

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 **Vayeshev** 7:30 P.M.
FAMILY SERVICE FOR SHABBAT & CHANUKKAH

Candle Blessing: Barbara Kestler

The Junior Choir will lead us in the music for services.

*Be sure to bring your family chanukiah with you
and join in a special lighting of the chanukkah candles.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 11:00 A.M.

BAT MITZVAH OF DANA LEVY

MINYAN

10:30 A.M.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 7:00 P.M.

HEALING SERVICE

(Held in the Conference Room)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 **Miketz** 8:00 P.M.

We welcome Rabbi Lawrence Kushner,
Syril & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar-in-Residence, who will speak on:

**"Invisible Lines of Connection:
Joseph Figures Out What's Going On"**

Candle Blessing: Robin Horn

Babysitting is available during Services - See inside.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 11:00 A.M.

BAR MITZVAH OF JOSHUA HORN

MINYAN

10:30 A.M.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 **Vayigash** 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Miller will speak on:

**"From Hebron to Egypt:
Dreaming of the Promised Land"**

Candle Blessing: Gloria Singer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 11:00 A.M.

BAT MITZVAH OF JESSIE SINGER

MINYAN

10:30 A.M.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH SERVICE

11:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 **Vayechi** 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Dubowe will speak on:

"Reflections of 1996"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 9:30 A.M.

TORAH STUDY AND SHABBAT WORSHIP

**JOIN US FOR
SHABBAT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES**

December 13 - 7 p.m.

See inside for more information.

Between Us ...

In early August I received a phone call from the Dean of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. "Bennett," he said, "The faculty and I would like to invite you to campus this fall to serve as our Alumnus in Residence. We want you to teach some classes, meet with students and faculty, and deliver a sermon in the school's chapel." It was a simple invitation. So I thought!

Thirty years ago this fall I entered HUC as a pre-rabbinic student. There I would live, learn, study, challenge and be challenged, with and by my fellow students and the faculty. It was a formative period in my life and it represents the transition from my childhood to adulthood, from growing up in Rochester to coming here to New Brunswick. And in my journey of life there has been a lot of territory covered in those thirty years. So going back to HUC, sitting in the same classes as years before, living in the same dormitory (but not the same room, thank God!), eating in the same cafeteria, praying in the same chapel — all of it was deeply reflective and overwhelming.

What did I learn? I certainly celebrated all that we have done together. Our congregation is a real model for many. I also learned that Jews continue to take prayer seriously and that students and faculty can struggle with and rejoice in prayer as one community. I learned that the oldest rabbinical seminary in America continues to possess a faculty that is dedicated and devoted to teaching, to scholarship, and to mentoring its students. And I learned that the future will be in good hands because the rabbinic students that I met are dedicated and determined to build a wonderful future for our people, and we, Anshe Emeth, are doing our part in contributing to that future by encouraging so many to become a part of it.

Yes, it was a simple invitation and a very profound experience. After my sermon, one of my professors said to me, "Bennett, that was some sermon. Who would have thought it!"

I am sitting home now, writing these words at my desk. I am thinking, Yeah who would have thought it? Only those with whom I have shared all the joy, the work, the struggle, the dreaming, and the fulfillment that has come since that first day I walked into the dorm. Life sure is filled with sacred steps and experiences.

Bennett J. Miller

Worship Services

Friday, December 6 - 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 Light.

Tuesday, December 10 - Healing Service

The Healing Service, led by Rabbi Dubowe, is a welcoming place for you to share grief or seek comfort. If you seek spiritual healing, or if you or a loved one is hospitalized or convalescing, we encourage you to seek the support that Judaism has to offer during the difficult times in our lives.

Friday, December 13 - Invisible Lines of Connection: Joseph Figures Out What's Going On

We welcome Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, author, rabbi, storyteller, kabbalist, humorist, teacher and more. Rabbi Kushner will speak to us as he begins the Reitman Scholar-in-Residence weekend at our Temple.

