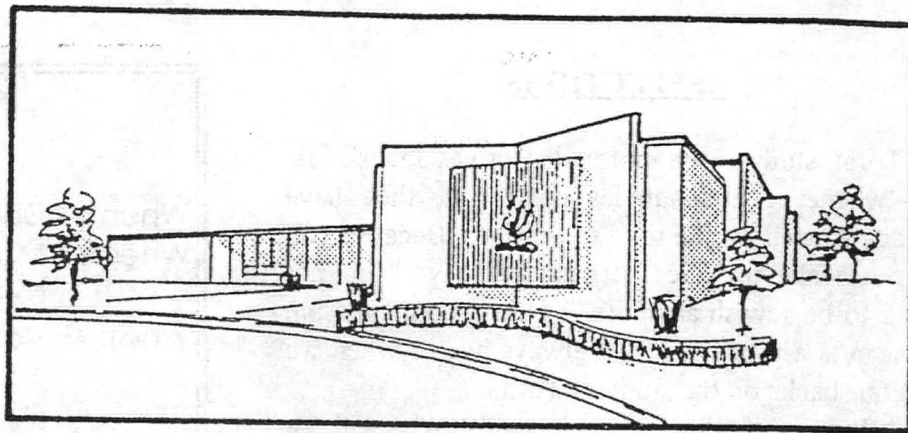


# monmouth reform temple *bulletin*



**KISLEV - TEVET 5758**

**DECEMBER 1997**

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

Fri. 5 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Family Service Grade 6A  
Torah Portion: Vayetze  
Gen. 28:10-32:3

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Fri. 12 Tot Shabbat - 6:30 PM  
Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: ***THE RIGHT TO  
BE HEARD***  
Torah Portion: Vayishlach  
Gen. 32:4-36:43

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Fri. 19 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Sermon: ***PLAYING FAVORITES***  
Torah Portion: Vayeshev  
Gen. 37:1-40:23

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Fri. 26 Sabbath Eve - 8:15 PM  
Chanukah Family Service  
Sermon: ***THE SPINNING  
DREIDEL***  
Torah Portion: Miketz  
Gen. 41:1-44:17

## OTHER SERVICES

Sat. 6 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Sermon: ***LET'S MAKE A DEAL***  
Bar Mitzvah of  
Michael Vernon  
son of Mark and Joan Vernon

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Sat. 13 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Sermon: ***TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL***  
Bat Mitzvah of  
Savannah Roberts  
daughter of Della and Randall Roberts

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Sat. 20 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Sermon: ***RESPECTING OTHERS***  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program  
Bar Mitzvah of  
Zachary Jones  
son of Dorothy and David Jones

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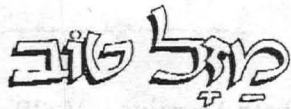
Sat. 27 Sabbath Morning - 10:30 AM  
Shabbat Kallah  
Sermon: ***SECOND TO NONE***  
Adult Bat Mitzvah of  
Ayse Dilber

## REFLECTIONS

Torah study is the motor that drives Jewish life, and whenever communities neglect it, they have already started on the road to decline. Because you do not wake up one morning and say: "I'm not going to be Jewish anymore." Disengagement from Judaism is a process, and it always begins when we turn our backs on the study of Torah...

A Judaism that makes no demands on us will not touch our hearts or stir our souls. Now is the time for leaders to explain to their movement that Reform Judaism is about knowledge, not nostalgia; that Jewish history is about Torah, not trauma; that Reform Jews need lots of learning, at many different tables; and that at this moment, our task is to chase inertia from our midst, to grab hold of our destiny, and to turn it in the direction of Jewish study.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie



### **SHARING SIMCHAS** **THE TEMPLE FAMILY EXTENDS** **MAZEL TOV TO:**

Adele and Jay Stevens on the birth of their new granddaughter, Stacy Lauren Stevens

Zee Jay Cooper on her marriage to Jerry Greenspan

Frank and Greta Singer on their  
50th wedding anniversary

Charles and Norma Bernstein on the marriage of  
their son Greg to Mary Beth

Connie and Milton Klein on the birth of their  
new granddaughter Marissa

Charles and Judi Cooper on the birth of twin  
grandchildren Noah Louis and Jenna Elizabeth

### **Super Sunday - February 1**

**Participate \* Contribute \* Volunteer.**

*Make a difference in your Jewish community*

531-6200 or 972-3005

Jewish Federation of Greater Monmouth County

## **IMPORTANT: HELP WANTED!!!**

When: December 25, 1997  
Where: Monmouth County Convalescent  
Centers and other sites.  
What: Volunteers to assist at Christmas  
Day dinner or provide good cheer  
for those in need.  
Why: So our Christian neighbors who  
work or volunteer at the above  
facilities can spend more time  
with their families on Christmas day.

*Please reply by December 15.*

*Call the Temple office (747-9365) and say  
you'll give a couple of hours. Thanks! ♥*

### **From the Membership Committee**

New Member Sabbath was a wonderful evening. We began with the lighting of Shabbat candles, a festive dinner, z'mirot and the joy of being together to welcome our newest members. During services Ayse Dilber, Bob Blank, Judy Luger, and Bill Kurry, four members who joined within the last 3 years, spoke of their early involvement and the meaning membership holds for each of them. My sincere thanks to: Stephanie Fitzsimmons and Maureen Welton for their hard work and assistance in setting up the dinner; Gloria Kantor for being the phone contact to prospective members; and Elinor Goldberg and Mary Jane Leland for doing so much to make my job a lot easier!

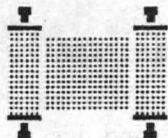
If you know of anyone wishing to become a member of MRT, please let me know.

B'Shalom  
Sheila Leavitt

## **LATKE PARTY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**

December 28 - 10:00 AM - Noon  
RSVP by December 14 to Temple office





## FROM RABBI PRIESAND

Recently, Jim Berg, Maggie Heidema, Karen Karl, Myra Ostroff, Gerald Reisner, Bob Rosin and I traveled to Dallas for the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. We all agreed that it was an energizing and worthwhile gathering, but one that is better experienced than explained. Words cannot really convey how it feels to sing the Sh'ma with nearly five thousand other Jews or the insight one gains from studying Torah with some of our Movement's best teachers or the strength that comes from knowing that Reform Jews throughout North America are engaged together in the task of tikkun olam or the satisfaction one experiences in discovering that our own congregation measures up pretty well when compared to other congregations. We came home exhausted but with many new ideas, much reading material and a ton of paper (resolving next time to take an extra suitcase for all the handouts!).

For me, there were many highlights. Former Governor Ann Richards delivered a stirring social action address, and Israeli statesman Shimon Peres offered a rare glimpse into his personal life when he spoke movingly of his daughter's active involvement in a Progressive synagogue in Tel Aviv. I also attended a healing service that I found especially meaningful, and I enjoyed the opportunity to study Torah with Rabbi Maya Leibovich, whose congregation in Mevasseret Zion I told you about on Rosh Hashanah.

