-old struggle of the Jewish people to remain Jewish in a non-Jewish world.



The History of Chanukkah

In the year 168 B.C.E. (before the Common Era), the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes decreed that all people under his rule adopt Greek culture in all land under his rule, which included the land which is now the State of Israel. Altars and idols were set up throughout the land for the purpose of worshiping the Greek gods. Antiochus declared that Judaism was to be abolished and outlawed observance of Shabbat, all festivals, and many Jewish rituals. Jews were told to convert or be put to death. Some Jews were attracted to Greek life, its gods, and its emphasis on beauty and a powerful body, and wanted to become assimilated, but others were horrified.

On the twenty-fifth of Kislev the Temple in Jerusalem was renamed for the Greek god Zeus. Pigs were sacrificed in the Temple and the Torah was desecrated. Thousands of Jews chose to die rather than commit idolatry.

One day Syrian soldiers came to the town of Modi'in in Judea and ordered the Jews to sacrifice a pig to Zeus to show obedience to Greek rule. Mattathias, an old Jewish priest, killed a Jew who was about to obey. Mattathias' five sons then turned on the Syrian troops and killed them. His son Judah, called Maccabee ("Hammer") because of his great strength, became the chief military leader of the Jewish forces in the guerilla war against the Syrians.

Antiochus set out to destroy the people of Judea. Though greatly outnumbered, Judah Maccabee and his fighters (collectively called Maccabees) miraculously defeated the enemy. Following several hard fought victories, the Maccabees stormed the Temple hill, drove out the Syrians, and tore down the idols. On the twenty-fifth of Kislev in 165, the Temple in Jerusalem was reconsecrated – three years to the day after its original defilement.

We hope this Guide will help you to enjoy your Chanukkah celebration.
The first candle should be lit on Wednesday, December 8, 1993.

Eight Days of Celebration

To celebrate their victory and to rededicate the Temple, the Maccabees proclaimed an eight-day festival to be observed every year. According to the Talmudic legend, when the Maccabees recaptured and cleansed the Temple, they were able to find only a single cruse of oil with the seal of the High Priest, enough for one day's lighting of the Menorah. It would take a messenger eight days to bring back more sanctified oil. But, as the story goes, the single cruse of oil continued to burn for eight days.

Some scholars say that originally, the eight-day Feast of Lights was intended to parallel the eight days of Sukkot. The books of the Maccabees, the source of the story of Chanukkah, made no mention of the legend concerning the jar of oil. Several centuries later (500 C.E.) the story of the oil appeared in the Talmud.

About the Menorah

The central symbol for Chanukkah is light. Menorah [מְנוֹרָה] is a Hebrew word meaning "candelabrum." In relation to Chanukkah, it refers to the nine-branched ceremonial lamp in which the Chanukkah candles are placed and then blessed. But the menorah is not unique to Chanukkah. It originated as a religious symbol in biblical times. The Torah records how the great artist Bezalel fashioned a seven-branched menorah for the desert tabernacle in fulfillment of a Divine commandment (Exodus 25:31-40; 37:17-24). Such a seven-branched menorah adorned the Temple in Jerusalem.



The nine-branched Chanukkah menorah or "Chanukiah" was a modification of the biblical model and seems to have originated in the first century C.E. It had eight branches, one for each day of the holiday, and a ninth branch for the *shamas* or "servant" light.

In ancient times, oil was used in the menorah. Over time, candles were substituted for oil. Some scholars believe that the use of small candles for the menorah was a deliberate choice, designed to distinguish Chanukkah lights from Christian votive candles.

The menorah can be made from almost any nonflammable material – glazed ceramics, copper, silver, brass, stone, glass, pewter – and can vary in size and shape. It is generally agreed that electric Chanukkah lights should not be used. The actual lighting of the Chanukiah is a beautiful ceremony, and kindling the Chanukkah lights is a Mitzvah.

Lighting the Menorah

The major ritual for Chanukkah is the lighting of the menorah, which takes place soon after nightfall, or as soon as the household is together. [On Friday night, the Chanukkah candles are lit first, followed by the Shabbat candles, as traditionally fire is not created on the Sabbath itself.] The lights should not be used for any practical purpose. They should last for at least half an hour, during which time no work should be done.

The menorah is placed on a windowsill or table facing the street to publicize the two miracles of Chanukkah: the miracle of the vat of oil and the miracle of Jewish survival.

The candles are placed in the menorah from right to left, starting with one on the first night, then two on the second, and so on, until on the eighth night there are eight. The *shamas*, which on most menorahs is set apart from the other candles, is always lit first, and it is then used to light the other candles. The candles are lit each night starting from the left side, so that we always light the current night's light first.

A Chanukkah Who's Who

ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES: The Syrian king (175-163 B.C.E.) who plundered the Temple, forbade the Jews to observe their religious practices, and forcefully tried to hellenize Judea, leading to the Maccabean uprising.