Friday, December 20 - From Hebron to Egypt: Dreaming of the Promised Land

Rabbi Miller will speak with us about current issues in Israel which affect us, the peace process, and world Jewry.

Friday, December 27 - Reflections of 1996

Rabbi Dubowe will share her personal reflections on how certain events that have occurred this past year has affected us as individuals, as a communities and as a nation as a whole.

Torah Readers - Do a mitzvah! Please volunteer to read Torah one Friday night. Call Rabbi Dubowe at 545-6484 to find out what dates are available.

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE!

During December, babysitting will be provided during Shabbat Services on Dec. 13th. 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.

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Recently I purchased a picture for my new home. I liked it immediately because it beautifully depicted two scenes of Jerusalem and it was the right size for the space where I wanted it. Then I noticed that on the bottom the artist had written "Peace and Love" and I felt like a connection to my past had been made.

When I was in college in the early seventies, (yes - I know I am dating myself - I just celebrated my 45th birthday) I was a hippie. "Peace and love" was a phrase that I and my friends used often. It was a wonderful time in my life.

We "hung out" in a big group (no cliques,) diversity was welcomed, and we were idealistic. We were not overly concerned with individual material possessions but were more focused on what we believed to be good for all of us and society in general.

It was not a very Jewish time in my life. Some of my friends were Jewish but we were a very secular and inclusive group. Our views were based on a very positive outlook on life, but this was, for me, not related to my religion.

When I first came to Anshe Emeth, I had been away from organized worship for many years and I have often been amazed at how comfortable I felt immediately. The Sanctuary is certainly beautiful and everyone I met, clergy and congregation, were very friendly but was that all that made me feel at home at Anshe Emeth?

My comfort was certainly not due to any familiarity with ritual. Anything I remembered from childhood was definitely dormant. However, what became very apparent to me as I purchased that picture was that coming to Anshe Emeth and connecting to my Judaism was really a connection back to all the ideals I valued in earlier years. Those ideals were never really gone but I needed a community through which I could express my belief that our world is diverse and wonderful.

We can all make it better by respecting that diversity and believing in the goodness of people and the betterment of community.

So the next time you see me, you may want to flash me a peace sign and say "peace and love" and I may respond "right on" or we could just look at each other and say Shalom!

Ginny Belowsky

Mini-Mester III

In Search of a Personal Theology

Rabbi Bennett Miller

Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16 - 8:00 p.m.

In the Conference Room

How do I believe in God in light of the Holocaust? And if I do believe in God, what is the nature of my belief, how do I develop it and where does it lead me in understanding good and evil in this world? Join with Rabbi Miller as he helps us shape and develop personal theologies.

Mini-Mester IV

Shabbat Choreography: Learning the Ins and Outs of Morning Tefillah

Cantor Jessica Roskin

Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16 - 8:00 p.m.

In the Library

Cantor Roskin will explore the deeper meaning of the prayers and how to worship correctly (e.g. when it is appropriate to bow.) This is a great course for minyan-goers and a nice companion course for those attending Rabbinic Intern Peter Stein's Learner's Service.



Join us for a Book Discussion

with Howard Green
Sunday, December 8
10 a.m.
in the Library

The Temple Bombing

by Melissa Faye Greene

The Temple Bombing is available in the Temple Library. The story is about the bombing of The Temple in Atlanta. This book examines the impact of that action on four different Atlanta communities. Join us in the Library for a thoughtful discussion. For more information call Robin at (908)545-6484.

Volunteers Needed for: Christmas Day

Volunteers are needed to replace support workers at the area hospitals and the Central New Jersey Home for the Aged on Dec. 25 for 1-3 hours. If you can help, call Ruth Bordo at 572-6462.

The Interfaith Shelter

Anshe Emeth is hosting the Men's Shelter during December 23-30, Christmas week. We need volunteers to spend the night in the Temple office or to do a variety of errands. If you can help, please call Julie Green at 247-2578, Harvey Stone at 613-0830, Dan Wolfson at 572-0262, or the Temple office at 545-6484.

