



*Beth Israel — The West Temple*

# BULLETIN

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## B.I.T.S.Y. CORNER

*Beginning with this issue, the Beth Israel Temple Senior Youth Group (B.I.T.S.Y.) will have a regular monthly column in the Bulletin called B.I.T.S.Y. Corner. This is their first effort.*

Thank you to Abby Lader, Abby Wagner, Lillyan Davis and Rachel Kaplan for writing the youth group Friday night service and for leading the service on Nov. 6.

B.I.T.S.Y. was involved in doing a mitzvah project and with thanks to Eric Eilberg, Kevin Schwin, Rachael Folkman and Dan Cooper, the yards of two congregants were raked Nov. 8. Judd and Rhea Seldin and Ed and Carole Folkman were so kind that they made monetary donations to the youth group. Very unexpected, but greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to the Seldins and the Folkmans.

Rachel Kaplan has become our new Social Action chair. Eric Eilberg has become our new Programming co-chair. Jan Stout and Corey Apar are on the Programming Committee. Congratulations to all of them on their new positions on the B.I.T.S.Y. board.

Our two December activities will be Cosmic Bowling (starts at midnight) and then a sleepover at the Schwins' home on Dec. 19. Details will be discussed at our next meeting. Ahead of time, thanks to Paul and Linda Schwin for offering their home for this fun get-together.

Also in the works is a possible mitzvah project with the AIDS Task Force. Last year, our youth group helped them fill Thanksgiving baskets. This year, we hope to be able to help them with December holiday baskets. Rachel will be looking into that and reporting back to us about activities and dates.

Please, B.I.T.S.Y. members and parents, continue to read The Bulletin because there will be a monthly B.I.T.S.Y. information and news corner. Kelly Sudick will be in charge of the bulletin update and other correspondences from B.I.T.S.Y. to members.

Lisa Feldman  
Ken Cooper  
Co-Advisers

## Basket Mitzvah Project

Some very special news from our Junior Youth Group -- Beth Israel Chaverim:

Our basket mitzvah project was a huge success. A great time was had by those who came to the Fall Fun Frolic in Lakewood Park. We enjoyed a beautiful fall morning with cider (oh those pesky bees!) and donuts.

Twenty wonderfully filled baskets went to the Children's Aid Society, a temporary home for emotionally and mentally disturbed children 5-13. They were very appreciative and enjoyed this special surprise.

Beryl Palnik  
Sylvia Cooper  
Advisers

## TEMPLE TIDBITS

The Circle of Friends led by Enid Lader is featured in "Synagogue HOPE" (Help, Opportunities and Programs for Jewish Elders), a publication of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies of Brandeis University. The article describes why the group was formed and how it helps women of all generations communicate and share life experiences.

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Marian Epstein was awarded first place in the black and white division at the Jewish Community Center's photography show.

Julius Paul, son of the late Gertrude and Jacob Paul, has written a letter to the Temple Library asking for a copy of the oral history his mother recorded for members of Beth Israel during her final year (1979). Julius would like to give the tape to his children.

Librarians have been unable to locate the tape or a transcript. If anyone has any leads, please contact Evy Rosenblum.

The Pauls were residents of Lakewood from the 1920s and were considered "elders" of Beth Israel.

Julius ends his letter, "I hope the temple is still thriving as it was in the last decades of my parents' life, and I still deeply appreciate all the attention and love the members gave to my parents during those years."

The Yiddish Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the temple. Please note the change in date.

Congratulations to Karl and Dorothy Lubitz, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 12. Their names were inadvertently left out of the anniversary listings in September.

Thanks to Kati and Bob Roth and Braanda Schwartz for expediting the November Bulletin.

Condolences to the family of  
Carole Mason  
on the death of her father  
MILTON HYMAN

# Board UPDATE•Board UPDATE•Board UPDATE•Board

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 11. Several key topics were discussed.

