

WORSHIP SERVICES

FRIDAY, DEC. 1 Toldot 8:00 P.M.

We welcome Dr. Michael Berenbaum as
 Syril & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar-in-Residence
 who will speak:

**"Questions for the 21st Century
 Confronting Transformed Jewish People"**

Candle Blessing: Freda Wolfson
 Babysitting during services.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
 TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH 11:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8 Vayetze 8:00 P.M.
 Rabbi Gold will speak:

"A Culture of Competition"

Candle Blessing: Nancy O'Neill

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 11:00 A.M.
 BAT MITZVAH OF CARLY O'NEILL
 TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH 11:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15 Vayishlach 8:00 P.M.
 Cantor Ott with

the Adult Volunteer & High School Choirs presents:

"The Art Song of Chanukah"

Candle Blessing: Amy Lubcher

The Adult Volunteer Choir will lead us in music.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 11:00 A.M.
 BAT MITZVAH OF ALLIE LUBCHER
 TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.
 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEFILLAH 11:15 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22 Vayeshev 7:30 P.M.

Family Service for Shabbat & Chanukah

Candle Blessing: Susan Chanin

The Junior Choir will lead us in music.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
 TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 29 Miketz 8:00 P.M.

Rabbi Miller will speak:

"And I Will Betrothe You Unto Me"

Candle Blessing: Helen Senzel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
 TORAH STUDY & MINYAN 9:30 A.M.

Please join us for
*Shabbat Le'ladeem- Shabbat Service
 for Young Children*

Friday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Between Us...

The Zohar teaches:

*God creates new worlds constantly — by causing
 marriages to take place.*

What a splendid notion! Every time a bride and groom stand under the Chuppah a new world is created. I know the truth of that for I have witnessed that birthing moment so many times over the years. And every time that such a new world is created there is the promise of tomorrow, there is hope, there is a sense that the world will be a better place. I know that, too, as I have witnessed the unconditional joy of bride and groom, the way that they look into each others' eyes, and the way that their hearts become one.

Soon Joan and I will stand under the Chuppah and behold our first born child, our Ellie, together with Nathan Lynn, her husband to be, as they recite those magnificent words of our tradition that speak of love, of devotion, and of the creation of a new world. We know that it will be a moment of true celebration and we look forward to sharing it with family and friends.

How we wish that we could share such a precious moment with all of you. After all, we have shared in so many moments of rejoicing with you and your families over the years that we have been together. But a wedding of such proportion is not possible; it would transform a beautiful intimate moment of beginning into an all too public ceremony, not befitting this beautiful bride and handsome groom.

Instead, we invite you to join with us when Ellie and Nathan will be called to the Torah and when we as a congregation will bless them in our sanctuary. As you know, Ellie grew up in our congregation and today serves as a Rabbi in another one, at Sharey Tefilo-Israel, in South Orange. She and Nathan will be called to the Torah in both congregations and in each sanctuary they will receive the blessing of so many who love them. We will welcome them here on Friday evening, December 29 when they will join us and we hope that all of you will be able to share with us.

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Yes, a new world is about to begin. It is the world of Ellie and Nathan. I know that it will be a world built upon so much love — love that emanates from the two of them and that is nurtured from all those who love them — their families and their congregations. May the new world that they create become a model of goodness, of sacred living, and may it be the harbinger of a beautiful future for our children, our families, and all humankind.

Bennett F. Miller

Worship Services

Friday, December 1 – *Questions for the 21st Century Confronting Transformed Jewish People*

We welcome Dr. Michael Berenbaum as our Syril & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar in Residence.

Friday, December 8 – *A Culture of Competition*

The American education fosters in our kids an endless cycle of competition. What critique does the Jewish tradition offer? And is there anything that we can do with it? Rabbi Gold will share some Jewish texts and insights

Friday, December 15 – *The Art Song of Chanukah*

There is a vast repertoire of music inspired by the miracles and quest for freedom in the Chanukah story, going way beyond dreidels and latkes. Cantor Ott will be joined by the Adult Volunteer Choir and the High School Choir in presenting new settings of old favorites as well as some of the lesser-known texts associated with Chanukah. Our special musical guest will be Christopher Keniff, classical guitarist.

Friday, December 22 – Join us with your family in a wonderful celebration of Shabbat and Chanukah. We invite everyone to bring their chanukkiot to the Temple and join in a special lighting of the Chanukah candles. We will sing Chanukah songs and rejoice in our Festival of Lights. Our Junior Choir leads us in music. **Please note this service starts at 7:30 p.m.**

Friday, December 29 – *And I Will Betrothe You Unto Me!*

Rabbi Miller will share thoughts and words about the meaning of love and marriage in Jewish tradition.

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Officer's Column

As we gather as individual families and as a Congregation to celebrate the warmth and joy of Chanukah, others less fortunate in New Brunswick will struggle to simply find a place to spend the frigid winter nights. Anshe Emeth has for many years participated with six other New Brunswick congregations in the Interfaith Emergency Shelter program in order to meet this critical need, which can only be expected to increase. Catholic Charities sponsors the Ozanam Shelter in New Brunswick, but it does not have the capacity to meet the needs of an ever increasing homeless population.

Our congregation will host the shelter from December 24 to 31, 2000 and again in March 2001. We need your help! In addition to volunteers to stay overnight at the shelter, we need people who are willing to help with tasks such as laundry and moving the equipment to the next congregation after each of our one week stints concludes. Anything you can do to help is sorely needed and appreciated.