Christmas Dinner for the Homeless 3 pm Dec. 25 at Anshe Emeth

This year Anshe Emeth will be hosting Christmas Dinner for homeless men sheltered in New Brunswick.

We have the cooks. We need help with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

We also need home-baked goodies for dessert.

If you can help on December 25, or bake, please call Deborah Cherniss at 985-9384 or the Temple office at 545-6484.



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Religious School News



Chanukkah Party

Please join us for a special morning in our Religious School as we celebrate Chanukkah. We will have a special art project for all students led by Avi Zucker-
man, Art Director of Kutz Camp (A Leadership Training Camp sponsored by the Reform Movement). Please wear old clothes or bring a smock or old shirt. This program is sponsored by the Deborah Ann Goldstein Memorial Fund. The program will be held during regular religious school hours 9:30 am -12:15 pm.

Shabbat Dinner & Family Service

All pre-K, K, 1, Enrichment & Special Education students and their families are invited to attend a **Shabbat Dinner on December 6, 5:45 pm**, followed by a Family Service for Shabbat & Chanukkah at 7:30 pm.

Mitzvah Madness Month

We set aside the month before Chanukkah as **Mitzvah Madness Month** – a time to reach out to others by giving, not only our tzedakah money, but special gifts of caring to those in need. Within our religious school, the tzedakah program is an essential part of each grade level curriculum. During Mitzvah Madness month, each grade will learn about their own specific tzedakah organization(s) and will do special projects. We will begin Mitzvah Madness Month on Tuesday & Wednesday, November 19 & 20. Our special project will be to collect crayons, colored pencils and coloring books to be donated to the Pediatric AIDS Program at UMDNJ. Please bring in these items from Nov. 19 through December 18.

Todah Rabah – Thank You Very Much

- to all of our students and parents who came to our Family Havdalah program and especially to all the parents who led one of the stations. Special thanks to: Ann Thayer-Cohen, Nancy O'Neill, Nancy Bruskin, Martin Warzala, Marilyn Koenigsberg, Sherry, Melanie & Joan Vant; and Jules Frankel for leading us in beautiful music. Yasher Koach (Congratulations) to Gail Buchbinder for a wonderful program.
- to the participants of our first Parents Night Out.
- to Ruth Bordo, Debbie Friedman, Asaf Orr, Nicole Wichinsky, Carrie Fraser & Mike Cohen for a terrific job of role playing for our High School Special. Special thanks to our facilitator, Len Brown, who engaged us all in communicating with one another.
- to Bruce Langrock for his creative storytelling. He had us all captivated!
- to Ruth Bordo & Ann Thayer-Cohen for coordinating the Personal Jewish Library Program.

News from the Gan



Now that we have digested our wonderful Harvest Feast, we are getting ready to prepare mounds of delicious Chanukkah latkes. The children enjoyed preparing a variety of dishes for their feast. Everyone enjoyed the pumpkin bread even those who insisted that they didn't like pumpkin! We sampled many delicious types of foods including dishes made with sweet potatoes, cranberries, apples and corn.

Our most exciting theme for this month is, of course, Chanukkah. The children have been practicing their repertoire of Holiday songs. This year we hope to take our show on the road. We will be visiting the residents of the Central New Jersey Home for the Aged, and hopefully bringing them a little holiday cheer as well as some jelly donuts.

The children will be presenting their wonderful Holiday Show on December 9 at 5 pm at the Temple for parents, friends and family. This will be followed by a Magic Show presented by Bruce Langrock and a Pizza/Latke Family Dinner.

There are still some limited spaces available both in the Gan and the Pre-School. If you would like further information on enrollment, please contact Helene Chelton at 545-6555.

Youth Group News

Things with all our Temple's Youth Groups are really heating up! By the time you read this AETY will have returned from its fabulous 3-day tour of Boston.

JAETY had a fun-filled afternoon before Thanksgiving, playing some great games and helping out those who are less fortunate.