HANNAH: The mother who, with her seven sons, was slain for refusing to bow before an idol; they are considered the earliest martyrs for religious freedom.

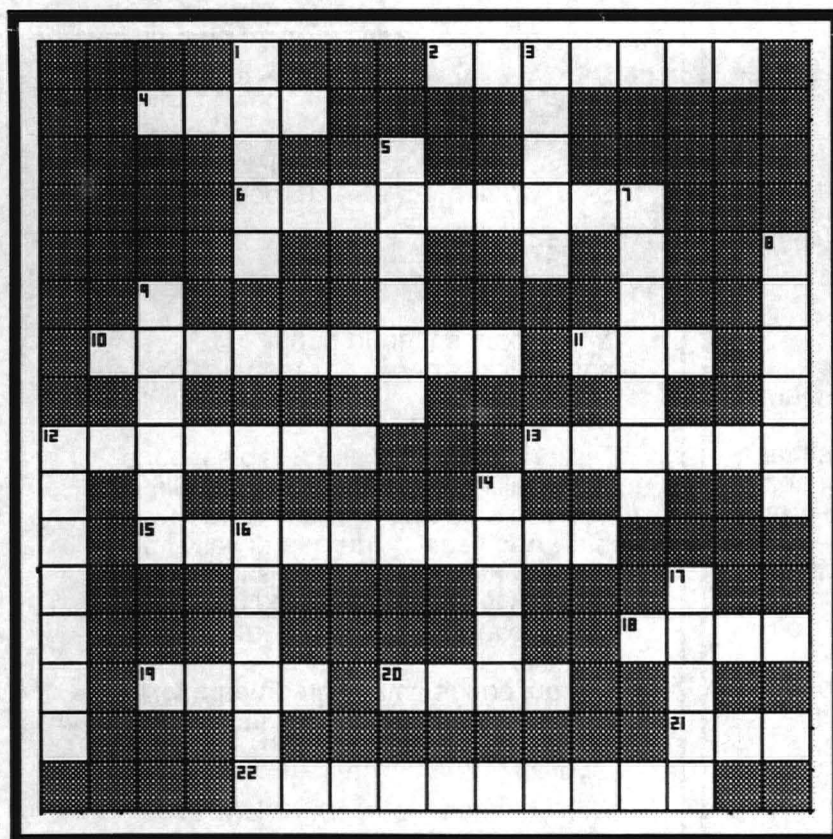
HASMONEAN: The family name of the dynasty founded by Mattathias. According to Josephus, Mattathias's great-grandfather was named Hashmon, meaning rich, prince, or noble.

MACCABEE: The surname given to Judah and later to his kinsmen and followers. The name is thought to be derived from the Hebrew word meaning "hammer." The name was given to Judah because of his great strength, following the Greek practice of naming men according to physical characteristics.

MATTATHIAS: Father of the five Hasmonean brothers who initiated and led the revolt against the Syrians. He was succeeded by his third son, Judah.

Chanukkah Crossword

Hint: All the answers to the clues can be found somewhere in this document!



ACROSS:

2. Chanukkah toy
4. Greek god many Jews were forced to worship
6. Syrian-Greek tyrant who tried to destroy the Jews
10. Heroes of the Chanukkah story
11. Major ingredient in Chanukkah foods
12. Ceremonial lamp
13. Necessary item for Chanukkah celebration
15. Family of Mattathias; rulers of Judea after 165 B.C.E.
18. Total number of candles on Chanukkah
19. "The Mitzvah is the — and the Law is the light"
20. "Rock of —", Chanukkah hymn
21. Hebrew letter, means "take half" in Chanukkah game
22. Israeli Chanukkah food

DOWN:

1. Chanukkah hero
3. Number of days of Chanukkah
5. Chanukkah begins on its 25th day
7. Enemy of the Jews in 167 B.C.E.
8. Nickname of Chanukkah hero
9. Famous martyr who died with her seven sons rather than worship idols
12. Amazing occurrence, as when a few Jews conquered enemy army
14. Potato pancake
16. "Servant" candle used to light others
17. Main symbol of Chanukkah

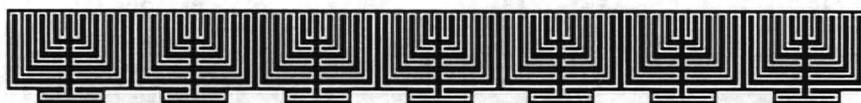
CHANUKKAH FOODS

The single constant in Chanukkah cuisine around the world is fried food. 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. Further evidence of the appropriateness of using oil derives from the fact that the Hebrew words for Hasmoneans (*Hashmonaim*) and for eight (*shemoneh*), the number of days of the festival, contain the Hebrew letters for oil (*shemen*)!

