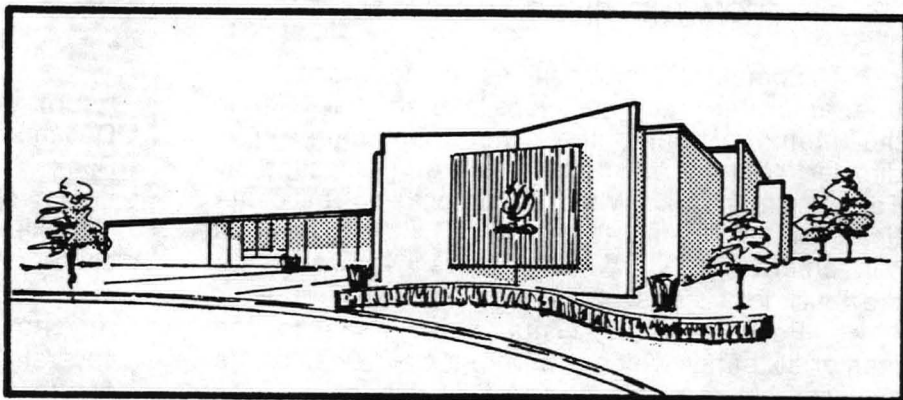


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KISLEV - TEVET 5754

DECEMBER 1993

WORSHIP

SERVICES

FRIDAY EVENINGS

Dec. 3 - Jewish Music Month Sabbath - 8:15 PM
*NEW, OLD & UNEXPECTED: SOMETHING
 FROM THE LIBRARY*
 Torah portion: Gen. 37:1-40:23
 - TOT SHABBAT - 6:30 PM

10 - Chanukah Family Service - 8:15 PM
 Conducted by Senior Youth Group
 Torah portion: Gen. 41:1-44:17

17 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
 Guest Speaker: Rabbi Marc Disick,
 Regional Director, UAHC New Jersey-
 West Hudson Valley Council -
*REFORMING THE SYNAGOGUE AGENDA
 FOR THE YEAR 2000*
 Torah portion: Gen. 44:18-47:27

24 - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
 Sermon: *ONE DAY AT A TIME*
 Torah portion: Gen. 47:28-50:26

31 - SABBATH EVE - 8:15 PM
 Sermon: *SACRED SPACE*
 Members and friends are invited to join
 in a festive Oneg Shabbat to usher in
 1994. Watch the mail for further
 details.
 Torah portion: Exod:1:1-6:1

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SATURDAY SERVICE

Dec. 18 - Sat. - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
 Sermon: *WHAT TO REMEMBER AND
 WHAT TO FORGET*
 The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
 will take place following this service.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MRT

The final Shabbat of 1993 coincides with
 New Year's Eve. Plans are underway for a special
 program to follow services and continue through the
 start of 1994, including an Oneg Shabbat and
 surprise activities. Watch your mail for further
 information, and consider welcoming the secular
 New Year with other members of your Temple
 family.

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MAZON FUND

Our Temple members donated \$1,204 to the
 MAZON Fund (Jewish response to hunger) for our
 Yom Kippur Drive to donate funds not spent as a
 result of fasting.

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FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

Sometimes, propositions are too good to be true, and after many questions and several visits to the memorial park, the Ritual Committee has decided to turn down the offer of gravesites by Temple Emanu-El. While there could not be better financial arrangements, and MRT has wanted a convenient cemetery site, there was a major drawback to this one.

Four separate visits were made to the memorial park, which on most days was quite pleasant, but on a day preceded by rain the site was extremely wet, leading us to think there was not proper drainage. After further investigation, the committee decided that few, if any, of MRT's members would be satisfied with this condition.

We will continue to pursue the idea of a MRT burial site and try to come up with an alternative, which may not sound as good as this offer did but which may be a better "deal."

----Rosalie Rosin

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LIBRARY NOTES

A new set of Torah tapes, containing commentary on the Torah portions from Leviticus, has just been published by UAHC. The audio tapes for Genesis and Exodus have been very popular in the library and we would like to add these new ones to the collection. The commentaries are given by well-known scholars and rabbis. We are looking for donors—there are 5 tapes and they cost \$15.00 each. Think of the library when donating to the Temple!

Don't forget the dates for the Book Fair:

Wednesday, December 1 - 4-6 on, Friday, December 3 after services and Sunday, December 5 - 9:30 - Noon. This is a great chance to pick up some good winter reading and Hanukkah presents.

----Rosalind Reisner

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CROP WALK

Thanks to the following Temple members who helped out at the annual Crop Walk for Hunger on October 17—Chris Rosen, Mildred Snedcof, Barbara Miller, Barry Miller, Milt Klein and Bernie Brandwene.

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AVODAH DANCE PROGRAM AT MRT

Avodah, a Jewish dance company, is making a return engagement at MRT on Sunday morning, December 19 at 11 AM, in celebration of Jewish Book Month. Their new program is called "In the month of Kislev" and is based on the children's Hanukkah story of that name. Religious school children will be attending the program and we encourage all Temple members to come as well. Anyone who was here for Avodah's last program several years ago knows what a treat it is to see this group.

----Rosalind Reisner

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WAYS & MEANS

The Ways & Means Committee is pleased to announce that our October Scrip Exchange amounted to \$8,000 in gift certificate sales, with 45 MRT families participating, plus 5 non-member families who also took advantage of the 5% tax deduction to MRT. This is an excellent beginning. With your help we hope by January to double the number of families participating regularly. To make it more convenient to those who have children in religious school, Dean Ross is selling scrip during religious school pick-up on Wednesdays and Joanna Charnick is in the library on Sundays. Call ahead and they will have the scrip ready for you.

Ways & Means is also sponsoring Ballroom Dance Lessons starting January 9, 1994 at 8 pm. There will be 6 lessons including a dance for the last lesson. This will be a fun time for all, plus you will feel confident getting out on the dance floor during the special occasions that you go to. Contact Gary Hersch, 462-8448 for reservations.

----Arlene Berg

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BROTHERHOOD NOTES

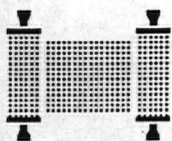
The next Brotherhood meeting will be Sunday, January 9. Information will be included in the next bulletin.

----Bernie Brandwene

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PLANNING A PARTY? NEED A LARGER AREA?

Call Dean Ross 530-1962 evenings. Our Temple Social Hall can accommodate up to 150 people. Tables, chairs, dishes and service pieces are included in the rental fee. The rates are very reasonable and you can obtain any caterer you wish to make your function a great success. Just give us a call.



FROM RABBI PRIESAND

A few weeks ago, in the company of Myra Ostroff and Leonard Teitelbaum, I had the privilege of attending the UAHC Biennial Convention in San Francisco. It is impossible to convey to you the excitement, the sense of renewed energy and enthusiasm that one experiences in the midst of 4,000 Reform Jews gathered together from places far and near, committed to common purposes, eager to learn and to teach, prepared to delve into those issues that confront us as a Movement, to discuss and debate, to rejoice and resolve. The theme of this year's convention was Lifelong Learning, and Rabbi Alexander Schindler set the tone in his presidential address when he suggested that the authenticity of our Movement depends upon our knowledge of Judaism and our ability to make informed choices. He urged, therefore, that we undertake a serious and sustained learning effort: academies for adults, with graded classes, regular summer courses, programs of home study, all following a carefully constructed curriculum leading to a degree, and for children, all children, the opportunity to attend educational programs whether or not their parents choose to become members of a particular congregation.