I was particularly impressed by the courage and sense of vision that Rabbi Eric Yoffie displayed in his presidential sermon. Once again he challenged Reform Jews to come home to Torah, suggesting that the major crisis we face as a community is the problem of Jewish literacy. "Wonderfully educated in the ways of the world," he said, "we are abysmally ignorant in the ways of our people." He then proposed a five-point program to help us become more competent and literate Jews. First, the leadership of every congregation should be encouraged to read and discuss each year four significant Jewish books. Second, every committee meeting held in the synagogue should begin with a few minutes of Torah study, a reminder that we are

here to do God's work and that we should approach that task with a sense of the sacred. Third, every congregation, between now and the next Biennial, should train at least two lay Torah readers. He also expressed his view that Torah should always be chanted. Fourth, in addition to the weekly Torah study lessons already available on-line, the Union will also post suggestions for Shabbat table talk, geared to families and children, with the hope that Shabbat dinner (or lunch) will be a time for learning and teaching, a time for tasting the sweetness of Shabbat by adding some words of Torah. Fifth, each congregation is encouraged to participate in a movement-wide celebration of Torah on the eve of Shavuot, May 30, 1998, a public affirmation on the part of Reform Jews that "there is no task more urgent and no mission more compelling than deepening the study of Torah in our midst."

Clearly, Rabbi Yoffie has placed Torah at the center of his program to increase Jewish literacy. It is an ambitious program but one that is needed if we are to move forward in the area of Jewish education and become more responsible for our own Jewishness. I was grateful that much of the material needed to implement these proposals was handed out at the convention. Hence, our Temple committees are already beginning to discuss what role these recommendations can play here in our own congregation. If you would like to participate in that process, I am certain that those who chair our committees would be delighted to hear from you!

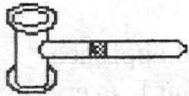
### Arts and Deco Wish List 1998

As our Temple family and Temple Building grow, the Arts and Deco Committee has begun planning for its beautification and decoration. This year the committee has selected three works of art priced at \$300.00, \$500.00 and \$1600.00. In addition our wish list consists of:

- 2 Etrog Boxes
- 150 song books
- Torah Sashes

A more complete list is available from the office or you can contact me at 571-6793 for more information. Your donations are always appreciated.

Maureen Welton



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the secular year comes to a close we have decided to have a mid year forum. On December 21, 1997 at 4:00 PM there will be a meeting in the Social Hall to discuss a number of major issues about growth and changes that we are experiencing at our Temple. Some of the items to be discussed will be the hiring of a full time cantor, planning report, construction update and a report from the Ad Hoc Name Committee. The Board of Trustees and I need your input as we start the second half of our budget year.

On a financial note, many people are predicting a drop in the stock market and if you have any plans to give a gift to the Temple, the best time may be now, before the tax year ends.

I recently attended the Biennial meeting of the UAHC, the national organization of Reform Jews, in Dallas, Texas. I can assure you that our movement is forging ahead with many programs to keep Reform Judaism vital, contemporary, open to all and built on a solid structure of learning. I attended a number of workshops, meetings, lectures, as well as voting sessions during my five days there. The programs started at 7:30 AM, went on all day and at 11:00 PM, if you could still keep your eyes open, the entertainment began. It was heartwarming to see seven members in attendance from our congregation. We hope more might be able to attend in two years when it will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Shalom,  
Jim Berg



## Arts Festival '98

We are pleased to announce that Bob Blank is the third chair. He needs help for the printing and ad journal committees. The personnel committee needs a chair, also. Please call if you can help. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Barbara Cobuzzi	542-1556
Dolores Phillips	922-3487
Bob Blank	389-4615

## Michael Vernon

Michael, his parents Joan and Mark, and his sister Erica look forward to December 6, the culmination of Michael's study when he becomes a Bar Mitzvah. He can't wait! Michael has worked very hard and has decided to go on to Confirmation. Michael is a 7th grader at the Tinton Falls Middle School and is on the Student Council. He placed first in the school talent show for an excellent performance with his rock band called "Dream." Michael's favorite subject is Social Studies and he enjoys hobbies such as swimming, biking, golf, browsing on the Internet, and rollerblading. Michael belongs to the Boy Scouts. He also plays alto saxophone and bass guitar. Mazel Tov to Michael and his family.

## Savannah Roberts

Savannah will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on December 13. Currently she is a seventh grader at Neptune Middle School where her favorite subject is Advanced Creative Writing. She enjoys writing short stories and poetry. She is also active in Girl Scouts and is working on her Silver Award. Savannah looks forward to her voice lessons weekly, and intends to pursue her singing. Vannah feels that the preparation for Bat Mitzvah was difficult, but looks forward to the day. Mazel Tov to Savannah, her parents Della and Randall, and sister Rosalyn.

## Zachary Jared Jones

Zach and his parents, Dottie and David, look forward to this momentous occasion when Zach will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 20. Zach attends eighth grade at the William R. Satz School in Holmdel. He is on the yearbook staff and Project Plus. Zach's favorite subject is AP English and he was one of 5 winners of the Veterans' Day Essay Contest. He enjoys listening to music, working with computers and sculpting. Mazel Tov to Zach and his family.



## From our Judaica Shop....



Chanukah begins Tuesday evening, December 23. The Judaica Shop will be open on:

Sunday, December 14  
from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 17,  
from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and

Sunday, December 21,  
from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

*Chanukah items will be on display in the Temple lobby. You're welcome to shop early at the Chanukah booth at Sisterhood's Home Party Boutique*

*December 3 from 4-8PM and  
December 4 from 11AM-6PM  
in the Social Hall*

*Menorahs, priced for every budget, fancy menorah candles, gelt, etc., etc., will be available. Any questions, any special needs, call:*

*Gloria Kantor 741-3753  
or Fannie Klein 741-5676.*

## SAVE THE DATE for AUCTION NIGHT '98 JANUARY 24, 1998

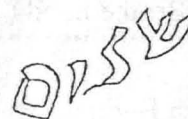
If you have an item or a service to donate, call Arlene Berg 946-8559 or Joanna Charnick 542-1562 or please respond to our telephone committee when they call you. This is our last major fund raiser for the year, so please respond generously. *Thanks!!!!*

## FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We reached \$20,000 in sales for the month of October and our committee was really excited *and* our committee thanks YOU very much. We also had our highest number of members, 82, purchasing scrip in October. Our committee has put a new goal of \$25,000 in sales. We feel that if 100 members purchased scrip in a month that we could easily attain that number. It is a wonderful mitzvah.