## Services:

It is important for every member of the congregation to be aware of the continuing schedule of services, thanks to the hard work and generosity of those members who are willing to function as service leaders. In addition, we will benefit from the involvement of Rabbi Alan Lettofsky during the next several months. The opportunity for community prayer, spiritual growth and connection at Beth Israel is fostered primarily through our schedule of services and Torah study. As you can imagine, those who organize and conduct our services would be thrilled to see a full sanctuary. Please make it a priority to set aside time to attend as many services as possible this month. It gets to be a wonderful habit.

## The Rabbinic Options Committee:

Lou Rosenblum clarified the difference between the work of the Rabbinic Options Committee and a Rabbinic Search Committee. The members of the Option Committee are doing a needs assessment for our temple -- now and for the future. Their work will help the board make the best choices for us based on member needs and the budget. While the Options Committee continues its work, the board is working to provide rabbinic assistance on a part-time basis from local sources and from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

## The Tree of Life Fund:

If you haven't been to the Religious School classrooms lately, be sure to stop in and take a look. The generosity of members in contributing to the Tree of Life Fund has had a real impact. Thanks to Mark Wax, who helped the committee put together the best deal on furniture for the school. The old furniture will be donated to the Cleveland City Schools and to the University Settlement Pre-School. For those who want to contribute to this important fund, we have 38 leaves available on the tree.

## The Caring Committee:

Dick Rosen is chair of the Caring Committee. Members make themselves available to those who are sick or in need of help. He is eager to involve as many congregants as possible. Look for a special mailing and Bulletin updates. If you would like to volunteer some time to this excellent mitzvah opportunity, please call Dick.

As always, we are eager to hear your issues and concerns. Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Shalom,

Barbara Schwartz  
Maryellen Kohn  
Co-Presidents

## CORRECTION TO CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

Please make the following correction to the 1998-99 Directory:

Isidore Warshawsky's name is misspelled.

# Education Notes

The month of December is filled with Chanukah celebrations, learning and fun. On Sunday, Dec. 6, Ms. Shegas and the Magic Shul Bus will once again visit our K-2 families with a special Chanukah program. Get ready for stories, dreidel-making, songs and latkes!

The morning will begin with parallel sessions for parents and students and continue with that special visit from Ms. Shegas. (This family education program is made possible through special funding from the Congregational Enrichment Fund of the JECC and Fund for the Jewish Future from the Jewish Community Federation.)

To aid in your Chanukah shopping and adding to your own home Jewish library, we will host Merkaz Judaica's Chanukah Book Fair on Sunday, Dec. 6. Loads of books, suitable for all ages, will be available for sale, which will benefit the

Religious School.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the Religious School will sponsor its annual Chanukah Assembly. Each class will make a special presentation and we will feature our own Chanukah Band, made up of students in the fifth-eighth grades under the direction of Beryl Palnik. Our Chanukah Festival Chorus (third-sixth grades) also will lead us in song before they perform at Tower City 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

And what are you doing Friday, Dec. 25? We hope you will join us at the movies to see "The Prince of Egypt," the new animated film by Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks Production Co. Watch for further details as to place and time and then plan to have Shabbat dinner at the temple and finish the day with Shabbat Services -- family style.

On behalf of the Congregational Education Committee, Religious School and

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Adult Education chairs, may the lights of Chanukah spread their glow of freedom and peace to you and your family.

Enid C. Lader  
Director  
Congregational & Family  
Education

### TORAH STUDY CONTINUES IN GENESIS

Torah study with Enid Lader continues 9:30-10:40 a.m. each Shabbat morning. Join us for the continuing saga of Jacob and his family. Daytime soaps can't hold a candle to this!

Each week, you can pick up a summary of the weekly Torah portion, which also includes a question for discussion. This is a great way for you to keep up with Torah and talk Torah with your family and friends.

Torah portions for December (Kislev/Tevet):

Dec. 5, *Vayishlach*, Gen. 32:4-36:43. Jacob seeks reconciliation with his brother, Esau, but first must "wrestle" with himself and with his God. His family settles in Shechem, his sons avenge the rape of their sister, Dina. Isaac dies and is buried by his sons, Jacob and Esau.