Here's what is coming up:

December 8	AETY Chanukkah Party - 5pm
December 15	JAETY Mezuzah Making - 12:30pm
Dec. 27- Jan. 1	NFTY Winter Conclave
January 5	AETY Child Abuse Program
January 19	AETY & JAETY Ski Trip to Camelback

As always, the AETY Board meets at 6:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Temple Youth Committee is looking for new members. Any interested congregants please call Rabbi Dubowe or join us on December 17 at 7:30 pm.

We Welcome our New Members

We hope that you will participate in our Religious School, Educational, and Social Activities in strength and good health:

Janice Barth	Basking Ridge
Constance & Jerry Berman	Somerset
Laura & Martin Daks	Franklin Park
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Debra Schlossberg & Shlomo Nessim	Milltown
Wendy & Wayne Sholk	North Brunswick
Tracey & Mark Simon	North Brunswick
Leah & Edwin Spiegel	North Brunswick
Sharon & Steven Sullivan	East Brunswick
Sherie & Jesse Wolpert	Highland Park



ATTENTION!!! CHANUKKAH SHOPPERS!!!

There are only a few shopping days left until Chanukkah!!! Our Judaica Shop is bursting with exciting gift items for the entire family ... menorahs, stationery, jewelry, musical jewelry boxes, dreidel games, kaleidoscopes, and so much more. Please stop by.

Funds generated by the Judaica Shop are donated to the Max Marder Fund, which supports our youth in Israel programs.

We are open Friday evenings after services, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and by appointment.

Please call either Rose Dreier at 257-7868 or Judy Rothberg at 828-4845, if you need an appointment.

Library Corner



Thank you to all who attended the Central New Jersey Book Fair and purchased (new and) used books. Thank you to all who attended the official re-opening of the Anshe Emeth Memorial Library and listened to David Oshinsky speak. We are very proud of the Temple's authors and would like to set aside a special section of the library for their works. Thank you, also, to those who have been borrowing (and properly checking out) and returning our library books.

A very special thank you to Lanny and Lee Livingston for their generous contribution of the nine most recently published volumes of the Steinsaltz Talmud. *The Talmud: The Steinsaltz Edition* is a work in progress that "makes it possible for everyone to read the Talmud because it is more than just a translation" The text is filled with introductions, commentaries and marginal notes. We now own the full set of what has been published to date.

Other new titles include:

Nice Jewish Girls: Growing Up in America

What is the bond between Jewish women? *Nice Jewish Girls* is a collection of memoirs, fiction and poetry which are full of humor and wisdom, memory and affection. This allows all "Jewish Girls" to see their own reflection. Stories by Grace Paley, Amy Bloom, Vivian Gornick and many others.

Embracing the Stranger

by Ellen Jaffe McClain

Embracing the Stranger examines some of the reasons that intermarriage has increased and discusses how to help non-Jewish partners find a place in Jewish life. McClain makes a strong case for American Jews to reclaim their spiritual heritage and then bring their partners with them.

God & the Big Bang

by Daniel C. Matt

Are religion and science two separate realms? Can one make a reconciliation between the physical and spiritual worlds? *God & the Big Bang* helps us find our place in the universe — and the universe in ourselves.

The last thank you for this column goes to Sam and Nettie Kutik. They are devoted and much appreciated volunteers. They have been coming in to help me, faithfully, twice a week. They have been sticking with the job regardless of the tasks I have requested of them. With volunteers like Sam and Nettie, I know that the library has a brilliant future.

Finally, I urge you to join Sam and Nettie. Become a library volunteer. Call me at 545-6484 for more information.

Robin Rushfield

Women's Rosh Chodesh Program

Sunday 7:00-8:30 pm December 8

Join us for an intimate and spiritual experience to celebrate the new moon. In this season to celebrate heroes and heroines, please bring in a picture, object, book, or symbol of your personal hero or heroine. For more information, please call Rabbi Dubowe at 545-6484.



Join us for Shabbat Experience for Young Families Friday December 13 - 7 pm

Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and K-2 are welcome to join us with their families for a Shabbat service filled with music, stories, prayer and a special Oneg Shabbat. In this holiday season we remember that there are those less fortunate.

Please bring a new or gently used toy that can be donated to a needy child.