To make it easier to reach that goal, we are expanding our program this month. We will have gift certificates for Barnes and Noble and Marshall's (T.J. Maxx) both available in \$10 denominations. For every purchase in Barnes and Noble, the Temple will make 8% and for Marshall's (T.J. Maxx) we will make 10%. Call ahead to reserve your gift certificates. They make great HOLIDAY gifts or take them along when you are doing your own shopping. For December only: Besides Barnes & Noble and Marshall's, I will have gift certificates for Kaybee Toys, \$10 denominations; Macy's in \$25 and The Gap in \$20s. If you are interested in JCPenney, Eddie Bauer, Sam Goody (Musicland), call me and I will place an order for you. Please note that these orders can be picked up on Sunday mornings or call for other arrangements.

Arlene Berg  
946-8559



## *Welcome New Members*

*Please welcome to our congregation:*

Joan C. Denton  
159 N. Lovett Avenue  
Little Silver, NJ 07739  
741-2037

David Lazoff  
1409 Knollwood Drive  
Middletown, NJ 07748  
796-0766

Jeffrey and Candace Pokross  
and their son, Jordan  
45 Laird Road  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722  
332-0758

.....A message from  
our Sisterhood President, Stephanie Fitzsimmons

Our November meeting was a success. A special thank you to Karen Karl, Sheila Leavitt and Fannie Klein for their culinary presentations. We were all treated to a taste of traditional Jewish delicacies.

There will be 20 vendors at our Home Party Boutique with terrific merchandise as well as the Judaica Shop and Food Scrip.

Also, be sure to stop into the Social Hall on the morning of December 21 and view the art work of the children of MRT. Your support is appreciated.

Please mark your calendars. The following is a schedule of Sisterhood meetings and events. You are welcome to attend so please come!

*Be well and have a wonderful Chamukah!*

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**December**

December 3-4, in the Social Hall  
Home Party Boutique Fund Raiser

December 21, in the Social Hall  
Junior Art Show



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**January - Speaker (TBA)**

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**February**

February 10, 8:00PM in the Social Hall

Special Guest: Rabbi Sally Priesand

February 21 - Social event with Brotherhood (TBA)  
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**March**

March 5 - Trip to the new Jewish Heritage Museum  
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**April**

April 19 - Field Trip (TBA)  
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**May**

May 8, 8:15PM - Sisterhood Sabbath  
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**June**

June 4, 7:45 - Speaker (TBA)  
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**Attention!! JRYouth (6th, 7th & 8th graders)**

Jay Medlin, our new Junior Youth Advisor, has initiated an active program.. The next event is

**Game Night**

**Dec. 17 following Religious School until 8PM.**

*Come and have fun, bring your friends!*

Contact Jay at 946-7972 or jam97@monmouth.com

## Brotherhood

Our next meeting will be on Monday evening, December 8. There will be a minyan (Maariv), a short business meeting followed by Monday night football, with hot dogs and beverages on the menu.

To jump ahead, we have a very exciting program planned for Sunday afternoon April 26, 1998. Our speaker will be Jasmin Habib, author of the article, "Palestinian and Jewish, the Great In-Betweenness" that appeared in the Spring 1997 edition of Reform Judaism. Even more exciting is that this will be a joint venture of four local Brotherhoods. We will be joined by Temple Rodeph Torah, Shaari Emeth, and Temple Shalom. Hopefully, this will be the start of many joint ventures in conjunction with our local Temples.

More to follow but save the date now!

Shalom,

*Baldy*

Baldwin Davidson

## Senior Youth Group

UAHC Biennial was a wonderful time to meet new people and learn new things. The Biennial certainly was different from any other youth conference I have attended, because the Biennial put the young people and adults together. We, the youth of Reform Judaism, had a chance to express our views on issues that the UAHC deals with.

This was the first Biennial in which the youth groups had a program that interacted with the adults. We learned about working with a Temple board and other issues. Every night the kids would get together with the adults and attend wonderful concerts. We had a voice, singing as well as speaking. It was amazing to have services with over 4,000 people and to add my voice. It was exciting and a lot of fun being on stage with Debbie Freedman and other Jewish composers and musicians; we rocked that place! I really enjoyed hearing Shimon Peres speak. He was someone that I had only heard about and it felt like I was part of something larger. We came from fifty states and several countries to be together.

The UAHC Biennial brought Reform Judaism, youth and adults, together.

*Maggie Heidema*



## MONMOUTH REFORM TEMPLE DECEMBER EVENTS

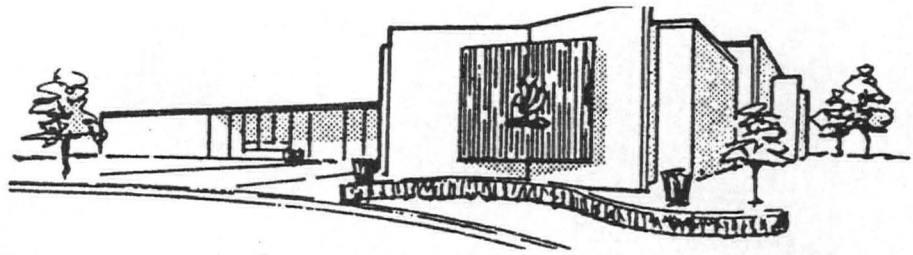
2	Tuesday	9:30 AM 7:45 PM 8:00 PM	Study Group Ways and Means Religious Education
3	Wednesday	4-6:00 PM 4-8:00 PM 8:00 PM	Religious School Home Party Boutique Ritual Committee
4	Thursday	11AM-6PM	Home Party Boutique
5	Friday	8:15 PM	Shabbat Eve Service Grade 6A Family Service
6	Saturday	10:30 AM Evening	Vernon Bar Mitzvah "Meet & Eat" Night
7	Sunday	9:30-Noon 7:00 PM	Religious School Adult Ed Video Series
8	Monday	8:00 PM	Brotherhood Meeting
9	Tuesday	9:30-11:00AM 8:00 PM	Study Group Adult Ed. Meeting
10	Wednesday	4-6:00PM 8:00 PM	Religious School Executive Committee
11	Thursday	7:30 PM	Arts Festival Meeting
12	Friday	6:30 PM 8:15 PM	Tot Shabbat Sabbath Eve Service
13	Saturday	10:30 AM	Roberts Bat Mitzvah
14	Sunday	9:30-Noon	Religious School
15	Monday	7-8 PM	Pre-School
16	Tuesday	9:30-11:00AM 8:00 PM	Study Group Temple Board
17	Wednesday	4-6:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Religious School Youth Group Event Youth Committee Meeting
19	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
20	Saturday	10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Jones Bar Mitzvah Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program
21	Sunday	9:30-Noon 12:00 Noon 4:00 PM	Religious School Student Talent Show Long Range Plan Update Meeting
23	Tuesday	9:30-11:00 AM 8:00 PM	Study Group Social Action Committee
26	Friday	8:15 PM	Sabbath Eve Service
27	Saturday	10:30 AM	Dilber Adult Bat Mitzvah Shabbat Kallah
28	Sunday	10:00-Noon	Latke Party

CHANUKAH BEGINS: Tues. night, Dec. 23

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Wed. Dec. 24, Sun. Dec. 28, Wed. Dec. 31