Dec. 12, *Vayeshev*, Gen. 37-40:23. The story of Joseph and his brothers, his dreams, his father's show of favoritism. The pit. Egypt. A digression with Judah and Tamar. Back to Egypt. Joseph ascends to the heights of Pharaoh's house and to the depths of Pharaoh's prison.

Dec. 19, *Miketz*, Gen. 41:1-44:17. Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams and rises to become his righthand man. Marries and fathers two sons. Meanwhile, famine in the land of Canaan forces Jacob to send his sons to Egypt to ask for grain. Unbeknownst to his brothers, Joseph recognizes them and puts them to the test.

Dec. 26, *Vayigash*, Gen. 44:18-47:27. Joseph, unable to conceal his identity any longer, reveals himself to his brothers. The family is invited to live in Egypt. Joseph and his father, Jacob, are tearfully reunited.



### NEWS YOU CAN USE

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 at the home of Rhoda Rosen, 396 Crossbrook Drive, Berea, to celebrate the new month of Tevet and enjoy the "Winter-Lite," a lively and fun-filled program featuring actress and comic -- Jean Zarzour, making a return engagement. The women of the congregation are invited to meet for prayer, song and convivial conversation. Call Rhoda at (440) 234-9575 to RSVP.

TOT SHABBAT will be 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Once again our families with infants, toddlers and young children not enrolled in our religious school are invited to celebrate Shabbat with special activities, prayer, songs and stories. If you know of a friend or someone in your community or pre-school who would like to join us, please invite them. RSVP to the temple office (216) 941-8882 so we can plan for Kiddush refreshments and craft supplies.

ANNUAL POTTERY SALE by artist Sarah Clague and her students will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Mandel Jewish Community Center for a preview sale and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Mayfield Jewish Community Center. Free admission. Artwork starts as low as \$2. Call 382-4000 Ext. 214 for details.

## Yahrzeiten

Civil dates correspond to Hebrew calendar,  
unless followed by \*\*\*\*.

Saturday, Dec. 12 - 23 Kislev

12/8 Tom Lewalk

12/9 Fred Pyritz

Maria Telesman

Saturday, Dec. 19 - 30 Kislev

12/17 Lillian Feigenbaum

Saturday, Dec. 26 - 7 Tevet

12/21 Irving Gilbert

Max Finkelstein

12/22 Sam Lewis

12/23 Alfred Gluck

12/24 Bracha Alterovitz

Ralph Blecker

Alan Kirschberg

12/25 Janet Slatkin

Samuel Roman

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### General Fund

Allan Lubitz in honor of 50th  
anniversary of parents, Dorothy  
& Karl Lubitz.

Roberta & Ted Provder in memory  
of mother, Frieda Provder, and  
in memory of Roberta's father,  
Harry Schwartz.

For High Holiday Services:

Shari-Beth Nadell

Mark B. Felber

Charlotte Ryan

Arthur H. and Nancy F. Schwartz  
in honor of Lou Rosenblum's 75th  
birthday.

### Israel Scholarship Fund

Valerie Tate in memory of Max  
Eisentot.

### Rabbinic Discretionary Fund

Louis Goldman in memory of  
father, Ben Goldman.

### Religious School

The Malyn Family in loving  
memory of Irving Malyn, who  
taught lessons never to be  
forgotten.

### Library

Harry & Enid Lader in honor of  
Leah Lader's high school  
graduation.

Don & Marilyn Bogart, Ruth &  
Harold Friedman in honor of Lou  
Rosenblum's 75th birthday.

Ruth & Harold Friedman in honor  
of Abe Silverstein's 90th  
birthday.

Adrienne, Bill Stacy & Corey  
Apar; Richard & Maria Bloom in  
memory of Milton Hyman.

Cecil & Martha Bruckman in  
memory of fathers, David Max  
Klipstein-Hauser & Abraham  
Bruckman.

