

THE VALLEY TEMPLE NEWS

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SHABBAT IS A TIME FOR ENRICHMENT OF THE MIND AND SPIRIT
SPEND SHABBAT AT THE VALLEY TEMPLE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Learner's Shabbat. Oneg Shabbat hosted by Mark and Jan Sass will follow the service. This service is designed for adults to inform them about aspects of the service and to allow time for questions to be asked regarding the prayers or anything relating to Judaism.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE led by the 8th Grade Religious School Class. Oneg Shabbat hosted by the class and their families will follow the service.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

6:30 PM – 5TH Grade Religious School class will lead a Chanukah Service

7:15 PM – Dinner will be served for those with reservations (see form elsewhere in the bulletin)

Chanukah celebration including menorah lighting, dreidl playing, and special entertainment by The Cincinnati Klezmer Project

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 7:30 PM

SHABBAT SERVICE. Learner's Shabbat. Oneg Shabbat hosted by Jeff and Laurie Marks will follow the service. This service is designed for adults to inform them about aspects of the service and to allow time for questions to be asked regarding the prayers or anything relating to Judaism

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SERVICES

Mornings when Religious School is in session:

11:15 AM – PreK-3rd grade

11:30 AM – 4th grade through 8th grade

(NOTE: All parents and grandparents are invited and encouraged to attend the Religious School services.)

CONGREGATIONAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
FIRST CANDLE FOR CHANUKAH – DECEMBER 21

MAZAL TOV

The Temple family shares in the happiness of its members and we are thankful for the blessings they enjoy. We congratulate the following:

MARILYN ALTMAN, on the birth of her Grandson, MAX RICHARD SNYDER, son of David and Jennifer Snyder.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends. May the precious memories that you cherish comfort you in your grief. The congregational family extends its sympathy to:



DIANNE RABE, on the death of her Mother, JANET ACH WEYANT

MORRIS OSCHERWITZ, on the death of his Mother, JEAN OSCHERWITZ

MAE COHEN and NANCY BERMAN, and JOHN BERMAN on the death of their Husband, Father, and Grandfather, LEON COHEN

PLEASE HELP – Should you know of someone in any of the hospitals that the Rabbi should visit, please notify the Temple office. We want to know what's happening with you. Thank you.



TUESDAY EVENING HEBREW CLASSES

Reminder to all students in Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Grades: All students are encouraged to attend Hebrew class on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 PM. This class is not just for those students having difficulties, but is an opportunity for all students to improve their Hebrew skills.

GOLDMAN UNION CAMP INSTITUTE – FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE (An affiliate of the UAHC)

Entering 3rd through 10th grader children from synagogues across the Midwest are currently being enrolled for the coming summer program at our regional U.A.H.C. camp, The Goldman Union Camp Institute. DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS THIS CHANCE TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP OF G.U.C.I. A four-week session at Goldman Camp is a unique experience. Campers participate in a full range of sports, arts, and Jewish programs, all offered within the exciting and motivating atmosphere of a Reform Jewish community of young people. There is simply no other experience like it.

Find out more about this wonderful opportunity for your child by picking up a 2001 Goldman Camp Brochure from the Temple office, or call the camp directly (317) 873-3361. You can e-mail the camp at GUCIOFFICE@aol.com.

religious school vacation
sunday, december 24
sunday, december 31



CHANUAKAH DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 6:30 PM

At the Valley Temple

Dinner Including Latkes, Menorah Lighting
Chanukah Celebration - Fifth Grade Religious
School Students Will Participate

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE CINCINNATI KLEZMER PROJECT *

*WHAT IS KLEZMER?

Klezmer is the celebration music of the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe adopting elements of folk music and dance. The group unites classic Klezmer music with rousing traditional dance tunes, modern Israeli folksongs, songs of the Yiddish theater and community singing. Audience participation in song and dance will be encouraged.