As is always the case at conventions such as this, numerous resolutions on a wide variety of issues came to the floor; some had been circulated before by the Resolutions Committee, and others were based on the President's Message. These were among the topics: support for Israel's courageous decision to come to terms with her neighbors by trading land for peace; gratitude to the government of the United States for its determined efforts to lift the Arab boycott; a request that America move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thereby recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; an appeal to President Clinton to commute Jonathan Pollard's sentence to time served (one of the more controversial issues); support for the right of gay and lesbian couples to adopt children and to share in the benefits that society normally assigns to heterosexual couples; and finally, health care reform, privileged as we were to hear a stirring address from our nation's First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

There seemed also to be at this convention a whole new regard to equality for women in Judaism. I was honored that Rabbi Schindler referred to my ordination in his presidential address. This is what he said: "There is another notable event, pertinent to the rabbinate, that occurred since last we were in convention assembled. I speak of the 20th anniversary last year of Rabbi Sally Priesand's ordination as the first woman in Jewish history to be ordained a rabbi. In many ways, this ordination was a revelatory experience for us all. I don't mean this in the theological sense of the word revelation, but rather in its more everyday meaning as a revealed truth, a truth that once absorbed seems obvious, a truth that renders past ideas irredeemably flawed, a truth that makes change imperative, a truth so obvious that when it brands us, we are forever changed and can no longer revert to obsolete frames of reference that held us in thrall but yesteryear. Sally's ordination was such a revelation, for with it two thousand years of exclusivist assumptions collapsed...and it now seems obvious, oh-so-obvious, that women can and should serve in every realm of the religious life. And because they do, they have transformed the synagogue and Jewish life."

Among the other issues that Rabbi Schindler discussed, some were more controversial than others. One, for example, was his suggestion that we move to the next step of Outreach, welcoming not only those who seek us out but actively proselytizing among those in America who have no religion. He also suggested that the time has come for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to change its name. Having reached 120 years, the age-limit our Torah sets as a life span to human beings, we begin now a new cycle of life which requires a new name. Even as Avram became Abraham and Sarai became Sarah, so too must we adopt a new name in order to deliver our message to future generations, a name that will describe who we are and what we are about and what we intend to be, a name that embraces the word reform, that adjective which truly defines our essence and has made us the religion of choice for American Jewry—not reformed, as we so often hear, not in the past tense, but reform, a recognition that we are constantly re-forming and re-fashioning our faith for the sake of the Jewish people. Thus, a committee has been formed to create a new name for us, a name that will ring out with clarity of purpose.

For me, one of the highlights of this convention was the knowledge that our congregation is playing a leadership role in the direction of our Movement. Many of our programs are serving as models for other congregations, and our presence was clearly felt at this Biennial. I conducted a workshop on Membership Involvement and had the joy of leading the Friday evening service. Myra Ostroff, who chairs the UAHC Task Force on the Unaffiliated and serves as President of our region, was at this convention installed as Vice-Chair of the Union. And Leonard Teitelbaum, also a Vice-Chair of the Union, was very much responsible for the success of this Biennial, serving as he did as Vice-Chair of the Program Committee, a Committee which he now chairs in preparation for the next Biennial in Atlanta two years hence. As a congregation, we are honored through the honor that has come to these two members of our Temple family. The best way we can thank them for their dedicated service is by planning now to attend the next Biennial in the fall of '95. I assure you that doing so will be an enormously enriching experience, which can touch your life in so many different ways and for which you will be forever grateful.

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OFFICE NOTES

Office Hours: Administrative Assistant
9 AM -12 Noon and 1 PM - 4 PM
Fridays - 9 AM - 3 PM
Please schedule your time to meet these hours.

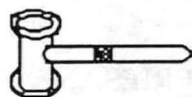
Announcements for Friday evening services are due in by **Thursday** afternoon.

Mailings go out on the 15th and 30th of the month. Flyers are due in the office by the 8th and 23rd.

Bulletin is mailed to arrive before the first Friday of the next month. Articles are due in the office by the 10th of the month.

When making donations please include your name and fund contributing to on the slip when you write down the information needed for the card to be sent. Occasionally the slips get separated from the checks and it is then difficult to match a donation with a name. Thank you.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

On October 27, it was my honor and privilege along with Rabbi Priesand and Max Singer to accept on behalf of MRT, the "Congregation of the Year" award from Interfaith Neighbors. The ceremony took place at their annual meeting.

As part of the program we heard from some of the people helped by this marvelous organization. Hearing these people's stories first hand offered a much closer look at how Interfaith Neighbors works. I came away from the meeting with a much better understanding of the operation.

Very briefly, Interfaith Neighbors helps the working poor with rent subsidies, food, clothing, a piece of used furniture, etc. to enable these people stay together as a family in homelike surroundings until they are able to be completely self sufficient.

This organization's work is, in my opinion, the truest example of Maimonides definition of the highest form of charity. In his "Eight Steps of Charity," he says, "Charity is anticipated by preventing poverty, namely: to give our reduced brother a considerable gift or loan, or to teach him a trade, thereby establishing him in business and enabling him to earn an honest livelihood and not be reduced to the dreadful alternative of begging for charity." In other words you don't have to give a person fish but rather a pole and teach him to fish.

MRT was the first synagogue to make a commitment to Interfaith Neighbors, the organization that the evening's keynote speaker, Dr. David Schwartz, called a "coalition of conscience." Dr. Schwartz is the Director of Affordable Housing Services of New Jersey.

He made many points, most important of which stated that almost 70% of homelessness can be prevented. I cannot elaborate at this time due to the constraints of space.

The purpose of this article is to ask you to support our Fund for the Homeless the next time you wish to make a donation. I think at this time of year when we rejoice in our plenty, it is important to help those who are less fortunate.

Shalom,

----Baldwin Davidson

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CHANUKAH AT MRT

Friday, December 10
8:15 PM

Chanukah Shabbat Family Service
Conducted by the Senior Youth Group

Sunday, December 12
9:30 AM - 12 Noon

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
bring your family Menorah



The History of Chanukah

The Hebrew word "Chanukah" means "re-dedication". The holiday derives its name from the Maccabean re-dedication of the Temple in Jerusalem on the 25th of the Hebrew month, Kislev, 165 B.C.E. Prior to the year 167 B.C.E. Palestine and the surrounding lands were ruled by the Greeks and Syrians. A part of their ruling policy was a relentless campaign to destroy Judaism.

In 167 B.C.E. on the 25th of Kislev, they entered the Temple in Jerusalem, defiled it by constructing altars to idols and began conducting pagan rites. That same year the Jewish people, under the courageous leadership of the High Priest Mattathias, and then his son Judah Maccabeus, began their revolt. For three years Judah and his followers, who became known as the Maccabees, waged a continuous fight for religious freedom. Finally, in 165 B. C.E. they dislodged the enemy from large portions of Palestine, gained control of Jerusalem, restored and cleansed the Temple.

Victoriously on the 25th of Kislev, the same date the enemy had defiled the Temple, the Maccabees rededicated it as a symbol of their struggle for religious freedom. We are told that "Chanukah", the ceremony of rededication, like Sukkot, lasted eight days. Some scholars believe, that because the Maccabees could not celebrate Sukkot during the years of their revolution, they combined that holiday with the festivities of their rededication of the Temple. This would explain the reason why Chanukah is eight days in length.

Each of the eight branches of the Menorah stands for one day of the festival. The lighting of the Menorah during the eight days has come to symbolize the victory of the Maccabees and the values of our faith for which they struggled. It reminds us of the importance of religious pluralism. All people should be free to worship as they wish, in the manner which best suits their needs and way of life. That is the true message of Chanukah.

76. LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Words and Music by Peter Yarrow

With Conviction (♩ = 112)

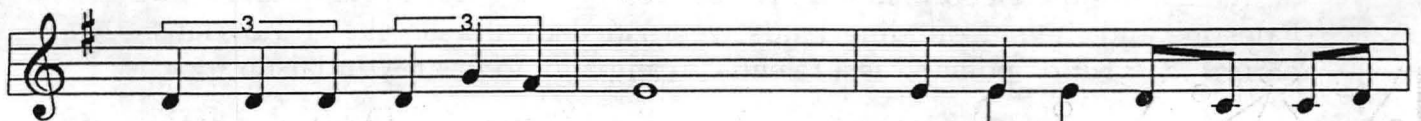
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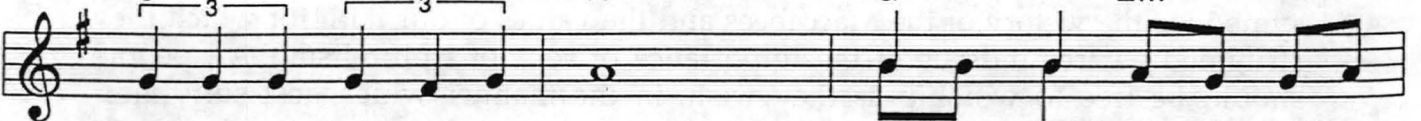
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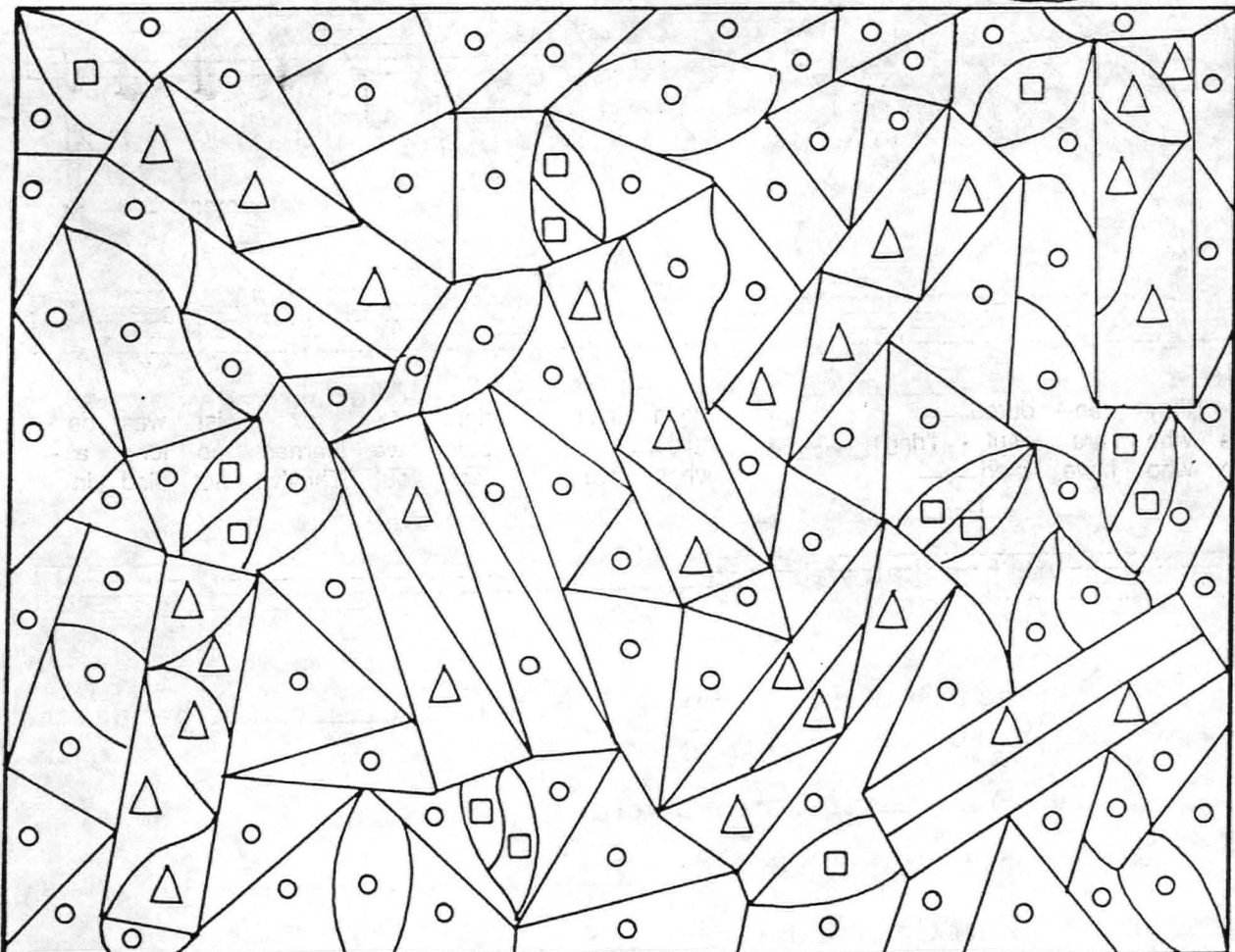
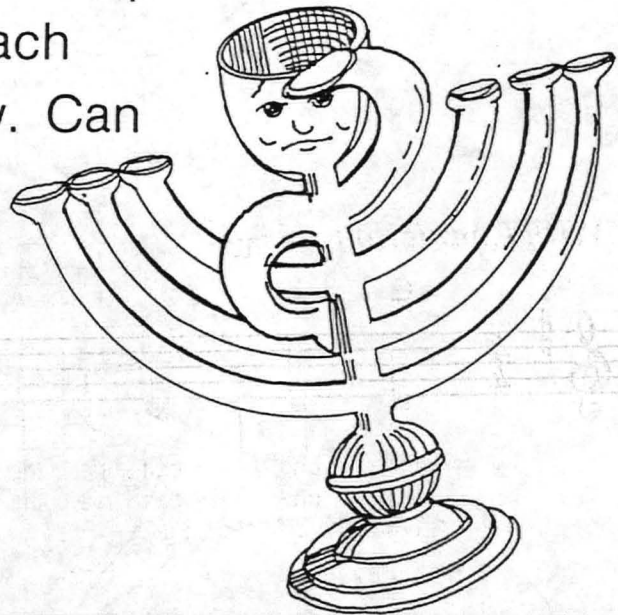