Len & Lenore Singer in honor of  
Michelle Bloom's Bat Mitzvah.

The entire congregation is invited  
to join in celebration and worship as

**JOEL S. PENDERY**

son of John and Myrna Pendery  
is called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah

10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12



A special kiddush will follow in Ratner Hall  
after the service.

## NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

By Bob Roth

### FOR CHILDREN

**THE BIBLE FROM ALEF TO TAV** by Penina V. Adelman. For grades 2-3. Introduction of one Hebrew letter per chapter. Teaches several words beginning with that letter and weaves all the words together in a story. Beautifully illustrated.

**TORAH TOONS I (The Book)**. It is a Jewish thing to study part of the Torah every week. The study of the portion of the week doesn't only teach us something about the Torah. It also introduces us to other Jews in different places and times who have also looked for meaning in the same words.

**SHARING BLESSINGS** by Rahel Musleah & Rabbi Michael Klayman. Children's stories for exploring the spirit of the Jewish Holidays.

**MY PEOPLE'S PRAYER BOOK**, vol. 1, *The Sh'ma & its Blessings*, ed. by Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman. The first of a seven-volume series, this book celebrates the oldest and best known of Jewish prayers. The *Sh'ma*, the affirmation of the faith of the Jewish people, is the most familiar and loving entryway into the *Siddur*.

**THE COLORS OF MY JEWISH YEAR** by Marji Gold-Vukson. Ages 1-4. What is red? Red is the Rosh Hashanah apple we dip in honey. A colorful trip through the Jewish year.

**SHALOM SHABBAT**, A Book for Havdalah by Susan Topek. Ages 1-4. Look! What do you see? Three stars in the sky. It's time for Havdalah. A sensory look at the service ending Shabbat.

**BIM AND BOM**, A Shabbat Tale by Daniel J. Swartz. Ages 3-7. All week long, Bim, a builder, and her brother, Bom a baker, work hard, but on Shabbat they celebrate together.

**MAKE YOUR OWN MEGILLAH** by Judge Groner & Madeline Wikler. Ages 4-9. "My Very Own Megillah" for a new generation of kids. The Purim story retold for young children with colorful pictures plus pages to color and assemble into a scroll. Purim crafts, recipes, party games and songs.

**THE MAGIC OF KOL NIDRE** by Bruce H. Siegel. On the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year, the Kol Nidre prayer is chanted to the same haunting melody in synagogues the world over. In this lyrical tale, three generations of a family explore the mystery of the prayer from the perspective of its youngest member. Shelly Haas' watercolors are brilliant.

**MACCABEE JAMBOREE** by Cheri Holland. Ages 2-6. / A Hanukkah Countdown: One by one, eight little Maccabees seem to disappear as they polish the menorah, wrap gifts and cook latkes in preparation for their Hanukkah party. But when the lone Maccabee calls for his friends, surprise! They are together again. A lively counting book.

**JEREMY'S DREIDEL** by Ellie Gellman. Ages 6-10. At the craft workshop, Jeremy carefully molds tiny dots onto a lump of clay. His friends suspect a secret code, but Jeremy is making a Braille dreidel for his father, who is blind. A warm tale for readers of all ages with instructions for making and playing dreidel.

**BRAINTEASERS FROM JEWISH FOLKLORE** by Rosalind C. Kaye. Age 6-10. A lavishly illustrated

collection of folktales in which peasants outsmart kings, cope with noblemen and show uncommon wisdom in the face of adversity. Young readers are challenged to answer the riddles that end each story.

**THE KINGDOM OF SINGING BIRDS** by Miriam Aroner & Shelly O. Haas. Ages 5-10. Booby and cuckoo, quetzal and coot...The palace aviary is filled with beautiful birds, but the king cannot get them to sing. Nor can his cooks, craftsmen or jesters. But when wise, gentle Rabbi Zusya is summoned, he persuades the king to do what is right. A warm, musical tale.