Adults \$13.00 Children (12 & under) \$7.50

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY MENORAH TO LIGHT THE CHANUKAH CANDLES



CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000 - 6:30 PM
RESERVATION FORM



NAME (S) (Please list names of all those who will attend) _____

of Adults @ \$13.00

of Children @ \$7.50 (12 & under)

of Children under 3 (free if not
eating a meal)

TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED



Send your reservation in with your payment to The Valley Temple, 145 Springfield Pike, Cinti, OH 45215 by Monday, Dec. 11 so that we can reserve a place for you! It is important that you make your reservation by December 11 so that we can make arrangements with our caterer.

(PLEASE NOTE: THIS YEAR THE CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IS BEING HELD PRIOR TO CHANUKAH SO THAT IT WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH WINTER BREAK.)

VALLEY TEMPLE

Sisterhood

December 2000

Upcoming Sisterhood Meeting Dates

Sunday, December 3rd, 10am in the temple board room

Sunday, January 21st, 10am in the temple board room

VALLEY TEMPLE GIFT SHOP SALE

Sunday, December 10th 10am - noon

**Do you have your eye on a new Menorah,
special Hanukkah gift, or holiday decorations?
Come to the gift shop sale!**

All proceeds benefit the Valley Temple Sisterhood Fund.

Just a reminder... 2001 Entertainment Books are on sale in the Temple gift shop for \$35. Kroger and Jungle Jim gift certificates are available as well.

Both make great holiday gifts! Call Ellen Kovaric at 521-8588 or Barb Stewart at 931-9054 to purchase gift certificates.

Sisterhood will be sponsoring an Oneg Shabat Friday, February 9, 2001.

All interested in bringing a baked good can call the temple office.

We hope to see many Sisterhood members this evening!

*The Sisterhood wishes the Congregation a wonderful
Holiday Season. May they be safe, healthy and happy.*



The Valley Temple Sisterhood

presents



The Joint Reform Temple Retirees Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6, 2000 (Noon)

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT FENG SHUI

Valley Temple's own Dawn Schwartzman is the co-owner of Interior Services Incorporated, and she will explain Feng Shui to us. Feng Shui is the art of arranging your outside and inside living spaces to add energy and harmony to your life. Learn how to make your front door more auspicious and how to arrange your bedroom to balance all nine life areas.

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NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TEMPLE AFFILIATION _____

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 30, 2000

Please make checks payable to Valley Temple Sisterhood and mail to Heather Stein Russell, 1695 Pheasant Hills Drive, Loveland, Ohio 45140. The cost is \$7.50 per person. Call Heather with questions at 683-6181.



VALLEY TEMPLE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

PLEASE HELP THE SISTERHOOD WITH A BOOK DRIVE FOR

MARY ANN'S KIDS

BRING GENTLY USED OR NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS, GRADES K-12 TO THE
GIFT SHOP THROUGH DECEMBER 17

Mary Ann Lederer is a Cincinnati artist and a lifelong civil rights activist. In 1999 she received the Maurice McCrackin Peace and Justice Award. Her vibrant paintings feature harmony with nature, pacifism, and love for children and animals.

As a young woman, Mary Ann was the victim of a shooting crime, which left her paralyzed, and in a wheelchair. Today she lives in the Fay Apartments, an old housing project in a high-crime impoverished neighborhood. She has befriended the young children in the surrounding apartments and hires them to help her with many daily tasks she is unable to perform for herself. Although in reduced circumstances, Mary Ann does not let the economic hardships of her life limit her involvement with the world or compromise her happiness.

What does distress her, however, is the complete lack of reading materials in the lives of her kids. There are no books in their homes, they do not see adults reading, and they do not understand the relevance of reading to their futures. Mary Ann grew up in an upper middle-class Jewish home where learning through books was emphasized strongly. She has taken it upon herself to do what she can to correct this situation by gathering books throughout the year and then presenting them to the children of the projects as holiday gifts.