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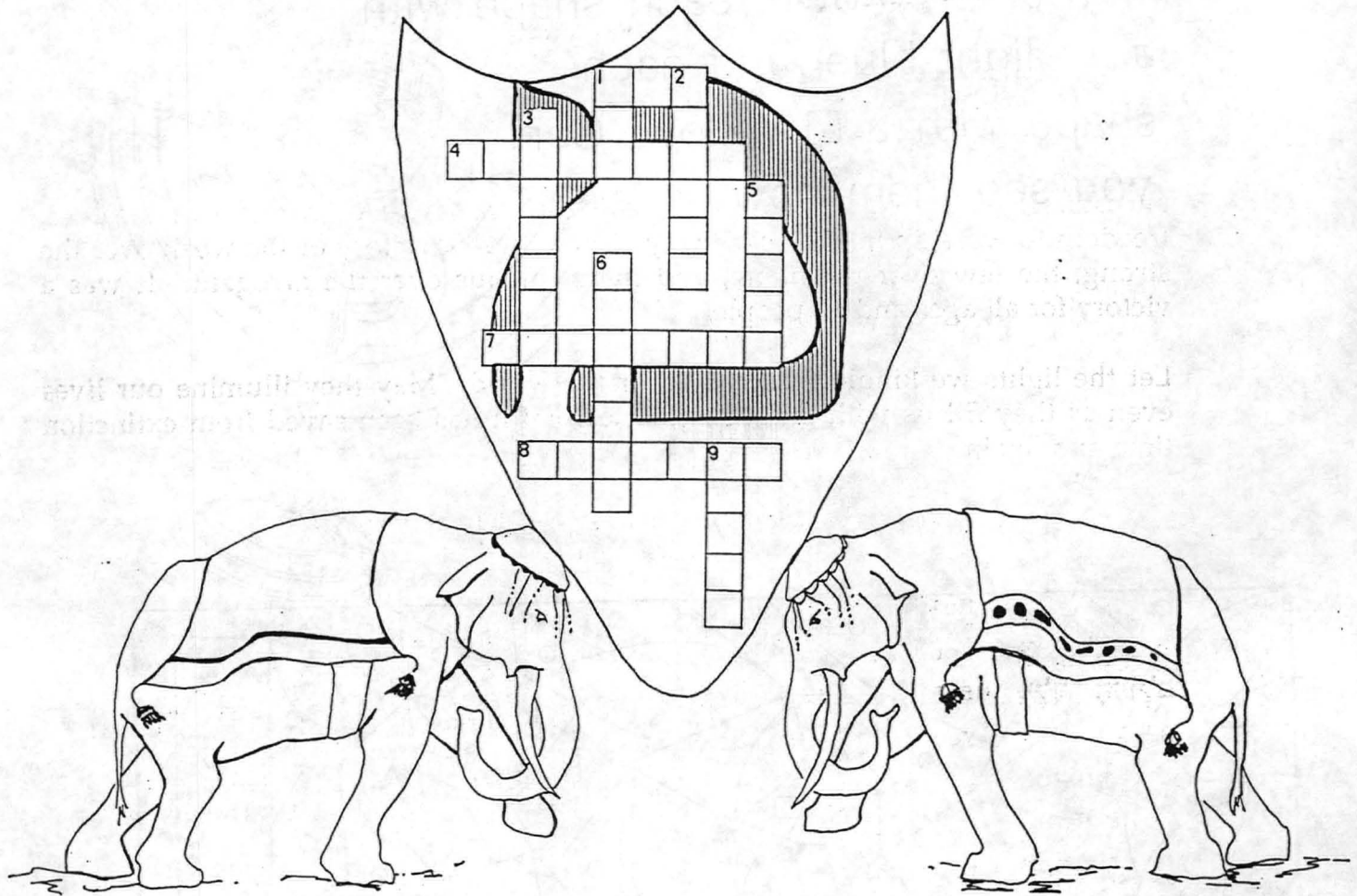
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CHANUKAH CANDLES

There are eight candles hidden here.
Can you find them? Color each shape
with a ○ brown, each shape with
a △ light blue, and each
shape with a □ yellow. Can
you see them now?



CHANUKAH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS:**
1. _____ enough for only one day burned for eight days.
 4. On Chanukah, children like to receive _____.
 7. _____ means "rededication."
 8. On Chanukah we spin a _____.

- DOWN:**
1. On the first night of Chanukah we light _____ candle besides the shamash.
 2. Potato _____ are a favorite Chanukah food.
 3. We put the candles in a _____.
 5. A hero of Chanukah is _____.
 6. We light _____ each night of Chanukah.
 9. Chanukah lasts for _____ days.

MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

A HOME SERVICE FOR CHANUKAH

This service for lighting the menorah celebrates the values of Judaism. Each night, after the opening prayer, a meditation is read, the candles are kindled, the blessings recited, and a closing prayer is offered.

OPENING PRAYER

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom; freedom to be themselves, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

Let the lights we kindle shine forth for the world. May they illumine our lives even as they fill us with gratitude that our faith has been saved from extinction time and again.

The candles are placed in the Menorah from right to left,
and kindled from left to right

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה	Holy One of Blessing
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם	fills creation.
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ	You made us holy
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו	with Your commandments
וְצִוָּנוּ	and called us
לְהַדְלִיק	to kindle
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:	the Chanukah lights.

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 neir shel Cha-nu-ka.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה	Holy One of Blessing
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם	fills creation.
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים	You performed miracles
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ	for our ancestors
בְּיָמֵי הָהֵם	in days of old
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה:	at this season.

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-heim
ba-ze-man ha-zeh.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה	Holy One of Blessing
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם	fills creation.
שֶׁחַיָּינוּ	You have kept us alive
וְקִיָּמָנוּ	You have sustained us
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ	You have brought us
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:	to this moment.

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.

FIRST NIGHT - FREEDOM

MEDITATION: We kindle these Chanukah lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that they should be free to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Now, kindling these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the task of creating a world where all may know the joy of freedom.

LIGHT CANDLES, RECITE BLESSINGS

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, on this eve of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to You. Let these lights shine forth brightly, reminding us that all people are created equal in Your sight. Inspire us anew that we may serve the cause of freedom as valiantly as did our ancestors before us. We praise You, O God, who has implanted within us a love of freedom.

SECOND NIGHT - FAMILY

MEDITATION: Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and concern. As we kindle these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us always face the tribulations and the joys of life united by our family bonds. May our love for each other increase through deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness.

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of all goodness, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed upon us, and we pray for health and joy. May all families everywhere experience the love for one another which we share. We praise You, O God, for enabling us to be together on this joyous festival.

THIRD NIGHT - STUDY OF TORAH

MEDITATION: On this third night of Chanukah, we rededicate ourselves to the study of Torah. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our tradition, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage and deepen our understanding of it through study. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism, we become more sensitive to its abiding values and more aware of our responsibility to realize those values in our society. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. As we kindle these candles, let us rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

PRAYER: O God, may we ever recognize our obligation to learn. Increase in us the desire to pursue knowledge as an instrument which strengthens our way of life. Humbly we realize how little we know of our world and our faith. Let these Chanukah lights serve to remind us of our need to study and increase our understanding. May they inspire us to enlighten our minds and use them for the benefit of all humanity.

FOURTH NIGHT - HOPE

MEDITATION: Our ancestors taught us that in hope the future of humanity is illumined and made creative. Many people in the world live in fear and great despair. But like the Maccabees of old, we must learn to build our lives on hope: hope that ultimately truth will triumph over falsehood, and confidence that knowledge and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny. As we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our lives be strengthened by the highest hopes and visions of our faith.

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of our upward striving, inspire us with hope to face courageously the trials and challenges which confront us. Based on truth and honesty, may our efforts bring to fulfillment our highest aspirations. We sincerely hope for the day when all people will be free and war will no longer delay the dawn of justice and peace. We praise You, O God, who has implanted within us a steadfast hope in the future.

FIFTH NIGHT - CHARITY

MEDITATION: Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews, both children and adults, contributed charity toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. Many forms of oppression still exist in the world today: sickness, hunger, ignorance, prejudice. Tonight, we like our ancestors set aside gifts of charity in order that we too may help bring an end to oppression. We pray that the gifts we offer will provide food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity for those afflicted by prejudice.

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, our tradition teaches that the more charity there is, the more secure does peace become. May our Chanukah candles symbolize for us the light of happiness and hope which our charity will bring to those oppressed by need. Help us always to be compassionate and generous toward others. We praise You, O God, who commands us to give tzdakah.