NO STUDY GROUP: Tues. Dec. 30

OFFICE CLOSED: Thurs. Dec. 25



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## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Temple Members  
From: Jim Berg, President

A lot has happened at our Temple since the Special Long Range Planning Committee gave their report in 1994. The Board of Trustees felt it would be worthwhile to have a special meeting for everyone to hear first hand our progress on many fronts. A mid-year meeting will also allow our membership to hear the latest on several other topics and express their opinion on our recent growth. Therefore you are invited to come to a

**PLANNING UPDATE/OPEN FORUM ON  
DECEMBER 21, 1997  
AT 4:00 PM  
IN THE TEMPLE SOCIAL HALL**

### AGENDA

OPENING PRAYER:	Rabbi Sally J. Priesand
WELCOMING REMARKS:	Jim Berg
PLANNING REPORT '94:	Stuart Tuchband
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:	JoAnn Brousell-Kurry and Rich Sachs
MUSIC/CANTOR SEARCH:	Joel Morgovsky
REPORT FROM THE	
AD HOC NAME COMMITTEE:	Susan St. Lifer
OPEN FORUM:	Congregation

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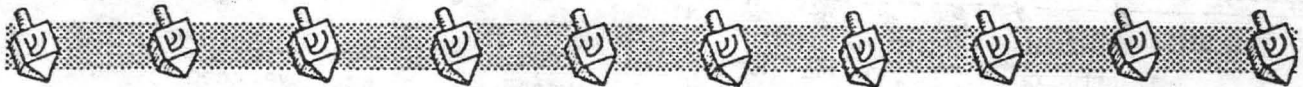
## CHANUKAH AT MRT

Friday, December 26  
8:15 P.M.

Chanukah Shabbat Family Service

Sunday, December 28  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION  
for entire Temple family -  
Bring your 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.

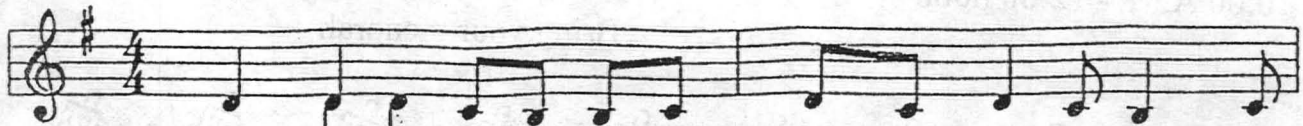
Each of the eight branches of the Menorah stands for one day of the festival. The lighting of the Menorah during the eight days has come to symbolize the victory of the Maccabees and the values of our faith for which they struggled. It reminds us of the importance of religious pluralism. All people should 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)

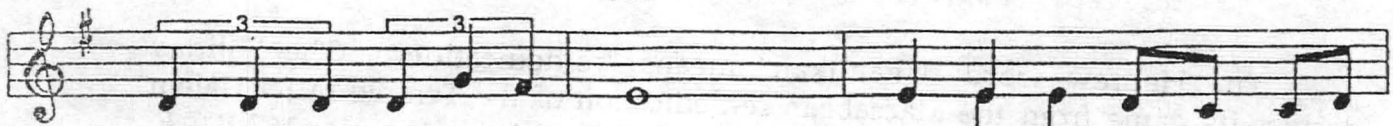
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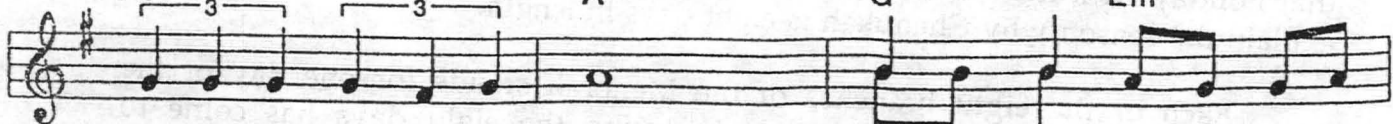
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




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# 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

# 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.

Write the hidden message here.



## 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

ברוך אתה	Holy One of Blessing	
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence	
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.	fills creation.	
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ	You made us holy	Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ	with Your commandments	me-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu
וְצִוֵּנוּ	and called us	be-mits-vo-tav, ve-tsi-va-nu
לְהַדְלִיק	to kindle	le-had-lik neir shel Cha-nu-ka.
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה:	the Chanukah lights.	

ברוך אתה	Holy One of Blessing	
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence	
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.	fills creation.	Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים	You performed miracles	me-lech ha-o-lam, she-a-sa ni-sim
לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ	for our ancestors	la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim
בְּיָמֵינוּ	in days of old	ba-ze-man ha-zeh.
בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה:	at this season.	

ברוך אתה	Holy One of Blessing	
יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ	Your Presence	
מִלֵּךְ הָעוֹלָם.	fills creation.	Ba-ruch a-ta, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ	You have kept us alive	me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu
וְקִיְּמָנוּ	You have sustained us	ve-ki-ye-ma-nu ve-hi-gi-a-nu
וְהַצֵּילָנוּ	You have brought us	la-ze-man ha-zeh.
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה:	to this moment.	