**ALL ABOUT SUKKOT** by Judyth Groner & Madeline Wikler. Ages 5-10. Lavishly illustrated explanations of holiday history, customs and symbols. With words and music to blessings and songs for a family celebration. Featuring "The Bug Sukkah," retold by Peninnah Schram. Berel's house is too small to host family holiday celebrations, his yard is BIG. One year he creates a sukkah that is the envy of the town.

**ONCE UPON A SHABBOS** by Jacqueline Jules. Ages 3-8. Bears don't live in Brooklyn but both Shira and Jacob encounter one on their trip to the store to buy honey for Bubbe's Shabbos kugel. This whimsical fairy tale will tickle the funny bone and tacha a few Yiddish words in the process.

**A TURN FOR NOAH, A HANUKKAH STORY** by Susan R. Topek. Ages 3-6. Chanukah is supposed to be fun, especially in nursery school, but things had been going wrong for Noah all week. He couldn't spin the dreidel, he spilled blue paint and he hadn't had a turn lighting the menorah. The holiday would soon be over.

## PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 4: Laura Folkman, usher; Rita Grobman, candles; Gloria & David Cutrona & Saragene Davis, oneq hosts.

Saturday, Dec. 5: Barbara Schwartz, aliyah; Phil Mason, hagbah; Braanda Schwartz, galilah; Friedman Family, oneq hosts.

Friday, Dec. 11: Megan Abady, usher; Pendery Family, candles; Eckstein Family, oneq hosts.

Saturday, Dec. 12: Joel Pendery bar mitzvah.

Friday, Dec. 18: Daniel Chait, usher; Laurie Chait, candles; Ehren & Eilberg Families, oneq hosts.

Saturday, Dec. 19: Jillian Altus, usher; Judy Friedman, aliyah; Richard Feigenbaum, hagbah; Altus Family, oneq hosts.

Friday, Dec. 25: Becky Cooper, usher; Myrna Pendery, candles; Epstein Family & Jim & Charlotte Feldman, oneq hosts.

Saturday, Dec. 26: Ben Kaplan, usher; Phyllis Sapell, aliyah; Joe Machol, hagbah; Kaplan Family, oneq hosts.

### DECEMBER

#### Student Birthdays

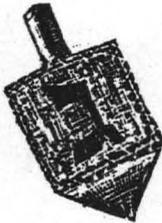
4	Stephany Goodworth
12	Joel Pendery
15	Daniel Cooper
17	Jacob Bedrossian Sarah Bedrossian
22	Alex Keller
24	Adam Gold

#### Wedding Anniversaries

3	John & Ellen Goodworth
5	Don & Marilyn Bogart
10	Arnon & Laurie Chait
13	Edward & Carol Folkman
24	Ted & Roberta Provder
31	Jim & Charlotte Feldman

# December 1998

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat



		1 6:00 PM Hebrew	2	3	4 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	5 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Tot Shabbat 10:45 AM Torah Service
6 9:55 AM School K-2 Family Ed  11:15 AM Ad Hebrew  Chanukah Book Fair	7	8 6:00 PM Hebrew	9 7:30 PM Board Meeting	10 <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>	11 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	12 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Joel Pendery Bar Mitzvah
13 9:55 AM School 11:00 AM Chanukah Assembly 11:15 AM Ad Hebrew  1st Chanukah Light	14 Chanukah	15 6:00 PM Hebrew Chanukah	16 Chanukah	17 Chanukah	18 <b>Chanukah</b>  8:00 PM Shared Shabbat & College Night	19 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Torah Service  5:30 PM Havdalah Community Chanukah Party <b>Chanukah</b>
20 <b>Chanukah</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  11:00 AM Chanukah Festival Chorus At Tower City	21 Chanukah	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  7:30 PM Circle of Friends	23	24	25 8:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service Fourth Friday in Ratner Hall	26 9:30 AM Torah Study 10:45 AM Torah Service
27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	30	31		



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## Service Schedule

Friday Dec. 4, Erev Shabbat 8  
p.m. Service Leader: Shosh Ault.