The people we house will literally have no other place to go if our program is forced to close for lack of volunteers as the Ozanam Shelter is filled beyond capacity in the winter months. I know that our Temple community would never let that happen, as Tikun Olam, or repair of the world, starts right here in our New Brunswick community. If you can help or just want some more information without any obligation, please call Andrew Workman, Dan Wolfson, me or the staff at the Temple office.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Chanukah!

Steven Satz

Recording Secretary

Shabbat Le'ladeem

Shabbat Service for Young Children

Friday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and K-1 graders are welcome to join us with their families for a Shabbat service filled with music, stories, prayer and special Oneg.

Babysitting Available!

During December, babysitting will be provided during Shabbat Services on December 1. Please e-mail Shari Rothstein at SJRGroup@home.com or call her at 422-4489 to let her know you will be bringing your children. Reservations for babysitting should be made a week in advance so we can be sure to have enough sitters. Thank you for your cooperation.

You are invited to join us in December

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

Dr. Michael Berenbaum

Friday, December 1 - Sunday, December 3, 2000

Friday, Dec. 1 at 8:00 p.m. - *Questions for the 21st Century*

Confronting Transformed Jewish People

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:30 a.m. - *Consciousness & the Holocaust for the 21st Century*

Does the Holocaust Still Speak to Us

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. *Afternoon Study with Dr. Berenbaum*

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 10:30 a.m. - *Who Said What to Whom at Sinai and*

How Can We Get in on the Conversation

Join us for lunch on Saturday. Please call the Temple office to reserve.

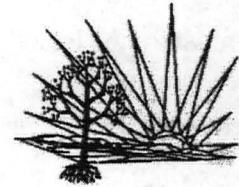
For more information about the weekend please call the Temple office at 545-6484.

Join us for our Keepers of Jewish Excellence

Susannah Heschel

The Writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel

Sunday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.



Susannah Heschel is the Eli Black professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, in the Department of Religion, and serves as Chair of the Jewish Studies Program. She is the author of numerous studies of modern Jewish thought, including *Abraham Geiger and the Jewish Jesus*, published by the University of Chicago Press, and *Insider/Outsider: American Jews and Multiculturalism*, co-edited with David Biale and Michael Galchinsky, published by the University of California Press.

Prof. Heschel served as the Martin Buber Visiting Professor of Jewish Religious Philosophy at the University of Frankfurt in 1992-93, and has lectured frequently in Germany on topics related to Jewish-Christian relations, and on feminism and religion. She is the editor of the classic collection of essays, *On Being a Jewish Feminist*, which first appeared in 1983, and is currently working with Rachel Biale on a collection of essays exploring feminist readings of the classical Jewish texts. Together with Robert Ericksen, she has edited a new volume of essays, *Betrayal: German Churches and the Holocaust*. In 1996 she published an anthology of her father's writings, entitled *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity: Essays of Abraham Joshua Heschel*.

Prof. Heschel was invited to the UN Earth Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, to speak on Judaism as part of a panel on religion and the environment. In 1994 she spoke at the UN Conference on Population and Development, in Cairo, on Judaism and population ethics.

Professor Heschel spent the 1997-98 academic year as a fellow at the national Humanities Center, where she was writing a book about a group of Protestant theologians in Nazi Germany. Her search is based on hitherto unknown archival materials she uncovered in the former East Germany.

Please join us as we welcome

Rabbi David J. Forman
A View from Jerusalem
Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi David Forman, author of the highly acclaimed *Israel on Broadway: America: Off-Broadway - Jews in the New Millennium* and the newly released, *Jewish Schizophrenia in the Land of Israel*, is a director of International Educational Programs in Israel. American-born and educated, Israeli citizen and human rights activist, he is well acquainted with both Israel and the Diaspora.

Having lived in Israel for over twenty-five years, he served as a deputy-commander in the Israeli army & received a medal of meritorious service in the line of duty. He was the founding chairperson of the Jerusalem Council for Soviet Jewry and a past chairperson of Interns for Peace, a community-based program for Israeli Jews and Arabs. Lecturing world wide on the role of religion in Middle East peacemaking, including at the Nobel Institute and the United Nations International Human Rights Forum, he founded Israeli Rabbis for Human Rights, for which he was awarded the prestigious Knesset Peace Prize.

As a columnist for the Israeli English and Hebrew press, he has written extensively on social, religious and political issues in Israel.

Opportunities for Tikkun Olam

Volunteers Needed for the Interfaith Shelter

Anshe Emeth is hosting the Men's Shelter **December 24-31**. We need volunteers to spend the night in the Temple office or to do a variety of errands. If you can help, please call Andrew Workman at 422-0657, Steve Satz at 297-5461, Dan Wolfson at 572-0262.

Join us for our Annual Winter Mitzvah Day on Monday, December 25

We will have activities for all ages. Spend the afternoon with us. Some activities will be at the Temple and others will be in the community. Cook dinner or bake desserts for the men at the shelter, visit with residents at The Wilentz Apartments, serve at Elijah's Promise, and join in other activities. Spend a few hours in the afternoon working together for Tikun Olam.

Please call Ann Thayer-Cohen for more information at 819-0580 or email at amc@poboxes.com.