## 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 tzedakah.



### 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.

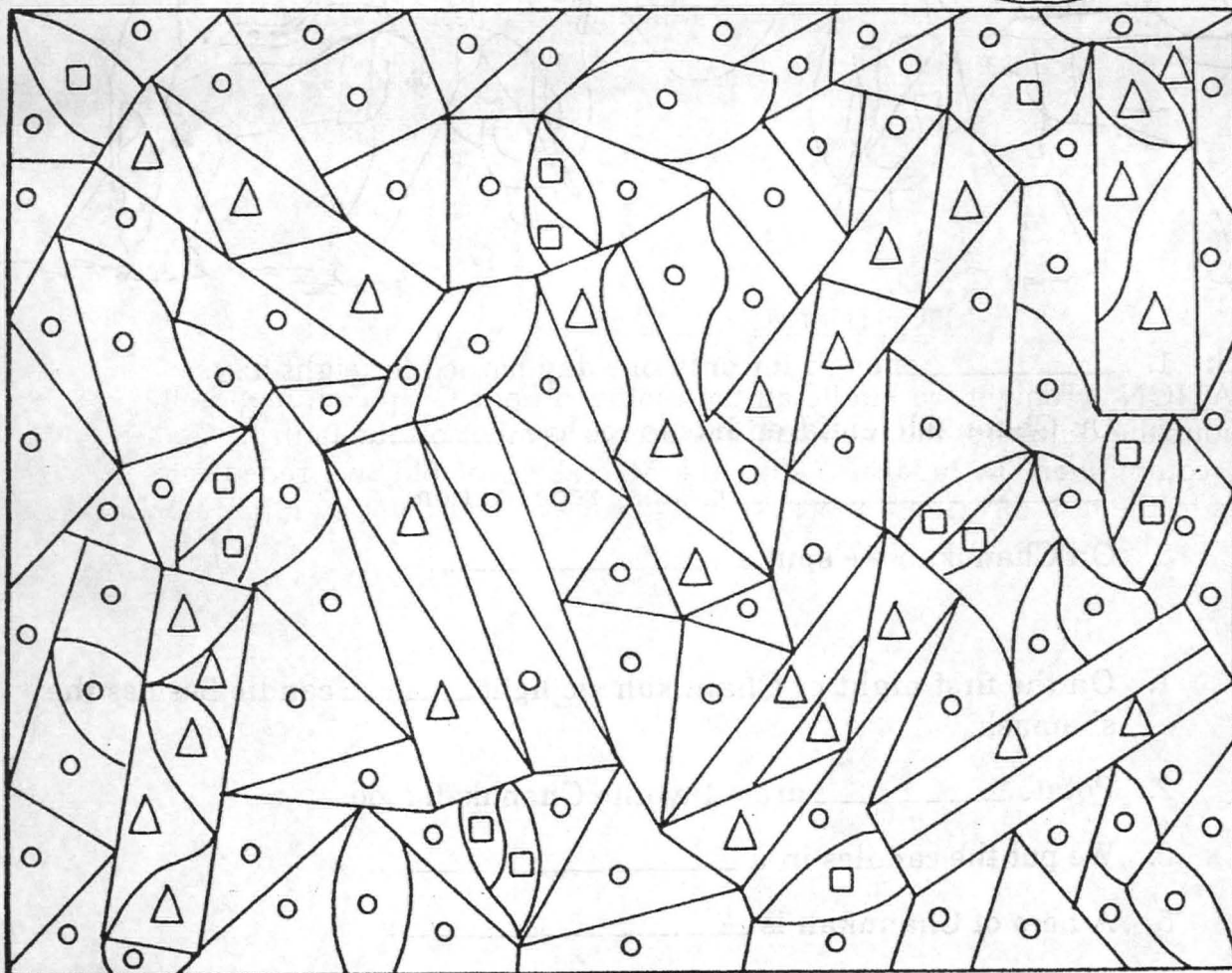
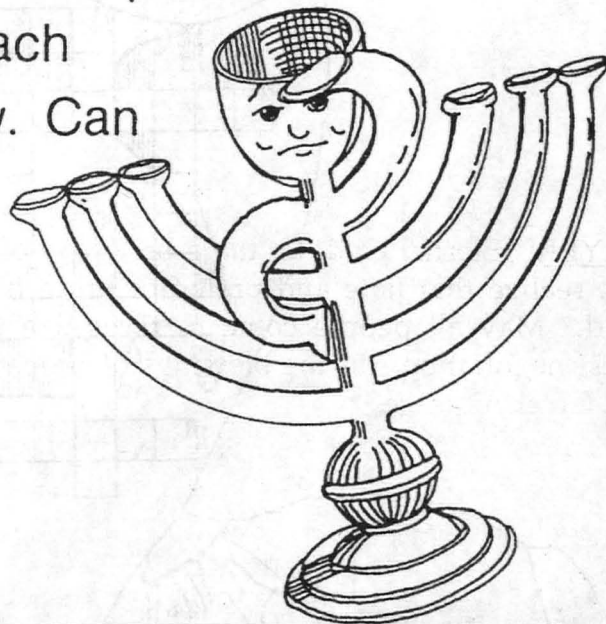
### EIGHTH NIGHT - FAITH

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.

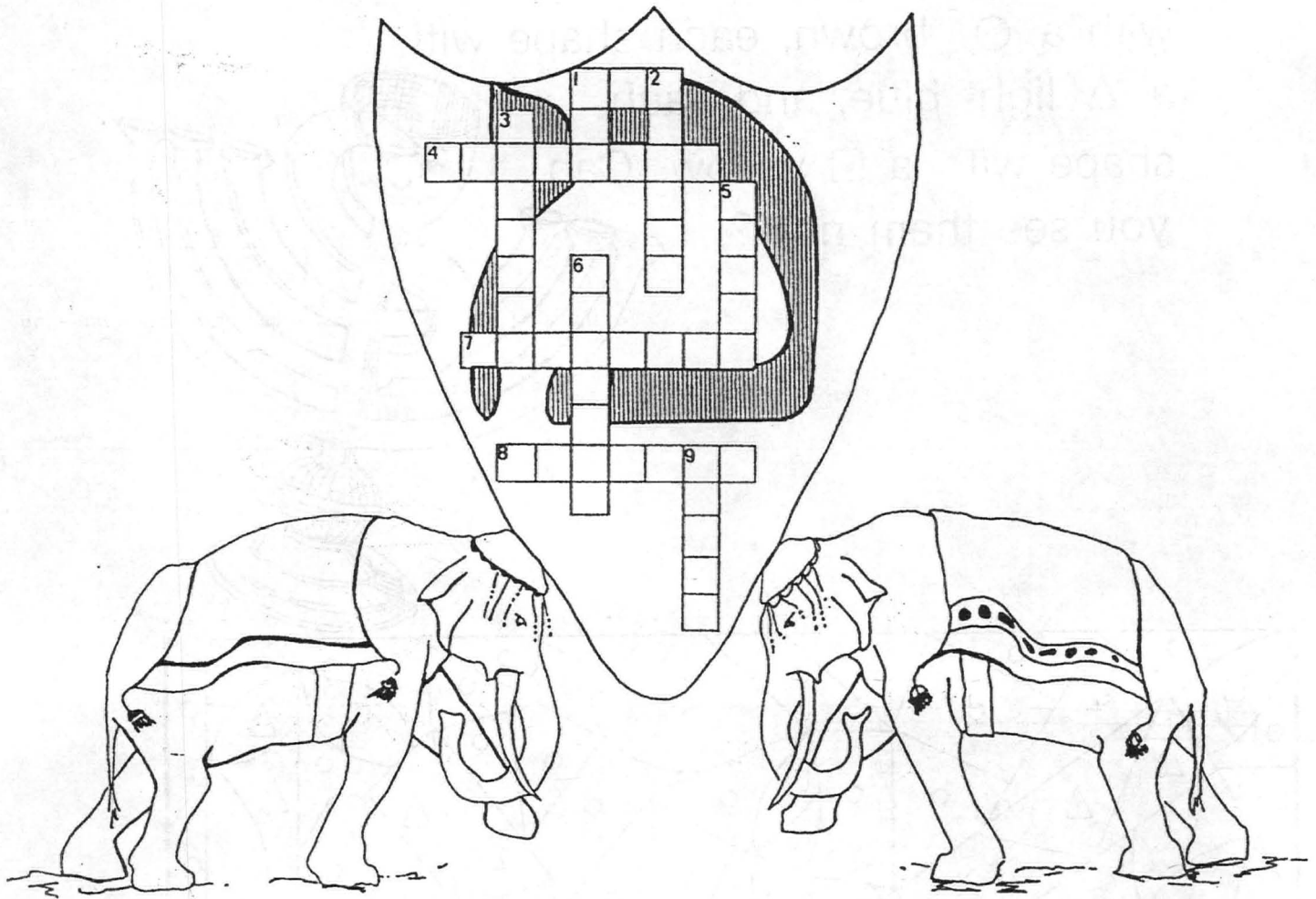
PRAYER: Our God and God of ages past, may we be sustained and strengthened by our faith. Make us ever mindful of the links that bind the generations together, and let the heritage that has been entrusted to us be secure in our keeping. We praise You, O God, for the faith of our ancestors and for the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