Babysitting is available after the service so that parents may attend regular 8 pm services. Please call the office at (908) 545-6484, if you will be using the sitting.

USHERING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 1996

Fri., Dec. 6	Sanctuary	- Diana Gonzalez Gandolfi & Dan Wolfson
	Lobby	- Michele & Paul Walter
	Delavan St.	- Sherri Schwab & Kenneth Breslauer
Sat., Dec. 7	Sanctuary	- Gloria & John Singer
Fri., Dec. 13	Sanctuary	- Felice Schragar/ Ren Reinish
	Lobby	- Carol & Neil Weinstein
	Delavan St.	- Bert Dice-Goldberg/ Florence Lefkin
Sat., Dec. 14	Lobby	- Susan & Andrew Pober
Fri., Dec. 20	Sanctuary	- Linda & Bert Busch
	Lobby	- Marcia & Gary Wesalo
	Delavan St.	- Jani & Louis Masur
Sat., Dec. 21	Sanctuary	- Hillary & Richard Freundlich
Fri., Dec. 27	Sanctuary	- Jane & Philip Cantor
	Lobby	- Marian & Paul Weiner
	Delavan St.	- Debra & Bart Moore

Please try to obtain a substitute if you are unable to usher when scheduled, and call Fred Greenstein at 248-4408 or Harvey Stone at 613-0830. (When Fred or Harvey are not available, call the Temple office at 545-6484.)

**Learn more about these
two great programs for your children.**
Join us on December 8 at 12:15 pm to learn more about *Summer in Israel Program* and on January 4 to learn more about *Camp Harlam*.

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

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by Corinne, Michael, & Andrea Johnston
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GINNY & BILL MAYER on the birth of their granddaughter, Tori Brooke
CLAIRE & IRVING SINAI on the birth of their grandson, Andrew
SELMA & HARRY POLLINS on the birth of their grandson, Daniel Joseph
JEAN GOLD on the engagement of her son, Jeffrey
NANCY & LAWRENCE BAILEY on the birth of their grandson, Eli Matthew
MARCIA & DAVID ZAJAC on the marriage of their daughter, Laura
ELAINE & ARTHUR STOLLER on the marriage of their son, Alan

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.

**IN REMEMBRANCE:
YAHREZITS FOR
DECEMBER 1996**

The names listed below are taken from the Book of Life and permanent memorial throughout the Temple. 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.

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December 6, 1996

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ISADORE SENOFF
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OTTO POLLINS
GERTRUDE T. GOODMAN
LEON NEWMAN
EDITH GREIFF
GERTRUDE LEVINE
FRIEDA HAMELSKY
EVELYN R. HAAS
ESTHER PATT
CHARLES PATT

SHABBAT

December 13, 1996

BARRETT COHN
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LILLIAN SHEINMAN
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ALFRED JAMES
JACOB GROSS
DAVIS MILLER
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ESTHER LOWEN
ROSE BRINSTEIN
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MAURICE DOAN
SUSIE LEHN
ELAINE R. NAAR

SHABBAT

December 20, 1996

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LOUIS WALKER
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THEODOR WERTHEIMER
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SADIE K. STRAUSS
ESTHER RINGEL
BELLE MIDLER
SOPHIE R. MILLER

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December 27, 1996

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EUGENIY GAMZA
mother of Sima Sherman

May her memory abide for blessing.