Join us for our Headliner

Learning about Jewish Spirituality from the Addicted and Those in Recovery

Rabbi Eric M. Lankin

Monday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Eric M. Lankin, D. Min. is the executive Director of the New Jersey Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Born in Philadelphia, he graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he received a BA in Marketing in 1978. Rabbi Lankin entered the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in New York where he earned his Masters in Judaica and Ordination in 1985. He has earned two Post-Masters Certificates from the Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute of the Institutes of Religion and Health and the Post-Graduate Center for Mental Health in Pastoral Care and Pastoral Counseling. He received his Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and wrote his thesis on spiritual recovery for Jewish pathological gamblers.

Drawings of Anshe Emeth

James S. Gaspari

Monday, December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Gaspari is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and a past president of the New Jersey State Board of Architects. During the last twenty years, Jim has been involved with the design and construction of about forty houses of worship, including Anshe Emeth, as well as, in collaboration with Natan Rapoport, the Liberty State Park Memorial that houses the "Liberation Monument." The monument has received worldwide acclaim as a testament to the American GI's who liberated the surviving victims of the Holocaust. His grandfather, also named James Gaspari, was one of the founders of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City.

Turn Friday Night into Shabbat

Please join us for

Congregational Shabbat Dinner Friday, December 15

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM

Complete Shabbat Dinner*

Guests Welcome

**Food products kosher*

Also, you can sign up for future dates

March 23 April 20

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed* \$ _____

Adults _____ @ \$18.00

Children 5-12 _____ @ \$9.00

Children under 5 _____ @ \$5.00

Reservations must be received no later than one week before the dinner.

Reservations made after that date will be based on availability.

**Includes 3% contribution to Mazon*

Music Notes

As I'm sure you know by now, Anshe Emeth has one of the finest temple music programs around. We involve kids and adults in sharing the joy of Shabbat and holidays via our wonderful music heritage, providing the stuff of memories for a long time to come.

Our Junior Choir, for children in grades 3-6, is a tradition that is almost 60 years old. Many of our children are second and third generation Junior Choir members. They sing once a month at the Family Folk Services. At these services we focus on the pop/folk segment of Jewish music, which ranges from Shalom Carlebach to our exciting new Argentinian Lecha Dodi which originated (via Camp Harlam) with Argentinian rabbis at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun ("BJ") in New York City. And of course there is a wide spectrum in between including American composers Debbie Friedman, Jeff Klepper, Steve Reuben, Steve Dropkin, Doug Cotler, and many more. Enhancing the singing of the Junior Choir is our Folk Service Band, consisting of a core of professional musicians plus student guitarists from my Sunday morning Songleading Class as well as other very talented high school age instrumentalists, who themselves value the opportunity to share their talents in a Jewish setting. If you haven't been to one of these Folks Services in a long time, I highly recommend that you attend our next one on December 22, which is during Chanukah. I guarantee you will have a great time and leave with a smile on your face. The music we do is really terrific.

Another important music opportunity for our children in this age group is their weekly music class with me during Hebrew School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During this time we learn songs for Shabbat and holidays and songs based on other Jewish texts. However, this is not just a music class. It is an opportunity for me to share with them the meanings and lessons of these texts, as well as Hebrew reading practice for them. If you are available to sit in on a class, please do so and see what your children are learning. And then you can sing these songs at home!

Our High School Choir, for singers in grades 7-12, has grown this year and is ready to take a more active part in the music life of Anshe Emeth. They will be singing at four Friday night services including the AETY Creative Service, as well as Shabbat morning services in the Sanctuary. As a former public school music teacher, I feel it's extremely important to show our middle school and high school age singers that there is a repertoire of legitimate Jewish choral music of which they can be proud. I have engaged in dialogues with their public

school choral directors and exchanged music with them. In addition, there are opportunities for our High School Choir to take part in events with Hazamir, the National Jewish High School Choir – including an overnight sing-in in New York City during the winter and the Shir Joy mini-choral festival. I am also planning a field trip for us to see a concert by a Jewish singing group that I know they will love.

The Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple All Volunteer Nominating Choir has been a solid fixture in the life of our Temple for the last 27 years, and it is truly an honor for me to be part of its *shalsholet kabbalah* ("chain of tradition").

November was an extremely busy month for us. In addition to singing at our regular once-a-month Friday night service, we took part in several special events. Hillary Corburn, wife of choir member Gene, received a grant to take a "March of the Living"-type tour over the summer to visit sites of the Holocaust and Israel, and to adapt the lessons learned from the experience towards teaching young children. She gave a moving presentation at the Highland Park Conservative Temple on November 9 and the Anshe Emeth Adult Choir provided part of her "soundtrack" with excerpts from the Shoah program we did last spring with our Hamelsky scholar Josh Jacobson. On Sunday November 12 we continued our relationship with the Kingston United Methodist Church by singing at their Sunday service. On Sunday November 21 we took part in an interfaith Thanksgiving service at Christ Church in New Brunswick with the choirs and clergy of Christ Church and Emanuel Lutheran Church. We have acquired some new members among Anshe Emeth congregants who had been observing on the sidelines for a while, as well as some Rutgers students whose youthful energy is a refreshing addition.

In December the Adult and High School Choirs will join me in presenting our first Special Music Shabbat, which will celebrate the *Art Song of Chanukah*. You will hear some dazzling contemporary arrangements of old favorites as well as new creations in Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and Ladino. Our special musical guest will be Christopher Kenniff, classical guitarist.