Saturday Dec. 5, Torah Study  
9:30 a.m., Tot Shabbat 10:30  
a.m. Torah Service. Service  
Leader: Shosh Ault.

Friday Dec. 11, Erev Shabbat 8  
p.m. Service Leader: Shosh Ault.

Saturday Dec. 12, Torah Study  
9:30 a.m., Bar Mitzvah of Joel  
Pendery 10:30 a.m. Service  
Leaders: Shosh Ault & Enid  
Lader.

Friday Dec. 18, Erev Shabbat 8  
p.m. Service Leader: Enid Lader.

Saturday Dec. 19, Torah Study  
9:30 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m.

Friday Dec. 25, Erev Shabbat 8  
p.m. Service Leader: Enid Lader.

Saturday Dec. 26, Torah Study  
9:30 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m.

Friday Jan. 1, Erev Shabbat 8  
p.m.

Saturday Jan. 2, Torah Study  
9:30 a.m., Torah Service 10:45  
a.m.



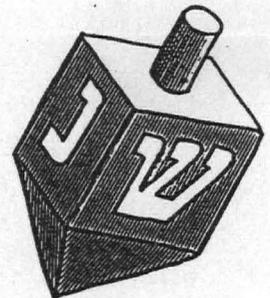
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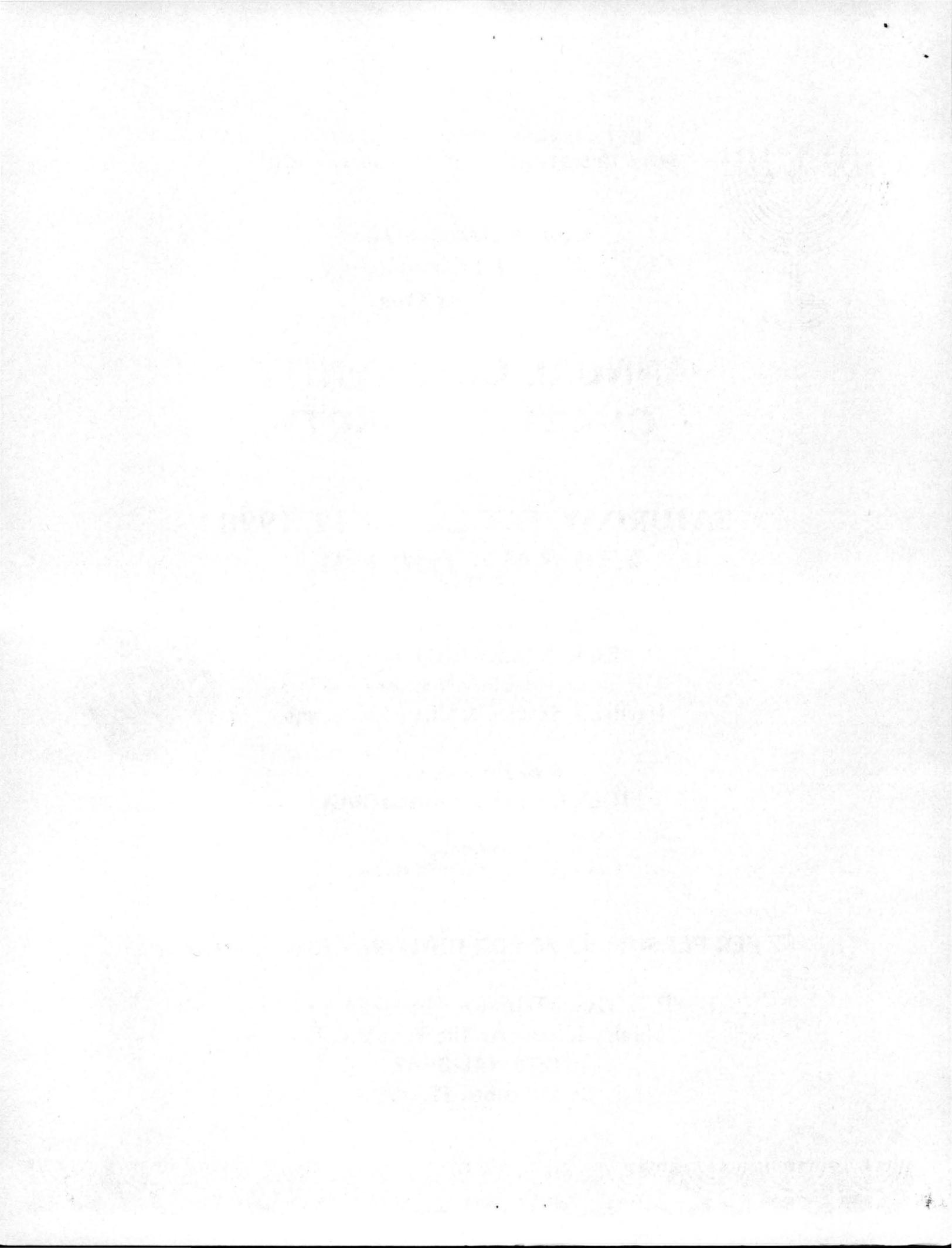
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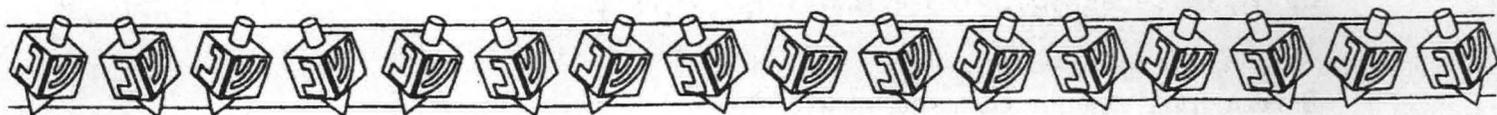
**RSVP TO CAROL TELESMA (440)734-9580 OR  
SHIRLEY IULIANO AT THE TEMPLE OFFICE  
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BY DECEMBER 15, 1998**