# CHANUKAH 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?



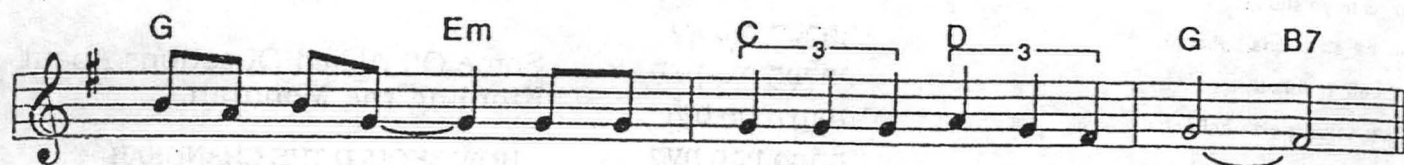
# CHANUKAH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- 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.

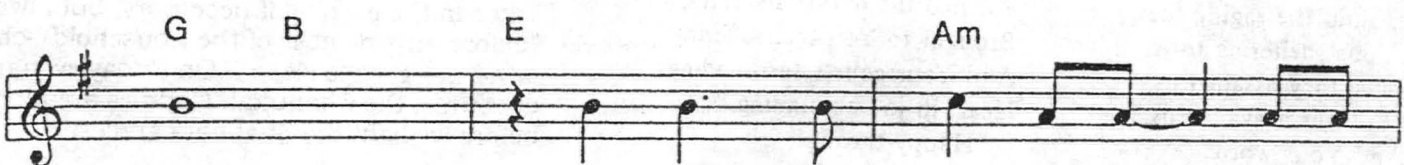




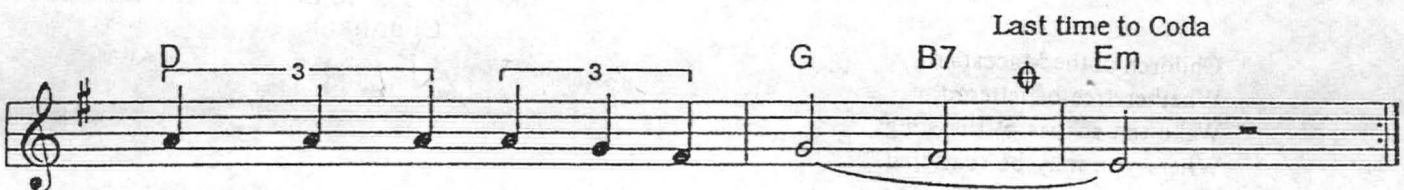
wis - dom to know — when the peace-mak - er's time is at hand. —  
 bind us to - geth - ther with peace as the song in our heart. —  
 this is the pro - mise and this is why we will not fail. —



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

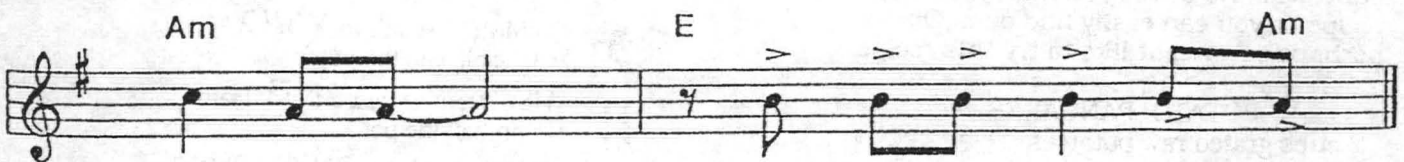


shine through our love and our tears. —

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

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

## מעוז צור

מעוז צור ישועתי,  
לך נאה לשבח;  
תכון בית תפלתי,  
ושם תודה נזבח.  
לעת תכין מטבח,  
מצר המנבח,  
או אגמור, בשר מזמור,  
תנכת המנבח.

## 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 שָׁמָּה

"Nes Gadol Haya Sham"

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

## YAHREZEITS

**Dec. 5:** \*Miriam Leavitt Welner,  
 \*Steven Stone, \*Bernard Levy, David Litwin,  
 \*Jay Schulman, \*Gussie Avrin, Gertrude Wolf,  
 \*Abba Mayer Beerman, Martin Baronoff,  
 Roger K. Berman, Joseph Dow, \*Dr. Irma Steisel,  
 \*Sally Mausner, \*Sol Cohen, Eleanore Ehrenberg,  
 Joel Wiesenfeld, \*Harry Kohn, \*Flora Braunstein,  
 \*Hilda D. Salomon, Harold Rosenblum,  
 \*Betty Bermann, \*Hugo E. Fleischman  
 \*Isidore Bermann,

**Dec. 12:** Ruth Welt, \*Helen Davis,  
 Florence Elias, Murray Hymans, Sam Fass,  
 \*Louis E. Jacobson, Abraham Golden,  
 Susan Rosemann, Joseph Levinsky,  
 \*Sheldon Hillel Brown, Morris Weinstein,  
 \*Abraham Glasser, \*Mary Fleischman

**Dec. 19:** Norman K. Brenner, \*Pearl Seitz,  
 Leonora Schwartz, Jane Marshall, \*David Lane,  
 Ida Reisner, Leo Goodman, Florence Diamond,  
 Herbert Tanzman, \*Richard Klein, Harry Katz,  
 \*Bette Halpern Schmelzle, \*George Glasser,  
 Molly Gurevitz, Philip Kramer, Edward Klein,  
 \*Martha Lehrer Herzel, Ace A. Orange

**Dec. 26:** Sylvia Snedcof Musicus,  
 Collette Katz, Jack Ostroff, Elaine Piniak,  
 Jennie Rosenweig, Jessie Weiss, Gertrude Snyder,  
 \*Joseph Lansky, Hyman Reisner, \*Goldie Bialy,  
 \*Leonard Gettelson, \*Esther Komar,  
 \*Edith R. Ginzburg, Mortimer Brandwene

\*Indicates perpetual Kaddish

*Memorial 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.*

The Congregation extends warm  
condolences to:

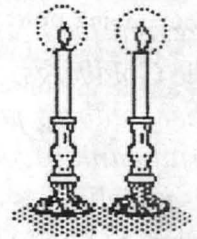
Rachel Mendelsohn  
on the death of her mother  
**LILY MENDELSON**



May God send peace to  
all the bereaved among us.