Valley Temple Sisterhood is again joining this small network of friends in collecting books for Mary Ann to share. PLEASE HELP US BY MAKING A DONATION !!

Please support this valuable program.

If you have questions, call Helen Waits at 242-0066



**PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEMBERS
OF THE CONGREGATION ARE
ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT—
DONATE THE BOOKS YOUR
CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN
HAVE OUTGROWN.**

LEARN ABOUT FENG SHUI

Valley Temple's own Dawn Schwartzman will present an Introduction to Feng Shui at the Joint Reform Temple Retirees Luncheon, at the Valley Temple, on Wednesday, December 6, 2000 at noon. Dawn, along with her husband Michael, own Interior Services Incorporated, a company that designs office interiors and furniture applications. In recent years, they have added the concepts of Feng Shui to their design practice. Many corporations have implemented Feng Shui to enliven their interiors and enhance the flow of energy, prosperity and health in their buildings. The Schwartzmans have created The Feng Shui Annex to provide products, consultation referral services, workshops and information to the Tri-State Area.

The popularity of Feng Shui is growing rapidly in the United States as more individuals are becoming interested in the holistic movement in health and environmental influences. In this introductory presentation, Dawn will explain how you can arrange your living spaces, indoors and outdoors to add energy and harmony to your life. She'll share some of the Chinese history of Feng Shui and some of the modern applications that you can use in your home. Learn how to apply the Ba-Gua map over your house plan and discover the significant life areas. She'll also share tips on how to make your front door more auspicious and how to arrange your bedroom for optimal rejuvenation and balance of the nine life areas.

The cost of the luncheon is \$7.50 per person. You don't have to be retired to attend. Fill out the reservation form elsewhere in the bulletin and send to Heather Russell as soon as possible.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be Sunday, December 10 at 10 AM in the Temple Board room. Please attend this meeting.

CITY WIDE SERVICE TO HONOR HUC'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, March 31, 2001, a gala service will be held at Wise Temple, honoring the 125th anniversary of Hebrew Union College.

Cantor Sharon Kahn, of Wise Temple, is asking members of all local Reform congregations to participate in a coordinated program of synagogue music from the 19th century.

Rehearsals will begin in January. Interested in participating ??? Call Wendy at the Temple office.

NEWS FROM CEDAR VILLAGE – THE CENTER FOR JEWISH SENIORS

Cedar Village announces the establishment of a new medical practice, Cedar Village Physicians Group, Inc., founded by Dr. Gordon Margolin in order to meet the residents' and tenants' needs. Dr. Peggy Gennantonio, a geriatrician, is the new full-time medical director.

Dr. Peggy is now accepting new patients both from Cedar Village and the community where they will be seen in Cedar Village's Betagole Clinic. Dr. Doug Behrman, an internist, who has been an attending physician at Cedar Village the last three years, and Dr. Francine Ziv, a physiatrist (and Dr. Behrman's wife), will also be associated with the practice.

Having full time medical coverage will assure medical care for seniors from the community where they are living at the Village. This new program sets Cedar Village apart from all other nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Greater Cincinnati. For more information, call 336-3141.

Cedar Village is building new one-and-two room independent and assisted living studio apartments. Starting at \$1300 a month, they are a new, lower cost alternative to living at the Village in a warm Jewish environment. For more information, please call Rita Postolski at 336-3168.



SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

It is our tradition to have members sponsor an Oneg Shabbat which is the reception following services to celebrate the joy of the Sabbath. This is a lovely way to honor a special occasion, remember a loved one or for no occasion at all. It is not a large commitment – please help us maintain this warm and friendly custom. You can bake your favorite “goodies” or have them ordered for a nominal cost. For more information, or to say that you will host an Oneg, please call Wendy at the Temple office, 761-3555.