**What you need to know:**

1. Each person should start with ten or fifteen pennies, nuts, or raisins.
2. Each player puts a coin or raisin or nut into the middle (what card players call the pot).
3. Taking turns, one person spins at a time. Winning or losing is determined by which side of the dreidel is facing up when it falls.
4.
  - a. *Nun* stands for "nothing" (*nisht* in Yiddish), so the player does nothing.
  - b. *Gimmel* stands for "all" (*gantz* in Yiddish), so the player takes everything in the pot.
  - c. *Heh* stands for "half," (*halb* in Yiddish), so the player takes half of what is in the pot.
  - d. *Shin* stands for "put in" (*shtel* in Yiddish), so the player puts one in the pot.
5. After a *gimmel* has been spun, each player adds one. When an odd number of coins are in the pot, the player spinning *heh* takes half plus one. When one player has won everything, the game is over.



from *THE HOW TO HANDBOOK FOR JEWISH LIVING*  
 by Kerry M. Olitsky & Ronald H. Isaacs  
 published by KTAV (available in our library)

**What you need to know:**

Place one new candle in the *chanukiyah* for each night of Chanukah, increasing one candle per night (plus the *shamash*). Olive oil may be used. Candles should be placed from right to left. Light the *shamash* first and use it to light from the *left*.

תנקה  
שמש

Then say the blessings:  
(on each night)

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

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has made us holy by mitzvot and instructed us to light the Chanukah candles.

(on each night)

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

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam she'asah nisim lavotaynu bayamim hahaym bazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days.

(on first night only)

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

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam she-hecheyanu vekimanu vehigiyanu lazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us to reach this day.



Using the *shamash*, light the candles, one for each night, beginning with the current night first, from left to right. While some communities blow out the *shamash* each night and use it for the duration of the festival, most people let it burn down each night and use a new *shamash* for succeeding nights.