### TRADITIONAL SABBATH EVE CANDLE LIGHTING

Dec. 5	4:11 PM
Dec. 12	4:11 PM
Dec. 19	4:13 PM
Dec. 26	4:17 PM



### *In Appreciation*

*Many thanks to the MKJ membership for your support and kind expressions of sympathy following Adam's death. I am most gratified to be a member of such a warm and caring congregation.*



*Very sincerely,  
Florence Diller*



Happy Holidays from the  
Nursery School Co-op!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Chanukah Greetings to our Temple family from:

Alonzo, Doreen & Brianne Addison

Barbara Alessandro

Jim and Arlene Berg

Charles and Norma Bernstein

The Birnkrant family

Martha Brandwene & Rita McWilliams

Sandy and Bernie Brandwene

Joanna and Brian Charnick

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The Wolfs, Ann, Randy, Tami, Amanda & Kelsey



### Adult Education

Everybody said I would LOVE the UAHC Biennial, and I did! In the few weeks since my return I find myself wishing for those early morning Torah study classes or one of the very special, daily tefilah (prayer) opportunities.

Other highlights for me include the keynote addresses made by Gov. Anne Richards, Rabbis Lawrence Kushner and Marc Gellman, and especially the very warm and personal speech made by Prime Minister Shimon Peres. I was fascinated by the new insights offered by Dr. Reuven Firestone, Associate Professor of Medieval Judaism and Islam, HUC-JIR.

Shabbat lunch and study with Maya Leibovich, Rabbi of Congregation Kehilat Mevasseret Zion in Israel, left me with quite a strong impression. She is a dynamic woman as well as a powerful and compelling speaker. I Hope MRT will forge a special friendship with Rabbi Leibovich and her congregation.

All of these wonderful memories (and more) notwithstanding, I find myself thinking most about the Shabbat morning service, standing and praying among 4,300 other Jews and along side my daughter Maggie and the other members of MRT, watching Rabbi Priesand being called to the bema with other women rabbis in honor of this 25th anniversary year and Rabbi Eric Yoffie's forceful and courageous speech. I'm already looking forward to next year's regional biennial.

The First Sunday Series is underway. Many thanks to Joanna Charnick and Florence Diller who stepped in to run that first program. The committee is grateful for their generous support and we look forward to the next program on Dec. 7th. This program, entitled "Shabbat: An Oasis in Time," presents several alternate, interesting and even surprising ways individuals engage with the Sabbath. Study guides for the Shabbat video are available in the Temple office. I look forward to seeing you at the program.

*Karen Karl*

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

...where parents set the example

I rarely praise specific teachers or their students in this column for fear of unintentionally leaving out a noteworthy project or lesson and causing hurt feelings among the staff and the children. A one page limitation prevents mentioning all 13 teachers and I apologize for selecting a few for comment.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of our movement, has repeatedly emphasized in his messages that Reform Jews must return to Torah study. Nowhere is that policy more evident than in Janet Bell's 7th grade classroom. The 7th graders carefully analyze each week's parsha, under Ms. Bell's direction, with insight to understand its lessons. Poor behavior is never present as the students try to unravel the Torah's complex messages within a 1997 context.

Ms. Speichler and Ms. Weissman, our 8th and 9th grade teachers, are elated by their students' enthusiastic response to their lessons. The 8th grade's Family Life Curriculum and the 9th grade's Jewish Identity unit have evoked extensive student dialogue and a mature approach to the material.

Lea Ghidali, our 6th grade Hebrew teacher, developed an innovative approach to encourage parents to help their children with Hebrew reading. She coded help sheets with transliteration on one side for the parent and the matching Hebrew on the other side for the child. With some effort, parents unable to read Hebrew, are still able to "read" and assist their children by following along on their side of the sheets as their children practice Hebrew on theirs. (Incidentally, say the word and MRT will create an adult Hebrew class.) Ms. Ghidali also created Hebrew flash cards to assist parents and students with Hebrew reading. New to our staff, Ms. Ghidali has quickly made herself an invaluable asset to our school by putting in extra time to come up with new strategies to help children master Hebrew reading. And, Ms. Ghidali's 6A class will conduct Shabbat services on December 5, 8:15 pm.

Kudos is also extended to Ms. Roberts for our newspaper class and to Ms. Stamm for lessons on ethics. Both classes are part of our Sunday elective program.

As I mentioned in last month's Bulletin, I asked the Religious School Committee to reach out to the parents of our school children to provide more adult supervision in the parking lot during Sunday

dismissals from Religious School. I hope that you realize the need for this request and volunteer when called. Each Sunday, one class will have the responsibility of supervising the parking lot. The class parents of each class will coordinate the effort when their class' turn arrives. Please read the specific information mailed to you recently.

Looking for something Jewish to do with your children during the winter break? Don't miss our annual Chanukah Celebration on December 28, 10:00 AM - Noon. Please look for the flyer and be sure to **RSVP** (for our latke count) since Religious School will be on winter break beginning Wednesday, December 24. Everyone is invited, especially grandparents and younger siblings. Don't forget to bring your family menorah (and dreidels) for our ceremonious MRT family candle lighting.

The first of three report cards for grades 4 through 7 will be given to your children early in December. The other grades will receive the 1st of their two report cards at the end of January. As in recent years, the number of Shabbat services attended by 4th thru 7th graders is indicated at the bottom of the report card. Students must attend three Friday evening Shabbat services, plus participate in their class' service. Kindly complete the service requirement as soon as possible.

I know that MRT sends home many flyers and some may not be pertinent to your family, however, your children should not decide for you which flyers deserve your attention. Sheets sent home are about topics as diverse as our school's talent and art shows, the library committee's book fair, class lists and the Temple's Chanukah gift shop. Many students missed the flyer about the talent show auditions because they were left unread at the bottom of a school bag. (The talent and art shows will be held on December 21 during school hours.) Demand to see all notices sent home to you via your students.

The one downside to Religious School this year revolves around the inadequate amount of time children in grades 5 and 6 practice their Hebrew reading. Children must practice 15-20 minutes per night. Transliterations of the major prayers are in Gates of Prayer and with a little effort parents can listen, if not correct, their children. I do not endorse transliterations, but they can help the parent reinforce our classroom lessons.