A special thanks to the following who recently hosted Oneg Shabbats:

HELEN AND MARTY LEVY
SIXTH GRADE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CLASS AND FAMILIES
LAURA AND RICK BEASLEY
SHARON AND RON RAN

SATURDAY MORNING SHABBAT SERVICES

Would you and your family be interested in attending Sabbath services on Saturday morning? If you might be interested in attending a monthly Saturday morning service, contact the Temple office or call Carol Kramberg-Walker at 681-8779.

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SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS



BLANKET MAN NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS – The Blanket Man continues to collect new or gently used blankets and towels and new socks which will be given to Bethany House. A collection barrel is located in the Temple lobby. The weather has turned cold and your donations are needed. Please bring them to the Temple by December 12. Thank you.

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SOUP KITCHEN PROJECT – Thanks to all who helped on Sunday, October 29 including Gail Lewin, Helen and Caroline Habbert, and Phyllis, Lauren and Aaron Kull. The next date will be Sunday, January 7. Volunteers are needed to bake brownies, cook and serve food. Please call Judy McKinney, 331-5028 to volunteer for this worthwhile project.

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HOLIDAY MITZVAH PROGRAM – Volunteers are needed for various hospital and nursing homes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We fill in so that regular workers can celebrate their holiday with their families. There are numerous hospitals around the city. Some of the jobs include working with admissions, pharmacy deliveries, delivering newspapers and food service. Make this a family affair – do a mitzvah – it feels good. To say that you will volunteer or for more information, call Jeannie Hiller, 398-1721.

**CINCINNATI KLEZMER PROJECT
WILL PERFORM AT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION**

The Cincinnati Klezmer Project will perform a program of instrumental virtuosity and audience participation in song and dance at the congregation's annual Chanukah party on Friday, December 15. Founded in 1994, the group unites classic Klezmer music with rousing traditional dance tunes, modern Israeli folksongs, songs of the Yiddish Theater and community singing. Past performances include concerts with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and a riverboat concert with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra.

Klezmer is the celebration music of the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. Adopting and transforming elements of Moldavian, Bulgarian, Rumanian, Gypsy, and other folk music and dance forms, Klezmer music is everywhere influenced by the distinctive musical modes of synagogue liturgy. In America, Klezmer music was influenced by jazz and swing. Modern Klezmer revival bands like the Cincinnati Klezmer Project draw on early recordings of immigrant celebration music, as well as Yiddish folk songs and songs of the Yiddish theater.

The performance on December 15 will include favorite Hebrew, Yiddish, and English Chanukah songs and folk dances. Please join us for a Chanukah celebration filled with merriment. See flyer elsewhere in the bulletin to reserve your place for dinner and this special entertainment.

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SHALOM CHAVARIM (HELLO FRIENDS) ...

Help us stay in touch with our students who have gone off to college or the military. Send us their names and addresses so that Sisterhood can let them know how much they are missed. Please fill out the form below and send to the Temple office, 145 Springfield Pike, Cinti, OH 45215. A reminder, too, that volunteers and donations are needed for this project.

NAME OF STUDENT _____

ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP CODE) _____

NAME OF STUDENT _____

ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP CODE) _____

PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL NAMES AND ADDRESSES BELOW:



____ I would like to volunteer for this project

Your name _____

Thank you for your support of this new project.

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ONE CANDLE FOR TZEDAKAH

*The entire community
is invited to share this
annual Hanukkah tradition!*

**Sunday, Dec. 17
at the JCC**

Shop as a family for gifts to those in need.

Bring new toys or items of clothing (unwrapped) to the JCC
(or to any sponsoring organization in advance).



Gifts for older children and teens are especially needed.

Gifts will be distributed by Big Brothers & Big Sisters Association of Cincinnati,
Jewish Family Service, and the Freestore.

5 - 6:15 PM: Enjoy a traditional holiday dinner!

Menu: Baked Chicken, Potato Latkes, Applesauce, Vegetable, Tossed Salad, Roll,
Jelly Doughnut, and choice of beverage. Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets.