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December 1996

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Religious School - closed 1	Bar/Bar Mitzvah Dates 7 pm Mini Mester III In Search of a Personal Theology 8 pm Mini Mester IV Shabbat Choreography: Learning the Ins & Outs of Morning Tefillah 8 pm 2	Board of Trustees Meeting 8 pm Dance Class 6:30 pm AETY Board 6:30 pm 3	Together with Twos 10:15 am - noon Choir Rehearsal 8 pm 4	Chanukkah starts Light first candle 5	Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade Shabbat Dinner 5:45 pm Family Celebration for Shabbat & Chanukkah 7:30 pm 6	Family Program for Chanukkah 9:30 am Torah Study/Beginning Hebrew/Learners Minyan 9:30 am Celebration of Jewish Life/Minyan 10:30 am Shabbat Worship 11 am Religious School Tefillah Service 11:15 am 7
Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Purim Carnival Mtg. 9:30 am Book Discussion 10 am Summer in Israel Meeting 12:15 pm AETY 5-7 pm MAETY 2-3:30 pm Women's Rosh Chodesh 7 pm 8	Chanukkah Gan Show 5 pm Mini Mester III In Search of a Personal Theology 8 pm Mini Mester IV Shabbat Choreography: Learning the Ins & Outs of Morning Tefillah 8 pm 9	Dance Class 6:30 pm Healing Service 7pm Tzedekah Committee 8 pm Religious School Committee 8 pm 10	Together with Twos 10:15 am - noon Choir Rehearsal 8 pm Membership Committee 8 pm 11	 12	Shabbat Experience for Young Families 7-7:30 pm Reitman Scholar in Residence Weekend Shabbat Evening Service with Rabbi Lawrence Kushner 8 pm Babysitting During Services 13	Torah Study with Rabbi Kushner/Beg. Heb./Learners Minyan 9:30 am Celebration of Jewish Life/Minyan 10:30 am Shabbat Worship 11 am Religious School Tefillah Service 11:15 am Lunch with Rabbi Kushner 12:30 pm 14
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The Anshe Emeth Guide to

CHANUKKAH

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 Thursday, December 5, 1996.

*Join us for our Family Service for Shabbat & Chanukkah on December 6 at 7:30 p.m.
and remember to bring your family chanukiot with you!*

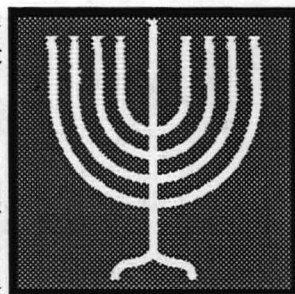
Eight Days of Celebration

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 [מְנוּרָה] 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.

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.

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.

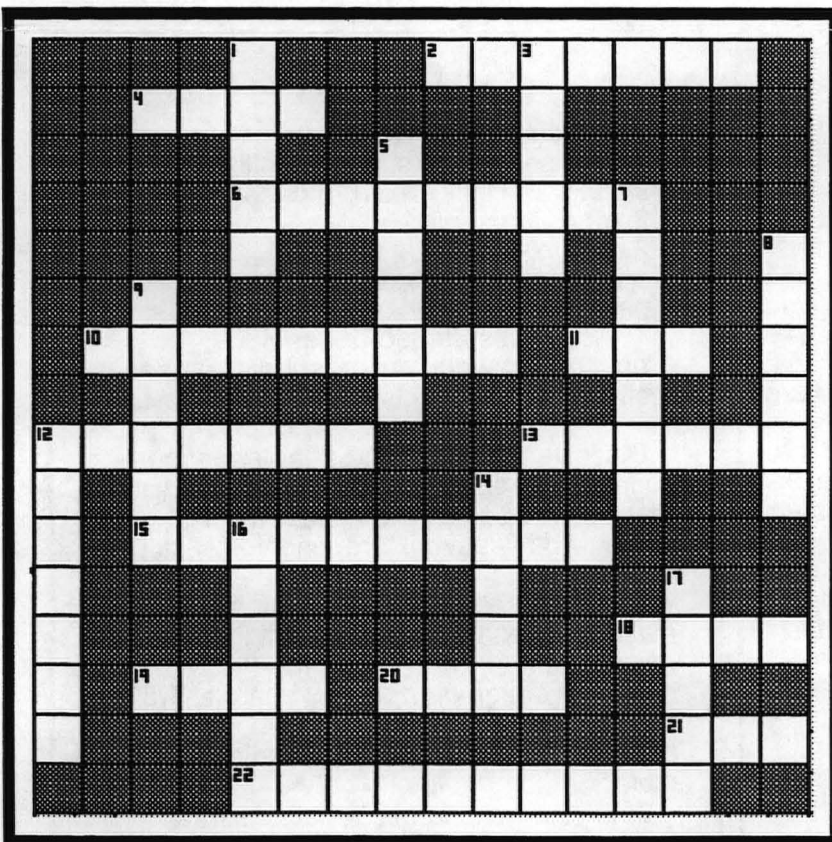
HASMONEAN: The family name of the dynasty founded by Mattathias. According to Josephus, Mattathias's great-grandfather was named Hashmon, meaning rich, prince, or noble.