We have a busy schedule planned for the winter, so please stay tuned for announcements of all music events. And come and join us!

Cantor Anna West Ott

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 Thursday, December 21, 2000.

Bring you family chanukiah on Friday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m.
Join us in a special lighting of the Chanukkah candles after services in Reitman Hall.

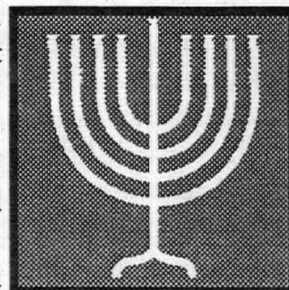
Eight Days of Celebration

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.

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), 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.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל תְּנֻכָּה.

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.



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם, בְּיָמֵינוּ 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:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵיָנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְיָמֵינוּ 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."

IN REMEMBRANCE: YAHREZITS FOR DECEMBER

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.

SHABBAT

DECEMBER 1, 2000

SELIG ROSEN
FLORENCE OPPERMAN
SAMUEL ZWIEBEL
MAX LEVY
EMMETT D. TOPKINS
LUBA TRACHTENBERG
CHARLES ZAGOREN
ROSE B. LEVY
IDA M. FALK
ISIDOR FRANK
ROSE RIFKIN
MICHAEL ROSENTHAL
LEO ROSENBERG
IRMA JECK
FRANCES LIVINGSTON SANGER
THEODORE COHN
LOUIS ROSENFELD
MOSES WALLACH
EDWARD E. DEUTSCH
ISRAEL GENDELMAN
DR. NATHAN KARSHMER
ISHMAEL SKLAREW
SELMA KLEIN MILLER
EDWARD BREUER
JEROME H. ODENHEIMER
DORA F. TAMAROFF
ALEX K. SCHULMAN
JOSEPH F. ESPOSITO
NATHANIEL LEON FRANKEL

SHABBAT

DECEMBER 8, 2000

ISADORE SENOFF
PHILIP M. BRENNER
NATHAN SCHWARTZ
YETTA KIRSCHNER
BURTON EISENMAN
HOWARD TAVSS
SYLVIA EDELBERG
ARTHUR H. ZECKENDORF
DR. ABRAHAM LADOV
LILLIAN LEFKOWITS MOSKOVITZ
ROGER GREEN
OTTO POLLINS
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LEON NEWMAN
EDITH GREIFF
GERTRUDE LEVINE
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EVELYN R. HAAS

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LILLIAN SHEINMAN
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FREDA NORTH
ALFRED JAMES
CHARLES PATT
JACOB GROSS
DAVIS MILLER
RUTH L. LALIN
STEVEN D. COHEN

SHABBAT

DECEMBER 15, 2000

JACK WOLFE
SYLVIA "SONIA" EISENMAN
HANNAH WEIL COHN
ETHEL KUSHAKOW
DR. B. BERNARD CHILTON
NORMAN WILLNER
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

SHABBAT

DECEMBER 22, 2000

EUGENE ARKY
NATHAN KASTELANSKY
DOROTHY GETZ
SOLOMON KIRSCHNER
ISIDOR REHAUT
HARRY HAAS
FANNIE BRUSKIN
WILLIAM H. SCHLESINGER
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WARREN GLASER
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SADIE K. STRAUSS

ESTHER RINGEL
BELLE MIDLER
SOPHIE R. MILLER
DAVID H. LEVIN
SOPHIE HIRSH
BERTHA GOTTLIEB
ANNE TOPPER
IRVING HAHN

SHABBAT

DECEMBER 29, 2000

JAMES WILLIAM HARVIE
SARAH POLLINS
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ARLEEN DAVIS
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HERMAN LEON HANAUER
ROSE HIRSH MULHAUSER
IRVING C. SPICE
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DAVID S. SHRIBER
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MAX COHEN
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DAVERICH
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SOL R. LALIN
LEAH SHAPIRO
SOLOMON BERZ
RABBI NATHANIEL M. KELLER
MAX MARDER
DORA O. ZECKENDORF

IN MEMORIAM

ESSIE COHEN

mother of Barry Cohen

WATSON MAGETT

father of Elizabeth Lubin

ROSALIN MARKS

sister of Dr. Milton Seiden

*We extend deepest condolences to
their families.*

May their memory abide for blessing.

Tributes - December 2000

Jewish tradition encourages honoring loved ones and friends at special times through acts of Tzedakah. We gratefully acknowledge contributions made to the Temple's Special Funds.

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Bat Mitzvah of:

Allie Lubcher

by Amy, Jeremy, Steven, & Evan Lubcher

Carly O'Neill

by Nancy, Harold, & Lindsay O'Neill

In Honor of:

Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca

Esther

by Randi D. Friedman

Special birthday of Florence Freedman

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by Deborah Cherniss

In Memory of:

Gladys Borrus

by Florence Ornstein

Henry Busch

by Florence Ornstein

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Bat Mitzvah of:

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In Honor of:

Cantor Anna West Ott

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engagement of their daughter Brenda

by Shirley & Jerry Sherman

Jill Siegelheim on the engagement
of her son Matthew

by Carole & Norman Rosenberg

In Memory of:

Isadore Yablonsky

by Shirley & Jerry Sherman

Debbie & Leon Stark

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Bat Mitzvah of:

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Carly O'Neill

by Nancy, Harold, & Lindsay O'Neill

In Honor of:

Lorry & Bob Leavitt on the engagement
of their son Benjamin to Gayle Moritz

by the Brandenburg Family

In Memory of:

Blanche Nathan

by Georgia & Charles Weiner

Sybil Neiman

by Roberta, Harvey, & Alison Stone

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In Honor of:

Rabbi Bennett Miller

by Amy, Jeremy, Steven, Evan,
& Allie Lubcher

Nancy, Harold, Carly, & Lindsay O'Neill

Rabbi Neal Gold

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O'Neill

Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca Ester
by Randi D. Friedman

LIBRARY FUND

Bar Mitzvah of:

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In Honor of:

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engagement of their son Jeremy to Amy

by Linda & Bert Busch & Family

Brenda Berger on the birth of her
granddaughter Alison Rose

by Turbi & Paul Smilow

Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca
Esther

by Randi D. Friedman

In Memory of:

Henry Busch

by Ruth & Norman Rosenberg

PRAYERBOOK FUND

In Honor of:

50th Wedding Anniversary of

Blossom & Jerry Lowen

by Renee & Herman Harris

In Memory of:

Blanche Nathan

by Birdie Lefkowitz

MAX MARDER FUND

Bar Mitzvah of:

Adam Workman

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In Honor of:

Rona & John Fitzgerald on the

B'nai Mitzvah of their sons

Daniel Benjamin & John Joseph

by Thelma & Hal Shriber

Helene & Norman Schwartz on the

B'nai Mitzvah of their grandsons

Daniel Benjamin & John Joseph

by Thelma & Hal Shriber

Ann Zar & Arthur Taub on the

installation of their son Rabbi

Joshua Taub at B'nai Jehudah

by Rona & Mike Solberg

50th Wedding Anniversary of

Blossom & Jerry Lowen

by Joan & Larry Golden

Bobby & Bob Stone & Family

Lorry & Bob Leavitt on the engagement

of their son Benjamin to Gayle Moritz

by Bernice & Fred Swidler

Joan & Larry Golden on the birth of

their granddaughter Raleigh

by Blossom & Jerry Lowen

Debra Lotz on the baby naming of her

granddaughter Rebecca Esther

by Ann & Don Paszamant

Special birthday of Ruth Bennett

by Bobby & Bob Stone & Family

In Memory of:

Hyman Grossman

by Bernice & Fred Swidler

Irwin Max

by Blossom & Jerry Lowen

Bea Reiss

by Bernice & Fred Swidler

Blanche Jacobs Nathan

by I. Richard Jacobs

& David & Marian Jacobs

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Isadore Yablonsky

by Bernice & Fred Swidler

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Steven Davis

by Debby & Leon Stark

Carly O'Neill

by her sister Lindsay O'Neill

In Honor of:

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Slater on the Bat

Mitzvah of their granddaughter

by Barbara & Jerry Block

Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Wiess on the Bat

Mitzvah of their granddaughter Samantha

by Barbara & Jerry Block

Gail & Mervin Kroop on the marriage of

their son Philip to Lisa Rosen

by Yasmin & Sam Fisher

Susan & Bruce Arbeiter on the birth of

their grandson

by Carole & Norman Rosenberg

Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca

Esther

by Randi D. Friedman

Bea Adler

by Shari & Marc Rothstein

Mark Sigman

by Ann & Don Paszamant

In Memory of:

James Benenfeld

by Jennifer, Ben, Jeremy & Joshua Haftel

Barbara & Malcolm Busch on the birth
of their grandson Ethan Joseph
by Elinor & Harold Oertell
Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca
Esther

by Randi D. Friedman
Jackie & Barnes Keller on the birth
of their grandson
by Elinor & Harold Oertell
Birth of our granddaughter
Francie Brooke Benjamin
by Roz & Marv Ladov
Beth & Charles Levinston on the
baby naming of their grandson Jack
by Ethel L. Meyer

In Memory of:

Norman Landman
by Ina & Alan Stull
Sybil Neiman
by Susan & Howard Freeman

RABBI MILLER CHAI FUND

In Honor of:

Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca
Esther
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Marathon run of Sandy Weiner
by Sara Maskin

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Bar/Bat Mitzvah of:

Allie Lubcher
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Carly O'Neill
by Shoshana Parsells
Max Sharp-Fried
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Adam Workman
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In Honor of:

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& Allie Lubcher
Carly O'Neill
Marcia & David Zajac on the birth
of their granddaughter Sophie Ella
by Shoshana & Bob Parsells
Joyce & Roger Nussbaum on their son
& daughter-in-law passing the New York
bar exam
by Shoshana & Bob Parsells

**ELAINE NAAR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

In Memory of:

Anita Gold
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FUND**

In Honor of:

Ann Zar & Arthur Taub on the installation
of their son Rabbi Joshua Taub at B'Nai
Jehudah
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Marriage of our granddaughter Jill Melissa
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by Syril & Norman Reitman
Sydney & Charles Brandwein on the
engagement of their son Jeremy to Amy
by Elisabeth & Donald King
Maxine & Marty Chodroff on the engage-
ment of their daughter Brenda
by Linda & Bert Busch & Family
Sandi & Don Sulam
Joyce & Alvin Glasgold on the engagement
of their son Robert

by Adele & Jack Borrus
Barbara & Malcolm Busch on the
birth of their grandson Ethan Joseph
by Joanne & Elliot Cohen
Sally & Bill Flieder on the arrival of
their grandson Benjamin
by Phyllis & Alan Romm
Debra Lotz on the safe arrival of
her granddaughter Rebecca Esther
by Elisabeth & Donald King
Sandi & Don Sulam on the birth of
their grandson Luke George
by Linda & Bert Busch & Family
75th birthday of Lee Naar
by Susan, Stuart, Brandon, Garrett,
& Dylan Kohn