Among Ashkenazic Jews, *latkes* (potato pancakes) are the traditional Chanukkah food. [The word *latke* means pancake in Yiddish.] According to at least one source, the symbolism behind pancakes is threefold. Made initially of flour and water, they remind us of the food hurriedly prepared for the Maccabees as they went to battle. The oil in which they are fried symbolizes the cleansing and rededication of the Temple after it was defiled by the Assyrians. The third meaning, added in medieval times, was that *latkes* symbolize the cheesecakes the widow Judith served the Assyrian general Holofernes before she cut off his head, thus delivering the Jews from the Assyrians – in another assault against the Jewish people during the Hasmonean era.

The use of potatoes in the pancakes is relatively recent, since potatoes were first brought to Europe from South America in the sixteenth century and eventually became a staple in the diet of Eastern European Jews.

Among Sephardic Jews, fried sweets are more common. In Israel, *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts), are traditional on Chanukkah. They are similar to doughnuts made throughout Germany and Austria, but they are also reminiscent of a sweet, spongy cookie popular throughout the Mediterranean area since the time of the Maccabees. The Hebrew word *sufganiyot* comes from the Greek *sufgan*, meaning "puffed and fried."



Latkes

10 medium potatoes
2 medium onions
1/4 c. matzah meal
3 eggs, beaten
salt and pepper to taste
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.)

Grate the potatoes and onions using either a hand grater or a food processor, and squeeze out as much water as possible. Mix the grated potatoes, matzah meal, eggs, salt, and pepper. 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 reheated or frozen. Before serving, lay the pancakes in one layer on a foil-lined cookie sheet and reheat in a 375 degree oven until heated through.

Serve with sour cream or applesauce.

Sufganiyot

2 packages dried yeast
4 tbsp. sugar plus sugar for rolling
3/4 c. warm milk (105-115 degrees)
2 1/2 c. flour, sifted
2 egg yolks
1 tsp. cinnamon
pinch salt
1 1/2 Tbsp. softened butter
apricot, strawberry, or raspberry preserves
oil for frying

Dissolve the yeast and 2 tablespoons sugar in milk and let sit 10 minutes. Sift flour. Place it on a board and make a well in the center. Add yeast mixture, egg yolks, salt, cinnamon, and the remaining sugar. Knead well. Work in butter and knead until dough is elastic. Cover and let rise overnight in the refrigerator.

Roll out dough on a floured board to 1/8" thickness. Cut out with glass into rounds 2" in diameter. Cover and let rise 15 minutes or more.

With your hand form a ball. Insert a teaspoon of jam and enclose completely.

Fry in hot oil (375°), 4-5 at a time, turning when brown. Drain on paper towels. Roll in sugar and serve immediately.

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 stood for the directions of the game: N-nisht (nothing); G-ganz (all); H-halb (half) and S-shtet (put), referring to coins or tokens put into the kitty or taken out.



These letters were then translated into the Hebrew letters nun (נ), gimel(ג), heh(ה), and shin (ש), and interpreted as an acronym for the phrase "Nes gadol hayah sham," "A great miracle happened there." In Israel the shin is usually changed to a peh; the peh, stands for *po* (here): "A great miracle happened *here*."

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.

It has been 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.

Symbolically, the top recalls the "turnover" of events when Judah Maccabee's meager forces vanquished the much larger Syrian 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. 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 versus Christmas

Chanukkah and Christmas are celebrated around the same time. Other than the fact that they both add light to the winter darkness, there are no similarities. At Chanukkah we Jews bring out our menorahs, our dreidels, our frying pans for latkes. There is no such symbol as a Chanukkah bush or stocking, although certain commercial elements would encourage us to take on these Christian customs. Perhaps Chanukkah has been given a popularity boost because of its proximity to Christmas. Chanukkah, Yom Kippur, and Pesach are the most widely observed Jewish holidays in the United States, but Chanukkah remains the minor holiday of the three within the Jewish holiday cycle.



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A Family Candle Lighting Ceremony

The candle lighting ceremony begins with the reading for the Shamus and the special paragraph for the day (see below). This is followed by the blessings, after which the candles are lighted and everyone joins in the singing of Chanukkah songs.



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, a-she-ki-de-sha-nu be-mits-vo-tav ve-tsi-va-nu le-had-lik ner shel Cha-nu-kah.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who hallows us with mitzvot, and Who commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukkah.



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבֹּתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

Blessed is the Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who performed miracles for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.



On the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu la-ze-man ha-zeh.

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



THE SHAMUS (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.

DAY 1: The first light tells of God, 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.

DAY 2: 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 Mitzvah is a lamp and the Law is the light."

DAY 3: 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.

DAY 4: 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.

DAY 5: 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."

DAY 6: 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."

DAY 7: 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."

DAY 8: 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."