SIXTH NIGHT - PEACE

MEDITATION: The candles of Chanukah remind us of our mission as Jews. Like the Maccabees, we seek to rededicate ourselves to the service of God. Today one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. Whenever we end disagreements through mutual understanding, whenever we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we are doing our part in making peace a living ideal. As we kindle our Chanukah candles, let us rededicate ourselves with renewed strength to the task of securing peace.

PRAYER: Eternal God, let there be a love of peace in every human heart. Help us to realize that hate and prejudice bring nothing but strife and chaos into the world. May all people come to recognize that only through cooperation and honest negotiation can the blessings of peace be made secure. We praise You, O God, Giver of peace.

SEVENTH NIGHT - RESPECT

MEDITATION: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Respect for others is the basis for harmony among people and nations. As we light these candles, may we recognize the dignity of all people and remember the respect and honor we owe to others.

PRAYER: Eternal God, Source of all goodness, teach us to be sensitive to the feelings of our friends and neighbors. Help us to understand their failings and grant us the humility to praise and applaud their achievements. We praise You, O God, who has created one human family.

EIGHTH NIGHT - FAITH

MEDITATION: Tonight we kindle all the candles in our Chanukah menorah. Throughout the centuries, the menorah has been a symbol of our faith in God and our commitment to Judaism. Like the Maccabees of old, we rededicate ourselves to the task of living a more meaningful Jewish life. Not by might nor by power but by My spirit, says God.

PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, may we be sustained and strengthened by our faith. Make us ever mindful of the links that bind the generations together, and let the heritage that has been entrusted to us be secure in our keeping. We praise You, O God, for the faith of our ancestors and for the opportunity of celebrating this holiday of Chanukah.

CHANUKAH WORD SQUARE

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Each of the underlined words can be found in the word square above. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Circle each word as you find it. The letters remaining that are not in circled words spell out a special Chanukah message.

In 165 B.C.E., Palestine was ruled by Antiochus, King of Syria. He placed idols in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and would not let the Jews follow their religion. Judah the Maccabee and his brothers, the Sons of Mattathias from the town of Modin, led a revolt against the Syrian rulers. Though small in number, the Jews repeatedly defeated the large, well-trained Syrian Army. Their final victory came when they reached Jerusalem. They cleaned the Temple and let worship take place again. They could find only enough oil for the Ner Tamid for one day, but instead it lasted for eight days. We remember the rededication of the Temple and the miracle of the oil by lighting candles in the menorah for eight days beginning on Kislev 25. This feast of dedication or feast of lights is better known as Chanukah.

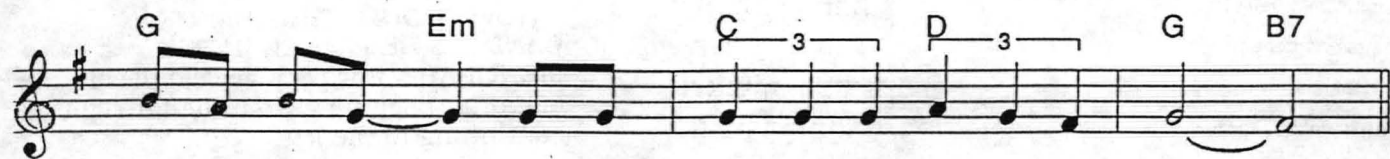
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A CHANUKAH GAME

Who will be the first to reach the Temple? Use one marker for each player and a dreidle for a spinner. The player who spins a  first begins, and play continues in a clockwise direction. Players take turns spinning the dreidle, moving forward or backward according to the letter showing on the dreidle and the printed directions. The first player to reach the Temple is the winner.

-  — move 1 space backward
-  — move 1 space forward
-  — move 2 spaces forward
-  — move 3 spaces forward

36 T E M P L E	35	34	33	32 WIN GREAT BATTLE. MOVE TO TEMPLE	31
25	26	27	28 WIN SMALL BATTLE. TAKE EXTRA TURN.	29	30
24 TOOK WRONG ROAD. LOSE NEXT TURN.	23	22 CAPTURED SYRIAN ARMS. MOVE AHEAD 4 SPACES.	21	20	19
13	14 FOUND PASS IN MOUNTAINS MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES.	15	16	17	18 LOST SMALL BATTLE. GO BACK 2 SPACES.
12	11	10	9 PASSED ENEMY LINES. TAKE EXTRA TURN.	8	7
1 START AT MODIN	2	3	4	5 NEED MORE SUPPLIES. GO BACK TO MODIN.	6



wis - dom to know — when the peace - mak - er's time is at hand. —
bind us to - geth - er with peace as the song in our heart. —
this is the pro - mise and this is why we will not fail. —



Don't let the light go out. — It's last - ed for so ma - ny



years. Don't let the light go out — Let it



shine through our love and our tears. —

Coda



Don't let the light go out. — Don't let the



light go out. — Don't let the light go out.

Ma-oz tsur ye-shu-a-ti,
le-cha na-eh le-sha-bel-ach;
ti-kon beit te-fi-la-ti,
ve-sham to-da ne-za-bel-ach.
Le-eit ta-chln mat-bel-ach,
mi-tsar ha-me-na-bel-ach,
az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor,
cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bel-ach.

מעוז צור ישועתי,
לך נאה לשבח;
תכון בית תפילתי,
ושם תודה נזבח.
לעת תכין מטבח,
מצר המנבח,
או אגמור, בשיר מזמור,
חנכת המזבח.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But Your arm availed us,
And Your word
Broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Kindling new the holy lamps,
Priests approved in suffering,
Purified the nation's shrines,
Brought to You their offering.
And Your courts surrounding
Hear, in joy abounding,
Happy throngs,
Singing songs,
With a mighty sounding.

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free of fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see
All go free,
Tyrants disappearing.

CHANUKAH IN THE KITCHEN

Yes, Chanukah is in the kitchen, too.
One of the favorites is "latkes" or potato
pancakes. No doubt you have your own
recipe or you can easily find one. Or
perhaps you might like to try this recipe.

POTATO PANCAKES

2 cups grated raw potatoes
2 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. salt
1 heaping tbsp. flour or matzah meal
Pinch of baking powder
1 small grated onion
Combine all ingredients and drop
mixture by tablespoons into hot skillet,
generously greased with butter or
shortening. Fry on both sides until brown
and serve with applesauce.

Some Oft Asked Questions About Kindling the Menorah

HOW SHOULD THE CHANUKAH CANDLES BE PLACED IN THE MENORAH? Always place candles in the Menorah beginning from the far right and continuing to the left.

WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE KINDLING THE CHANUKAH LIGHTS? The Chanukah Candles are kindled from left to right.

WHEN SHOULD THE CHANUKAH CANDLES BE KINDLED? "Immediately at the appearance of the stars" if possible. Later in the evening if necessary, but always "before any member of the household—child or adult—goes to sleep." On Friday evening, of course, the Chanukah Candles are kindled before we light the Shabbat candles.

WHERE TO PLACE THE CHANUKAH MENORAH? In front of a window or the like in order "to publicize the miracle" of Chanukah.

THE GAME OF DREIDEL

Dreidel is the traditional game for the festival of Chanukah. Any number can play.

Each player contributes some nuts, raisins, or candies to a central "pot" and spins the dreidel in turn.

The Hebrew letters on the dreidel stand for Yiddish words which tell you how much you win . . . or lose!