Happy Chanukah to all.....David Levinsky



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George Welner

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*from Mark and Bev Gruensfelder*

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*from Arthur and Miriam Harris*

Arch Isaacs

*from Arthur and Miriam Harris*

Pauline Gold

*from Mitchell and Andrea Hershey*

Allen Fishman

*from Mitchell and Andrea Hershey*

Frieda Sapozhnikova

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### ARTS AND DECORATION FUND

#### In Honor of:

Lois and Ike Blonder on the birth of their

grandson Jacob William Golson

*from Phyllis and Charles Rubinstein*

Charles and Norma Bernstein on the marriage of

their son Greg to Mary Beth

*from Elaine Espey*

### CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

#### In Honor of:

Charles and Judi Cooper on the birth of twin

grandchildren Noah Louis and Jenna Elizabeth

*from Len and Sandy Goldberg*

Our daughter Sandy's Bat Mitzvah

*from Rich and Linda Goldberg*

### CHRISTIAN RESCUERS FUND

#### Get Well Wishes:

To Christine Francis

*from Gertrude Cooper*

### GENERAL FUND\

#### In Memory of:

Dr. Marshall J. Lobell

*from Doris Lobell*

### MAZON FUND

#### High Holydays:

*from Leslie B. Klein*

#### In Memory of:

Adam Diller

*from the Gitlin family*

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### In Memory of:

Adam Diller

*from Dolores and Ken Phillips*

#### In Honor of:

Lois and Ike Blonder on the birth of their

grandson Jacob William Golson

*from Dolores and Ken Phillips*

Connie and Milton Klein on the birth of their

new granddaughter Marissa

*from Dolores and Ken Phillips*

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*

Fannie and Hy Klein on the birth of their

granddaughter Rachel Cecilia Yarsky

*from Dolores and Ken Phillips*

Cora and Stu Tuchband on the marriage of

their son Steven to Ingrid

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

Joyce and John Christie on the arrival of their

granddaughter Christianna Marie Gusif

*from Dolores and Ken Phillips*

Arlene and Jim Berg on the marriage of their

daughter Alicia to Gary Mattson

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

#### Get Well Wishes:

To Ann Scheuer

*from Betty and Bob Schulman*



## **FUND FOR THE HOMELESS**

### **In Memory of:**

Adam Diller

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

*from Naomi and Fred Moessinger*

*from Helene and Vincent Hendrickson*

Jay Plax

*from Rosalie and Bob Rosin*

Sandra McTague

*from Miriam Hageman*

Al Knopf

*from Lila and Max Singer*

### **In Honor of:**

Connie and Milton Klein on the birth of their  
granddaughter Marissa

*from Norma and Jack Kohn*

Greta and Frank Singer's 50th wedding anniversary

*from Rosalind and Bob Woolf*

### **Get Well Wishes:**

To Irving Cohen

*from JoAnn and Bill Kurry*

*from Lila and Max Singer*

## **LIBRARY FUND**

### **In Memory of:**

Max Weissman

*from The Gitlin family*

Sidney Nemetz

*from Francine and Barry Litofsky*

Adrienne Straus' mother

*from Carol Tarabour*

### **In Honor of:**

Bobbie and Al Goldstein on the baby naming of  
their grandson Austin Craig Goldstein

*from Ike and Lois Blonder*

Don and Gail Abrams on the birth of their  
grandson Isaac Mason Abrams

*from Ike and Lois Blonder*

Adele and Jay Stevens on the birth of their new  
granddaughter Stacy Lauren Stevens

*from Claire and Murray Kipnis*

### **Get Well Wishes:**

To Jack Kohn

*from Ike and Lois Blonder*

## **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND**

### **In Memory of:**

Adam Diller

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

*from Sandy and Bernie Brandwene*

*from Junius and Judith Sycle*

*from Joan and Barnet Baron*

*from Irma and Peter Meyer*

*from Martin and Deborah Greenfield*

*from Menachem and Laura Graupe*

*from Gloria Hoffman*

*from Hy and Fannie Klein*

*from Phyllis and Charlie Rubinstein*

*from Baldwin Davidson*

Philip Goodall

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

## **SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE FUND (Cont'd)**

### **In Honor of:**

Marjorie Levy on her special birthday

*from Connie and Milton Klein*

Frank and Greta Singer on their 50th  
wedding anniversary

*from Claire and Milt Mausner*

*from Martha Brandwene and Rita McWilliams*

Jeff Goldberg's Bar Mitzvah

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

Sandy Goldberg's Bat Mitzvah

*from Sheila and Jim Leavitt*

Lois and Ike Blonder on the birth of their  
grandson Jacob William Golson

*from Irma and Peter Meyer*

Joyce and John Christie on the arrival of their  
granddaughter Christianna Marie Gusif

*from Irma and Peter Meyer*

*from Phyllis and Charlie Rubinstein*

Connie and Milton Klein on the birth of their  
new granddaughter Marissa

*from Phyllis and Charlie Rubinstein*

Judi and Charles Cooper on the birth of twin  
grandchildren Noah Louis and Jenna Elizabeth

*from Judy Luger*

## **LANDSCAPE FUND**

### **In Honor of:**

Dolores and Ken Phillips

*from Barbara and Rich Gitlin*

### **Get Well Wishes:**

To Ann Scheuer

*from Elaine Espey*

## **PRAYER BOOK FUND**

### **In Memory of:**

Adam Diller

*from Barbara and Barry Miller*

*from Elaine B. Espey*

Eric Feldheim

*from Helaine and Don Rothman*

### **In Honor of:**

Charles and Judi Cooper on the birth of twin  
grandchildren Noah Louis and Jenna Elizabeth

*from Claire and Murray Kipnis*

### **High Holydays:**

*from Esther Y. Nelson*

## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

### **Thank you:**

To Milton Mausner for all his help

*from the Borges and Singer families*

## **YOUTH GROUP FUND**

### **In Honor of:**

Jeffrey Goldberg's Bar Mitzvah

*from Jay and Kay Wiesenfeld*

Marci's Bat Mitzvah

*from Barbara and Richard Gitlin*

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**Monmouth Reform Temple Calendar for December****WORSHIP SERVICES**

Dec.	5 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	6 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	12 Fri	Tot Shabbat	6:30 PM
		Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	13 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
	19 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	20 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM
		Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Program	
	26 Fri	Sabbath Eve	8:15 PM
	27 Sat	Sabbath Morning	10:30 AM

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Dec.	3 Wed	Sisterhood Boutique	4-8:00 PM
	4 Thurs	Sisterhood Boutique	11-6:00 PM
	6 Sat	Meet and Eat Night	
	7 Sun	Adult Ed Video Series	7:00 PM
	15 Mon	Pre-School	7:00 PM
	17 Wed	Youth Event	6:00 PM
	21 Sun	MRT Student Talent Show	Noon
		Congregational Forum	4:00 PM
	27 Sat	Shabbat Kallah	
	28 Sun	Chanukah Latke Party	10:00 AM

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

Dec.	3 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	7 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	10 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	14 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	17 Wed	Religious School	4:00 - 6:00 PM
	21 Sun	Religious School	9:30 - Noon
	24 Wed	No Religious School	
	28 Sun	No Religious School	
	31 Wed	No Religious School	

**MEETINGS**

Dec.	2 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Ways and Means	7:45 PM
		Religious Ed	8:00 PM
	3 Wed	Ritual Committee	8:00 PM
	8 Mon	Brotherhood	8:00 PM
	9 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Adult Ed	8:00 PM
	10 Wed	Executive Comm.	8:00 PM
	11 Thurs	Art Festival	7:30 PM
	16 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Temple Board	8:00 PM
	17 Wed	Youth	7:30 PM
	23 Tues	Study Group	9:30 AM
		Social Action	8:00 PM