In Memory of:

James Benenfeld
by Susan, Stu, Brandon, Garrett,
& Dylan Kohn
Deborah Ann Goldstein
by Marian & Morris Auyash
Phyllis & Alan Romm
Sandi & Don Sulam
Steve Gordon
by Lynn Grater
Susan, Stuart, Brandon, Garrett, &
Dylan Kohn
Rona & Mike Solberg

JEFFREY ANDREW MEMORIAL FUND

In Honor of:

Ellen & Michael Brown on the engagement
of their son Greg
by Carol Adelman & Ricki
Maxine & Martin Chodroff on the
engagement of their daughter Brenda
by Carol Adelman & Ricki
Susan Edelstein on the birth of her
granddaughter Ariella
by Carol Adelman & Ricki
In Memory of:
Sybil Neiman
by Carol Adelman & Ricki

NATHAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bar Mitzvah of:

Matthew Kaplan
by Frances & Robert Cohn

The Temple has received the following
contributions for MAZON:

In memory of Sylvia Stern Heisler
by Deborah, Cary, & Joshua Cherniss

In memory of Irwin Max
by Gloria Cohn & Sam Schmidt
Sara Maskin
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MAZEL TOV ...

BARBARA & MALCOLM BUSCH on
the birth of their grandson Ethan
Joseph
SUE & MERV DICKINSON on the birth
of their grandson, Michael
JOAN & LARRY GOLDIN on the birth
of their granddaughter, Raleigh
JACKIE & BARNES KELLER on the
birth of their grandson, Matthew
ROZ & MARVIN LADOV on the birth
of their granddaughter, Francie Brooke
HARRIET STEINBERG on the birth of
her grandson
JAN & LESLIE UNGER on the birth of
their granddaughter, Nicole
SYDNEY & CHARLES BRANDWEIN
on the engagement of their son, Jeremy
JANE D. HOCHMAN & MICHAEL F.
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daughter, Robin
SYRIL & NORMAN REITMAN on the
marriage of their granddaughter, Jill

For your information:

Please consider gifting stock to the
Temple. Contact your tax consultant to
see if this would be an option for you.

Anshe Emeth CDC (Community
Development Corp.) qualifies as an
United Way 501 C3 and is on the
internet as a choice.

Entertainment Books are on sale in the
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Roni, Gary, Ian, & Robyn Lachow
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by Cindi, Howie, Ben, & Katherine
Jacobs
Blanche Nathan
by Judy & Harold Tamaroff
Syvil Neiman
by Susan, Ira, & David Barkoe

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

Bat Mitzvah of:

My Bat Mitzvah
by Carly O'Neill

In Honor of:

50th Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Diamond
by Muriel & Carl Clawans
60th Wedding Anniversary of
Sol & Mary Dubin
by Cheryl, Warren, Todd, Lisa,
& Meredith Sweberg
50th Wedding Anniversary of
Blossom & Jerry Lowen
by Bernice & Harold Bruskin
Phyllis Goffredo, Suzy, & Bob Newman
Lorraine Levine
Debra Lotz & Family
Frankie & Mark Busch on the marriage
of their daughter Johanna to Jeff
by Carole & Norman Rosenberg
Carole & Sam Eichenbaum on the
marriage of their son Peter to Lisa
by Carole & Norman Rosenberg
Turbi & Paul Smilow
Mr. & Mrs. David Gordon on the
marriage of Jerry
by Roberta & Alex Metzger
Susan & Ken Schultz on the marriage
of their son Andrew
by Linda & Bert Busch & Family
Eleanor & Bob Stone on the marriage
of their daughter Heather
by Roberta & Alex Metzger
Sydney & Charles Brandwein on the
engagement of their son Jeremy to Amy
by Linda & Bert Busch
Turbi & Paul Smilow
Joyce & Alvin Glasgold on the engagement
of their son Robert
by Turbi & Paul Smilow
Lorry & Bob Leavitt on the engagement
of their son Benjamin to Gayle Moritz
by Gail & Howard Weber & Family
Barbara & Malcolm Busch on the birth
of their grandson Ethan Joseph
by Bernice & Harold Bruskin
Sharon Karmazin
Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca
Esther
by Randi D. Friedman

Joan & Larry Golden on the birth of their
granddaughter Raleigh
by Roberta & Alex Metzger
Roz & Marv Ladov on the birth of their
granddaughter Francie Brooke
by Roberta & Alex Metzger
Phyllis & Maurice Michelson & Family
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Special birthday of Florence Freedman
by Jane Freedman
Carole Eichenbaum for a speedy recovery
of her sister Judy
by Turbi & Paul Smilow
Speedy recovery of Barbara Lowen
by Debra Lotz
The Taub Family
by Jane Freedman
In Memory of:
Bernice Gladstone
by Toni & Steve Kozak
Deborah Rose & Jorge Buher-Vidal
Irwin Max
by Jane Freedman
Sybil Neiman
by Toni & Steve Kozak
Gail & Howard Weber & Family
Glenn Rosenberg
by Marsha & Sorie Knox
Kenneth Wolfson
by Linda & Bert Busch & Family
Georgia & Charles Weiner