- נ "NUN" stands for נישט "Nisht"
= win nothing, lose nothing.
ג "GIMMEL" stands for גאנץ "Gantz"
= take all, win the pot.
ה "HEY" stands for האלב "Halb"
= win half the pot.
ש "SHIN" stands for שטעל "Shtel"
= put one in the pot (or other pre-decided amount).

If the pot is won, every player can "ante up" again.
The letters on the dreidel have also been interpreted to stand for the Hebrew phrase:

נֶס גָּדוֹל הָיָה שָׁמַיָּם

"Nes Gadol Haya Sham"

meaning: "A great Miracle happened there" in reference to the story of Chanukah.

WHAT IS A DISCUSSION GROUP?

Are you aware there is an opportunity for you to join or form a discussion group? As someone who has participated in one for over thirty years, let me tell you it has offered me the chance to make and meet Jewish friends; to become closer to them than just as acquaintances I might see at Shabbat or Holiday services; to relate to one another in life cycle events as we share simchas and sorrows.

This is all in the context of discussion of pertinent Jewish topics of the day that might not be possible without the existence of a Discussion Group! It is the opportunity to develop the extended family that is difficult to form in modern life in the suburbs, and yet is so important to a family's ability to cope.

I urge you to try it. It supplements and complements what you might find in other Temple activities. It is to me vital to my Jewish existence in the community. As they say, "Try it, you will like it."

Call me to help you start the process (542-7485).

----Al Paley for Inreach

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THANKS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

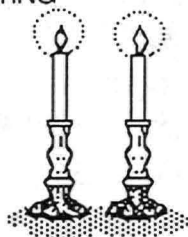
Many thanks to everyone who helped make New Member Sabbath a success. As always, it was a terrific opportunity for the new members and their Contact families to get together and for everyone to meet and make welcome all the folks who have joined since last year. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, clean up, and helped with the service. Special thanks to Joel Morgovsky, Peggy Baker, Sheila Leavitt, and Irv Cohen for sharing their thoughts and feelings with the congregation at the service.

-----Rosalind Reisner

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TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Nov. 3 - 4:11 PM
10 - 4:11 PM
17 - 4:12 PM
24 - 4:16 PM
31 - 4:21 PM



REFLECTIONS

Religion, in the end, is that community of people which seeks to raise up those things that are precious and beautiful. It seeks to hold up those things which are to be treasured and desired, to hold them up for reverence.

It further seeks to help people bow down before them in humility because these are the qualities without which life is impossible and unbearable. It helps people to learn to deal with them tenderly, caring for the things that are good and true and beautiful and just. As religion does this, it develops a community of those who care.

And this is the heart and nature of religion. It teaches us to support and sustain one another in the constant struggle. It assists us in our attempt to help our children to reach their own levels of adulthood, and to help our middle-aged people to grow old with some significance, and to die meaningfully and as a part of that which is, and always has been and always will be...

----Author Unknown

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

EXPLORING IDEAS:

Come join David Levinsky in Discussing
—Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremonies & Celebrations
—Making Religious School Appealing

9:30 AM - Coffee & Bagels

10:15 AM - Discussion

Please call Susan St. Lifer for more information
or if you need babysitting 780-4778.

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ARTS FESTIVAL '94

We are very pleased to announce that Lois Blonder is the 1994 show designer. We look forward to her innovative solutions to setting this complicated show, and to working with her. The Ad Journal Committee is pleased to announce that the back inside and outside covers have been sold! The Art Selection Committee has completed its review of new artists; 60 have been accepted, bringing our total of possible exhibiting artists to approximately 300.

----Semmes Brightman

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Yahrzeits

Dec. 3 - Beatrice S. Leeds, *Risa A. Yagoda, Carl Lowenstein, *Miriam Leavitt Welner, *Steven Stone, Sadie Stempler, David Litwin, *Gussie Avrin, Martin Baronoff, *Jay Schulman, Joseph Dow, *Abba Mayer Beerman, *Harry Kohn, *Dr. Irma Steisel, *Hilda D. Salomon, Gertrude Wolf, *Sol Cohen, *Flora Braunstein, *Martha Lehrer Herzl and Ace A. Orange.

10 - Harold Rosenblum, *Isidore Bermann, *Betty Bermann, Ruth Welt, *Helen Davis, *Louis E. Jacobson, Abraham Golden, Susan Rosemann, Joseph Levinsky, Helen Sanders and Mortimer Brandwene.

17 - Morris Weinstein, Sam Fass, *Abraham Glasser, Florence Lias, Norman K. Brenner, *Pearl Seitz, Leonora Schwartz, *David Lane, Ida Reisner, Leo Goodman, Harry Katz, Herbert Tanzman, Alvin Stone, *Richard Klein, *Bette Halpern Schmelzel, *George Glasser and Molly Gurevitz.

24 - Philip Kramer, Edward Klein, Vivian Galka, Sylvia Snedcof Musicus, Elaine Piniak, Jennie Rosenweig, Jessie Weiss, Gertrude Snyder, *Joseph Lansky, *Esther Komar, *Leonard Gettelson, Bernard Rosenberg and Kate Cohen.

31 - *Edith R. Ginzburg, Marvin Toll, *Goldie Bialy, Max Abraham Trauben, *Samuel Avrin, Evelyn Anna Roe Gilstein, Joseph Weisfogel, Harold Rubin, Rose Neffler Snedcof, Sam Auerbach, Irwin Fenn, Irving Priesand and *Lora G. Miller.

* Indicates a plaque.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Plaques, which are dedicated to a family member, can be purchased through the Temple Office. They are hung in the entrance way to the sanctuary. Spaces are available on both walls. Cost is currently \$350. Please call the office for details.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Tinton Falls Cooperative Nursery School is a certified preschool sponsored by Monmouth Reform Temple. The school accepts children between the ages of 2 years 9 months to 5 years. Parents may participate in the classroom; however, aides are available for those parents who are unable to help. The following morning and afternoon classes are being offered in the fall:

3 yr olds:	T & Th	AM or PM
4 yr olds:	M, W & F	AM or PM
3 day Pre-K:	M, W & F	PM
4 day Pre-K:	M thru Th	AM

Interested parents may contact the school for additional information.

---Susan Esposito 747-3990

SISTERHOOD NOTES

Although Sisterhood has scheduled no meeting or fund-raising activity for December, please stop at the Judaica Shop Wednesday afternoon, December 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 and Sunday morning, December 5 from 9:30 - 12:30 and look over the beautiful gifts and menorahs for sale.

The funds Sisterhood raises go to beautify and enhance the Temple. Some of the projects we are considering are: to replace the glass doors of the Judaica cabinets, provide parking area lights, to plant shrubbery around the patio and install an automatic sprinkler system to keep the grounds looking attractive.

---Florence Diller

---Elaine Espey

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees of Monmouth Reform Temple, I warmly welcome the following members to our Temple Family:

Barbara Amtzis, 4 Patterson Court, Holmdel 07733: children Matthew & Jessica

May their presence add to the vitality and spirit of our Congregation.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

December will be an unbelievably busy month for our Religious School.

The first marking period for grades 4 through 7 ends on December 1. Report cards will be sent home on December 15 with the students. Sunday-only students will receive their first report card on January 23.

The Book Fair will be operating from Wednesday, December 1 to Sunday, December 5. By purchasing several books, you could add Jewish interest books to your library and find Chanukah gifts for your children and others.

In addition to the Book Fair, the Parents' Association will hold its next meeting on December 5. I shall speak for a part of the meeting on ways to hold down the cost of Bar/Bat Mitzvah receptions.