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

The Dreidel

The most popular of all Chanukkah activities has always been the dreidel. As the name from the German "dreihen," to spin, implies, this is a spinning top (in Hebrew, "sevivon"). This top was popular in medieval Germany; its letters in Latin characters 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), gimmel(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.



This Chanukkah insert to the Anshe Emeth Bulletin was prepared by Joyce Nussbaum. Sources include the following: Karen Fox and Phyllis Miller, *Seasons for Celebration*; Philip Goodman, *The Hanukkah Anthology*; Daniel Syme, *The Jewish Home: A Guide for Jewish Living*; Arthur Waskow, *Seasons of our Joy*; Joan Nathan, *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, and Rabbi Bennett F. Miller, *The Anshe Emeth Chanukkah Supplement*.

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-sheer 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 לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּזֶמַן 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
ancesters in days of old, at this season.*



On the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן 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."

Sybil & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar-in-Residence Weekend

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner is the spiritual leader at Congregation Beth El in Sudbury, Massachusetts, where he has officiated since 1971. Under his leadership, its 375 families have attained national prominence for their innovation and creativity. They have translated, edited and published their own prayer-book, *V'tahaer Libenu*, the first gender neutral liturgy produced. He originated the concept of synagogue *havurot*, small family fellowship groups, and has designed and led over 75 adult and family *kalla* weekends for personal religious growth.

Rabbi Kushner has written extensively on how to incorporate spirituality to our lives as Jews. Some of Rabbi Kushner's books include *The Book of Words: Talking Spiritual Life, Living Spiritual Talk* and *The Book of Miracles: A Young Person's Guide to Spirituality*. His newest book was just published to wide acclaim: *Invisible Lines of Connection: Sacred Stories of the Ordinary*.

Invisible Lines of Connection

Friday, December 13 - Sunday, December 15, 1996

Schedule

December 13, Friday 8:00 p.m.

Shabbat Services

Invisible Lines of Connection: Joseph Figures Out What's Going On

December 14, Saturday 9:30 a.m.

Torah Study & Minyan

The Joseph Novella Revealed: All is in the Hands of Heaven, Except the Fear of Heaven

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

December 15, Sunday 10:30 a.m.

The Real Truth of What Happened: Ten Utterances at Mount Sinai

Please reserve _____ places for Saturday. Enclosed is _____ (\$10 per person) for lunch.

Name _____

Telephone number _____

_____ I will need babysitting for my child/ren for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Please circle which days.)

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Anshe Emeth Religious School

Hanukkah Party

Saturday, Dec. 7
9:30am- 12:15pm
for STUDENTS
&
PARENTS



Featuring a special art project for all religious school students led by Avi Zuckerman, Art Director of Kutz Camp (A Leadership Training Camp sponsored by the Reform movement). Please dress in comfortable clothes which you don't mind getting dirty, or bring a smock or old shirt.

Other activities include: singing, dreidel playing, eating latkes and more.

For more information, and if you are available to help that morning, please contact the Religious School office, (908) 545-6484.

This program is funded by the Deborah Ann Goldstein Memorial Fund. Deborah was a dedicated member of Anshe Emeth, serving as a teacher's aide for many years. Deborah was beloved by her students and by parents and staff. From the time of her birth until her death, anyone who met Debbie became touched by her precious spirit and soul.



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March 28 - 30, 1997

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The cost of this weekend is \$206.00 per person (based on double occupancy *)
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Please include \$35.00 per person to reserve your place.

Name _____

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Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us.

Enclosed is _____ .

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