P.T.O. FUND

In Honor of:

Bill Robinson
by Amy, Jeremy, Steven, Evan,
& Allie Lubcher

RINA B. PAKENHAM FUND

In Honor of:

Frankie & Mark Busch on the marriage
of their daughter Johanna to Jeffrey Skier
by Barbara & Leonard Littman
Jane & Philip Cantor on the marriage
of their daughter Mollie to Barry Negrin
by Barbara & Leonard Littman
Gail & Mervin Kroop on the marriage of
their son Philip to Lisa Rosen
by Barbara & Leonard Littman
Rabbi Neal & Heidi Gold on the
birth of their son Avi Philip
by Barbara & Leonard Littman

In Memory of:

Henry Busch
by Barbara & Leonard Littman
Sybil Neiman
by Sharon & Brian Taxman

TZEDAKAH FUND

Bat Mitzvah of:

Carly O'Neill
by grandmother Christina O'Neill

In Honor of:

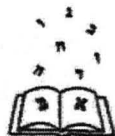
Rabbi Neal Gold
by Amy, Jeremy, Steven, Evan
& Allie Lubcher
Josie Pizer on the marriage of
her son Jason
by Linda & Alan Getz
Sydney & Charles Brandwein on
the engagement of their son Jeremy
by Linda & Alan Getz
Debby & Leon Stark
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engagement of their son Greg
by Linda & Alan Getz
Maxine & Marty Chodroff on the
engagement of their daughter Brenda
by Linda & Alan Getz
Turbi & Paul Smilow on the engagement
of their daughter Peri
by Linda & Alan Getz
Rabbi Neal & Heidi Gold on the birth
of their son Avi Philip
by Hannah & Sandy Gurtov
Baby naming of my daughter Rebecca
Esther
by Randi D. Friedman
Lorraine & Roy Muro on the birth of their
granddaughter Isabella Rose
by Linda & Alan Getz
Marcia & David Zajac on the birth of
their granddaughter Sophie Ella
by Linda & Alan Getz
Special birthday of Selma Topper
by Linda & Alan Getz
Speedy & complete recovery of
Marilyn Goldsmith
by Linda & Alan Getz
Ann Thayer Cohen
by Deborah Cherniss
Frieda Hudesman
by Fay Sosnick
In Memory of:
Sid Appel
by Rita & Tom Levy
& Barbara & Jerry Block
Ceil Blank
by Marilyn & Allan Schulman
Walter Heineman
by Hannah & Sandy Gurtov
Ted Marks
by Marilyn & Allan Schulman
Blanche Nathan
by Lorraine & Leon Smith

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EDUCATION & DAY CARE FUND

In Honor of:

Carol & Alan Benjamin on the birth of
their granddaughter Francie Brooke
by Roz & Marv Ladov
Jennifer & Barry Benjamin on the
birth of their daughter Francie Brooke
by Roz & Marv Ladov

Religious School News



On November 1, we began a new program of teacher education at Anshe Emeth. Our religious school teachers gathered together for dinner and two hours of Jewish text study. We will be doing this four more times during the school year. At each session, we will focus on the learning and teaching of a different aspect of Tefillah.

This past session, we studied together the bedtime Sh'ma. According to tradition, each Jew is obligated to say the Sh'ma before going to sleep. We explored and discussed the possible reasons for saying the Sh'ma at this time of the day – as a ritual of separation, as a time of contemplation, and as a way of shedding the days' worries in order to achieve a peaceful night's rest.

Each of us will wrestle with this small, yet rich, Jewish practice and reflect upon our experience as a group during our next meeting. I ask you (reading this) to join us in this endeavor. Try it out for a couple of weeks – do it alone or do it with your children during their bedtime. Then, tell me about your experiences.

Please note that school will be closed beginning Saturday, December 23rd and will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Lastly, a special thanks to Ann Thayer-Cohen and Sara Levine for helping with our Family Shabbat Dinners.

Bill Robinson,
Director of Education

Gan News



I can hardly believe we are starting to get ready for Chanukah. November whizzed by “faster than a speeding bullet.” No, it's not Superman, it's the “super” babies, toddlers, boys and girls who come to the David H. Meyer Children's Center, and learn how to make friends, how to become independent and caring in our safe and warm environment.

Our wonderful, caring staff greet each child upon arrival and prepare fun filled activities which allow the children to learn about their Jewish culture, as well as social skills, reading readiness, math readiness, science, social studies, and arts and crafts.

In November we learned all about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans Indians. The children learned about cooperation and respect and how two very different cultures helped each other. Our cooking activities taught us about the foods eaten during this period of time. We learned to measure out ingredients and we saw what happened to them as they were mixed, chopped, and heated.

In December we will be caught up in the excitement of Chanukah, learning songs, making cards and preparing gifts of love for our families. Our Chanukah Show is very exciting for all of us. It is a chance for our families to meet and greet each other and enjoy their children in a relaxed atmosphere. There might even be a special surprise at the Chanukah Show, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2000 from 5:00-6:00 pm.

If you want your child to be part of the fun and excitement, please call Helene Chelton at 545-6555. Our hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Our hours are flexible and part time programs are available. Hope to hear from you soon.