The Religious School's annual Chanukah latke party is scheduled for December 12; the festivities begin at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary, but plan to arrive by 9:30 to guarantee a seat. As in past years, the expected attendance in the social hall prevents us from opening the sanctuary doors for more seating.

This year, a combined group of 6th and 7th graders will dramatize their version of the Chanukah story.

The second part of our December 12 celebration has become a very popular annual event. Every Temple family, with or without children in the religious school, is invited to bring its personal Menorah to the social hall for a Temple "family" candle lighting ceremony. Just picture Menorahs of every size and shape, simple and elaborate, placed on tables in a horseshoe around the social hall, all lit at one time, with the blessing chanted by all. Of course, lots of latkes and applesauce will follow. I wish to thank Laurie Lowenstein for coordinating the latke party, to Al & Sylvia Paley for funding the latkes and members of the Religious School committee for attending to the details that must be done to make a celebration of this size a success.

On December 19 the entire Temple family is invited to see a presentation by the **Avodah Dance Company**. You should mark your calendars with brightly colored markers for this show's date.

By interpreting Jewish culture through dance, the nationally renown **Avodah Dance Company** has become a favorite of congregations and audiences.

Please modify your Religious school calendars to reflect the following important change. **School is canceled on Sunday, January 16**, to permit our educators and interested Temple members the day to attend a regional conference of

Religious School teachers and administrators. I have been asked to conduct two workshops and our teachers will be able to participate in workshops geared to their professional needs and interests.

ABOUT YOUR TRIBUTE...

Thank you for honoring me on October 31. Ten years is certainly a long time. I never expected to remain at MRT this long, and now I cannot see myself any place else.

It is I who must thank the leadership and members of MRT. Your respect, trust and friendship have always made me feel welcome and an intricate part of the Temple family.

Over the years, I have attended approximately 100 Religious School meetings, or 250 to 300 hours of conversation and debate. In all that time, not one discourteous remark has been directed at anyone serving on the committee. I have the privilege of working with volunteers always focused on developing the best possible educational environment for our Temple's children.

In the past year, Rabbi Priesand has received many accolades and has become a national spokesperson for change within Reform Judaism. Still, Rabbi Priesand remains true to her commitment to MRT. I am grateful to our Rabbi for her wisdom and warm personal friendship.

I know that my tenure at MRT is directly related to our teachers' efforts. By honoring me on October 31, the Temple family demonstrated to our school's children the vitality of our Jewish tradition to revere its educators.

Thank you again.

----David Levinsky

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DECEMBER EVENTS

DECEMBER 1 - WEDNESDAY - 8 PM - RITUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 3 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE
- 6:30 PM - TOT SHABBAT

DECEMBER 6 - MONDAY. - 7 PM - PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

DECEMBER 7 - TUESDAY - 8 PM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

DECEMBER 9 - THURSDAY - 7:30 PM - ARTS FESTIVAL MEETING

DECEMBER 10 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - FAMILY SERVICE
Conducted by the Senior Youth Group

DECEMBER 14 - TUESDAY - 8 PM - SOCIAL ACTION MEETING

DECEMBER 15- WEDNESDAY - 7 PM - YOUTH MEETING
- 8 PM - INREACH MEETING

DECEMBER 17 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 18 - SATURDAY - 10:30 AM - SABBATH MORNING SERVICE
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Workshop will take place after the service.

DECEMBER 21 - TUESDAY - 8:15 PM - TEMPLE BOARD

DECEMBER 24 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 29 - WEDNESDAY - 7:45 PM - WAYS & MEANS MEETING

DECEMBER 31 - FRIDAY - 8:15 PM - SABBATH EVE SERVICE

The Fall Adult Education Series "Eras of Jewish History" was very well attended. It is a pleasure to have so many of our Temple family coming out on Thursday evenings for educational programs. Considerable interest was generated by certain programs, particularly the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Jewish experience in Turkey across five centuries. Thanks to Roz Reisner and the Library Committee, you can find plenty of additional reading on both topics in our library. Besides their acquisitions, Adult Ed has placed the Curriculum Guide from the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul, which accompanied our video session, in the library as well.

When is the next Adult Education program planned you ask? Stay alert for fliers about Adult Education Night, scheduled for Saturday, January 8, 1994. You may recall that we like to have three or four programs offered concurrently that night and give everyone the chance to participate in two of them. I can't tell you in this article exactly what the sessions will contain however, because we have so many good ideas to choose from. So save the date and watch for our flier—I promise an interesting evening of learning experiences!

Everyone received a notice in the last mail-out about Hebrew lessons. We are trying to find out how much interest there is for this project. There was a November 30 deadline on the survey, but if you haven't returned yours yet, please do so. The logistics of offering lessons are considerable and we cannot do it unless there is a high enough demand. Watch this spot in the bulletin to learn the results of the survey.

Finally, a reminder that Professor Deborah Lipstadt, author of "Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on the Truth and Memory" is our Scholar-In-Residence for 1994. The big weekend is March 4, 1994. You might like to read her book in advance or buy a copy while she's here. If you want us to make copies available through the Temple BEFORE Professor Lipstadt's visit, let me or Roz Reisner know. (We may canvass you with a flier about that soon.) It is a fine piece of scholarship and a very important exposition on the history and working of "deniers."

Please remember that the Adult Education Committee depends on your support for Scholar-In-Residence through donations to the Joan Goodman Fund. Keep this in mind whenever making special contributions to the Temple. Thanks to your generous gifts in the past, we can afford to bring Professor Lipstadt to MRT.

Tired of sitting on the sidelines of Adult Education? Want to join us on the committee? No problem! Just give me a call: 747-9256.

----Joel Morgovsky

The Temple family extends a hearty Mazel Tov to:

Joyce & John Christie congratulations on the birth of your new grandson, Stephen Allen

Joan & Don Leeds congratulations on the marriage of their daughter, Janet & Glenn

J. Joseph Frankel, Mayor of Eatontown, for being honored as Abba of the Year by the Shore Area Hadassah

Myra Ostroff and Leonard Teitelbaum, both of whom were recently installed as Vice-Chairs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Semmes Brightman, who was recently appointed to the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Ellie & Bob Goodman on the marriage of their son Larry to Cathy Margolis.

For future columns, please contact Elaine Weisbrot 291-9630, by the 10th of the month, to share your news.

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The Congregation records with sorrow the death of our dear members:

EMILY TALBERTH

Mother of Susan Rekedal

HELEN JACOBS

Wife of Morton Jacobs

The Congregation extends warm condolences to:

Martin & Bette Gale on the loss of his mother

SALLY GALE

May God send peace to all the bereaved among us.

THE CONGREGATION ACKNOWLEDGES WITH THANKS THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS as received in the Temple Office from October 18 through November 16

to the Rabbi's Fund:

from Chris & Bob Rosen in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth, to Semmes Brightman congratulations on your appointment to the Board of Trustees of the HUC-JIR

from Ina Abo in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Brenda & David Atlas in honor of the daughter, Lauren's, Bat Mitzvah

from Jeff & Rhonda Gale in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Caryl & Charles Sills in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Florence & Adam Diller get well wishes to Hy Klein

from Ellie & Bob Goodman in honor of the marriage of their son, Larry, to Cathy Margolis

from Laurie Buchalter & Larry Kohn in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Renee Sosin

from Joyce & John Christie in honor of Semmes Brightman's appointment to the HUC-JIR Board

from Sheila & Jim Leavitt in memory of her father, Isadore Levin and mazel tov to Sandy & Bernie Brandwene on the birth of a granddaughter, Isabel, to David Levinsky on his 10th anniversary as Religious School Principal, to Arlene Berg on passing your teacher's exam and to Helaine Rothman on your Social Worker degree

from Gail & John Goldsmith congratulations to Joe Frankel for being named Father of the Year by the Shore Area Hadassah

from Liz & Iren Ackerman in honor of the naming of their daughter, Rachel

from Rosalind Collis & Bob Woolf sincere condolences to Lila Singer on the death of her sister, Rikki Schuster, and to Norma Bernstein in memory of her mother Ann Baron

from Jack Harary

to the General Fund:

from Alan & Diane Goldberg

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund:

from Florence & Herb Korchin wishing Fannie & Hy Klein good health

to the MAZON Fund:

from Cynthia & Philip Auerback, Wayne Baker, Betty & Marty Welt, Linda, Sid, Mara & Alyson Littman and Charles & Phyllis Rubinstein

from Gloria & Marvin Kantor to Ellie & Bob Goodman in honor of Larry's marriage

to the Fund for the Homeless:

from Baldwin Davidson sincere condolences to Sue Rekedal on the death of her mother, Emily Talberth, to Morton Jacobs on the loss of his wife, Helen Jacobs and get well wishes to Hy Klein

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein wishing Hy Klein a speedy recovery

from Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Silverman

from Joan & Bill Feinberg in memory of her mother, Madlyn Rickard

from Irving & Florence Cohen get well wishes to Hy Klein

to the Scholarship Fund:

from Connie & Milt Klein get well wishes to Ed Kosberg

from Barbara Fisher in memory of Dr. Helen Bastian's aunt, Anna

from Al & Sylvia Paley in honor of David Levinsky's 10th anniversary

from Barbara & Richard Gitlin in honor of David Levinsky's 10th year at MRT and to Semmes Brightman congratulations on being elected to the HUC-JIR Board of Trustees

to the Fink Music Fund:

from Florence & Irving Cohen to Sheila Leavitt in memory of her father, Isadore Levin

to the Library Fund:

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein to Ellie & Bob Goodman in honor of Larry's marriage

from Joan & Jerry Lansky in honor of David Levinsky's 10th anniversary at MRT

from Arlene & Jim Berg in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Mary, Wade, Neysa, Melanie & Nancy Pearlman in honor of David Levinsky's 10th anniversary at MRT

to the Cantors Fund:

from Brenda & David Atlas in honor of their daughter, Lauren's, Bat Mitzvah

to the Arts & Decorations Fund:

from Charles & Phyllis Rubinstein to Ellie & Bob Goodman in honor of the marriage of Larry, to Hy Klein a speedy recovery and to Joyce & John Christie in honor of the birth of your new grandson

to the Prayerbook Funds:

from Cora & Stu Tuchband & Family in honor of David Levinsky's 10th anniversary at MRT - Torah Bookplate

to the Greenfield Religious School Fund:

from the Berg Family congratulations to David Levinsky on his 10th anniversary at MRT

from Susan & Robert St. Lifer in memory of Sue Rekedal's mother, Emily Talberth

from Dolores & Ken Phillips congratulations to Lois & Ike Blonder on the birth of a grandson and Ruth & Ed Slater congratulations on the birth of a granddaughter, Danielle

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein congratulations to David Levinsky on his 10th anniversary at MRT

to the Joan Goodman Scholar-In-Residence Fund:

from Ellie & Bob Goodman to Myra Ostroff congratulations on your appointment as Vice-Chair of UAHC, to Semmes Brightman congratulations on your appointment to Board of Overseers of HUC-JIR, to Joan & Don Leeds congratulations on Janet's marriage to Glenn, and Holly's engagement to Joshua and to Joyce & John Christie congratulations on the birth of a new grandson

to the Altar Flower Fund:

from Brenda & David Atlas in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Lauren

from Joan & Bill Feinberg in memory of her mother Madlyn Rickard

from Rena Baronoff in memory of Florence Schoenberg

from Al & Bobbie Goldstein in memory of his parents Frances Litthauer & William Goldstein

from Joseph & Susan Frankel in memory of his mother Sally T. Frankel

from Betty & Bob Schulman in memory of her father George Welner, and his father Irving Schulman

from Burton & Sandy Liebesman in memory of his father Joseph Liebesman and her father Jack Kravitz

from Arthur & Miriam Harris in memory of his father Emanuel Knight Harris

---Joan Spring 530-9546

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT
MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE

On Friday, December 17, Rabbi Marc Disick will speak at Shabbat Services. His topic is "Reforming The Synagogue Agenda for the Year 2000."

Rabbi Disick was recently named regional director of the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the UAHC, succeeding Rabbi Daniel Frelander who was appointed National Director of Programs for the Union.

The lighting of the menorah is a special family time, enjoyed tremendously by children of all ages. Excitement mounts as the family gathers, the colored candles are selected, the menorahs are set up. We can bring the beauty of Chanukah into our homes in a variety of ways.

**Make sure we, as parents, know enough about the holiday to pass on meaningful information to the children.

**Set the children down and tell them the story of Chanukah with as much excitement as you would a new library book. Certainly it is an action-packed, suspense-filled drama—happy ending and all. We suggest the Chanukah book and cassette set from the UAHC Press entitled "The Little Menorah Who Forgot Chanukah."

**Make sure that the approximately 30 minutes devoted to the candle-lighting ceremony is really family time and not a rushed effort. It is actually a custom in many families to forbid work during the brief time that the candles are burning.

**Learn and sing some of the simple, traditional songs of Chanukah after the candles are lit.

**Let the children choose the candles and place them in the correct places in the menorah.

**Consider a menorah for each person, including the children. An often ignored fact is that the women as well as the men are required to light the Chanukah menorah, although everyone may join in lighting one menorah. Multiple menorahs make quite an impressive display when lit. Inexpensive menorahs can often be obtained through synagogues, Hebrew school offices, Jewish day school, JCC's.

**Try using homemade menorahs. Every book on Chanukah includes craft ideas for making menorahs. **Involve the entire family in preparing the latkes. Anything cooked in oil is reminiscent of the miracle of the old menorah in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

Remember, the struggle to keep Jewish tradition amidst the presence of a larger, outside culture is as old as Chanukah itself. Were not the Maccabees trying to do the same thing? So you are in good company! We wish you success and a Happy Chanukah!

----Adapted from Fern Amper
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DECEMBER CALENDAR

WORSHIP SERVICES

MEETINGS

Dec. 3 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
- Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM
10 - Fri - Family Service - 8:15 PM
17 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
18 - Sat - Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM
24 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM
31 - Fri - Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM

Dec. 1 - Wed - Ritual - 8 PM
6 - Mon - Preschool - 7 PM
7 - Tue - Religious School - 8 PM
9 - Thu - Arts Festival - 7:30 PM
14 - Tue - Social Action - 8 PM
15 - Wed - Youth - 7 PM
- Inreach - 8 PM
21 - Tue - Temple Board - 8:15 PM
29 - Wed - Ways & Means - 7:45 PM

RELIGIOUS TRAINING

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sundays, December 5, 12 and 19 - 9:30 - Noon
Religious School
NO Session on December 26
Tuesdays, December 7, 14 & 21 - 9:30 AM
Rabbi's Study Group
NO Session on December 28
Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 - 4-6 PM
Hebrew School
NO Session December 29

Dec. 5 - Sun - Religious School Parents
Association - 9:30 AM
12 - Sun - Religious School Chanukah
Celebration/Temple Menorah
Lighting - 9:30 AM