Manual for Living Jewishly & Shabbat Evening books are available in the Judaica Shop, Temple Office and Religious School Office at \$5.00 each.

Read Hebrew America! - Mitkadmim Class

Gail Buchbinder

Starts Wednesdays in December 13 at 7 p.m.

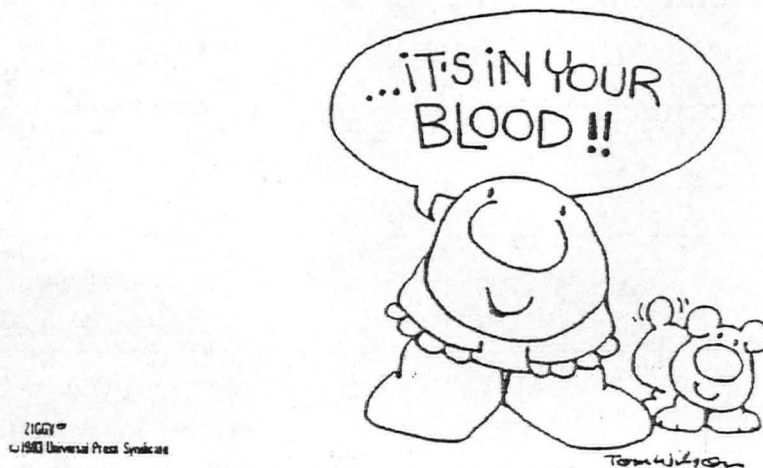
A continuation of Read Hebrew America, the Mitkadmim Class, *those who are going forward*, will start in December. Please call the Temple office to leave your name and number.

CALENDAR OF TEMPLE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

December 2000

Fri.-Sun.	1-3	<i>Sybil & Dr. Norman Reitman Scholar in Residence Weekend</i> with Dr. Michael Berenbaum	
Friday	1	Shabbat Le'ladeem	7:00 p.m.
		Shabbat Service <i>Babysitting during Services</i>	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	2	MAP Program	9:30 a.m.
		Torah Study with Dr. Berenbaum	9:30 a.m.
		Minyan	10:30 a.m.
		Shabbat Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
		Religious School Tefillah Service	11:15 a.m.
		Scholar in Residence afternoon session	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	3	Scholar in Residence with Dr. Berenbaum	10:30 a.m.
Monday	4	Headliner – Rabbi Lankin	7:30 p.m.
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	5	Lunch time Talmud Study – Rabbi Gold	12:30 p.m.
		Exploring the Spiritual Side of our Lives – Rabbi Miller	6:30 p.m.
		Board of Trustees Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	6	Read Hebrew America	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	7	Rabbi David J. Forman <i>View from Jerusalem</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8	Shabbat Services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9	MAP Program	9:30 a.m.
		Torah Study & Minyan	9:30 a.m.
		Shabbat Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
		Religious School Tefillah Service	11:15 a.m.
Sunday	10	Keepers of Jewish Excellence – Susannah Heschel	10:30 a.m.
Monday	11	Headliner – Jim Gaspari	7:30 p.m.
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parents Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	12	Lunch time Talmud Study – Rabbi Gold	12:30 p.m.
		Exploring the Spiritual Side of our Lives – Rabbi Miller	6:30 p.m.
		Adult Purim Celebration Committee	7:30 p.m.
		Religious School Committee	7:45 p.m.
Wednesday	13	Read Hebrew America	7:00 p.m.
Friday	15	Congregational Shabbat Dinner	5:45 p.m.
		Shabbat L'eladeem	7:00 p.m.
		Shabbat Evening Services--Babysitting available during Services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	16	MAP Program	9:30 a.m.
		Torah Study & Minyan	9:30 a.m.
		Back to Basics	9:30 a.m.
		Shabbat Morning Services	11:00 a.m.
		Religious School Tefillah Service	11:15 a.m.
Monday	18	6 th Grade Parents Orientation	7:30 p.m.
		Youth Committee	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	19	Lunch time Talmud Study – Rabbi Gold	12:30 p.m.
		Exploring the Spiritual Side of our Lives – Rabbi Miller	6:30 p.m.
		Officers Meeting	7:30 p.m.
		Tzedakah/Social Action Committee	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	20	Read Hebrew America	7:00 p.m.
Friday	22	Family Services for Shabbat & Chanukah	7:30 p.m.
Sat.-Mon.23- Jan. 1		Religious School closed	
Saturday	23	Torah Study & Minyan	9:30 a.m.
Sun.-Sun.	24-31	Emergency Overflow Shelter	
Monday	25	Mitzvah Day	
Tuesday	26	Lunch time Talmud Study – Rabbi Gold	12:30 p.m.
		Exploring the Spiritual Side of our Lives – Rabbi Miller	6:30 p.m.
Friday	29	Shabbat Evening Services	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	30	Torah Study & Minyan	9:30 a.m.

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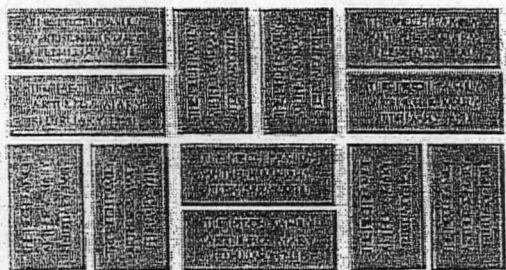
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