Dinner Fees: \$9.95/adult; \$5.95/child. (Children age 3 or younger, no charge.)

Reservations: Call the JCC Welcome Desk, 761-7500, ext. 239 **by Sun., Dec. 10.**
No reservations can be accepted after December 10.



6:30 PM: Celebrate with friends & family!

The entertaining program is FREE and open to everyone:

Magic Show — Amazing feats by "Scottini!"

Holiday Music — The Yavneh Choir

Games & Crafts — Play dreidel games; make "stained glass" menorahs & tzedakah boxes

Treats — Enjoy delicious jelly doughnuts!



SPONSORED BY: The Jewish Community Center and Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, with support from:

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Congregation Beth Adam, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Congregation Ohav Shalom, Golf Manor
Synagogue, Hebrew Union College, Isaac M. Wise Temple, Northern Hills Synagogue, Rockdale Temple,
Temple Shalom, Valley Temple **Schools:** Cincinnati Hebrew Day School, Cincinnati Reform Jewish High
School, JCC Early Childhood Schools, Mercaz Jewish High School, RITSS High School, Rockdale Nursery
School, Yavneh Day School **Organizations:** B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Cedar Village, Chabad
Jewish Center of Blue Ash, Hillel Jewish Student Center, Israel Programs Cabinet, Jewish Family Service,
National Council of Jewish Women, The Council on Jewish Life & Learning

**For more information, call a sponsoring organization
or Marc Jacob at the JCC, 761-7500, ext. 260.**



JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

1580 Summit Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237

THE STORY OF CHANUKAH

Long ago, the Jewish people lived in the land of Israel, then called Judea. They were ruled by the king of nearby Syria. Although they were not free, they were allowed to celebrate their holidays and pray in their Holy Temple in Jerusalem. But a new king, Antiochus, came to power. He forced the Jews to believe in the Greek gods, and to bow down to Greek statues. When some Jews refused, Antiochus sent soldiers to destroy the homes and Temple of the Jews.

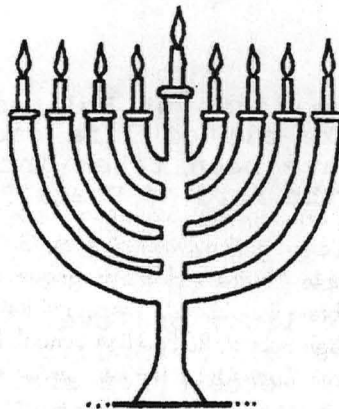
In Modi'in, a town near Jerusalem, a man called Mattathias refused to bow down to the Greek statues. With his five sons, he fought off the soldiers and escaped to the nearby mountains. They organized a small army, called the Maccabees, led by Mattathias' son Judah. Though they were few in number, and not well-trained, the Maccabees were fighting for freedom, and their courage and skill enabled them to drive the Syrians away.

After three years of fighting, they reached Jerusalem. The Jewish fighters became builders, as they cleaned and rebuilt the Holy Temple. On the 25th day of the Hebrew month Kislev, they rekindled the lights of the menorah and rededicated the Holy Temple. Their celebration lasted eight days. Judah Maccabee and his brothers proclaimed that every year, for eight days, the Jews should celebrate a Festival of Lights. This holiday became known as Chanukah.

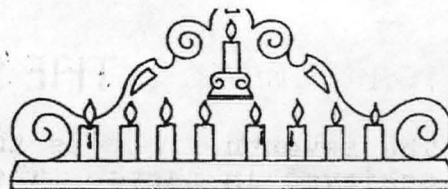
There is a legend that the Maccabees were able to find only one jug of pure oil, enough to keep the Temple menorah burning for only one day. But the oil lasted and lasted, and burned brightly for all eight days of the celebration.

As a reminder of the miracle of the oil, it is a Chanukah tradition to eat foods cooked in oil, such as latkes and donuts.

FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH -
DEC. 21



BLESSING OVER THE LIGHTS



ALL:

CHANUKAH

On this festival of Hanukkah, we rededicate ourselves to God and to God's service. As we kindle the Hanukkah lights in our homes and temples, may the light of God's presence and God's truth shine forth to dispell all darkness and lead all unto God. Amen.

THE SERVANT LIGHT OR SHAMASH (to be recited each day)

As one candle may kindle many others and yet lose none of its own light, so Judaism has kindled the light of truth for many religion in many lands and still shines brightly through the ages.

FOR THE FIRST DAY:

The first light tells of Him whose first command was "Let there be light." The darkness of idol worship was scattered when Israel brought radiant knowledge of one God. "I am the first and I am the last," said the Lord.

FOR THE SECOND DAY:

The second light is the light of the Torah. Israel's book of law has brought learning and truth to all of the western world. "The commandment is a lamp and the Law is a light."

FOR THE THIRD DAY:

The third light is the light of justice. No nation can endure which is unjust to the weak. "Justice, always Justice shall you pursue," was the commandment of Moses, our teacher.

FOR THE FOURTH DAY:

The fourth light is the light of Mercy. Cruelty hardens the heart and destroys friendships. "Do justice and love mercy" was the teaching of Michah the prophet.

FOR THE FIFTH DAY:

The fifth light is the light of Holiness. Purity of thought, nobility of action make all of life sacred. From the prophet Isaiah, these words have been taken into Israel's prayer book: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts."

FOR THE SIXTH DAY:

The sixth light is the light of Love. When the love which our parents give us makes all our life beautiful, we learn to understand the Biblical words, "You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart and soul and might."

FOR THE SEVENTH DAY:

The seventh light is the calm light of Patience. Nothing can be achieved in haste. The spreading tree and the soul of man grows slowly to perfection. Thus sang King David, "Trust in the Lord, wait patiently for Him."

FOR THE EIGHTH DAY:

The eighth light is the light of Courage. Let truth and justice be your armor and fear not. Judah Maccabee, the Hero of Chanukah, lived by the words Moses spoke to Joshua: "Be strong and of good courage."

Blessings

(The candles are placed in the Hanukkiyah and kindled, with the shammash, The lit Chanukiyah is placed in the window to show our joy at the survival of our faith.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal our God, Source of the Universe, who teaches us holiness with Your mitzvot and calls us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים
לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

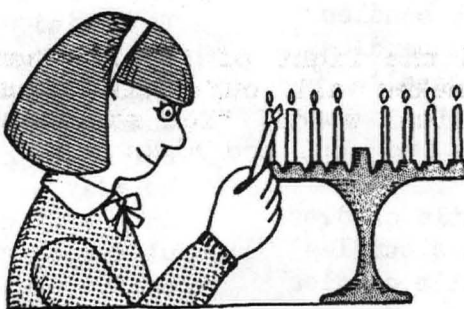
We praise You Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only

ברוך אתה יהוה אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו
וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, melech ha-olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi-anu la'z'man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



HANUKKAH HYMN

Songs

Dreidel Song

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou, amidst the raging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

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

Children of the martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing
Which will see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

Eight Little Candles

I have eight little candles (Repeat 2cc)
In my Chanukah lamp.

Chorus: One little, two little, three little candles
Four little, five little, six little candles
Seven little, eight little Chanukah candles
In my Chanukah lamp.

The first night - one little candle
The second night - two little candles
The third night - three little candles
In my Chanukah lamp.

Chorus

The fourth night - four little candles
The fifth night - five little candles
The sixth night - six little candles
In my Chanukah lamp

Chorus

The seventh night - seven little candles
The eighth night - eight little candles
The shammos makes - nine little candles
In my Chanukah lamp.

Chorus

I have a little dreidel
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then dreidel I shall play
Oh dreidel, dreidel dreidel
I made it out of clay
Oh dreidel, dreidel dreidel
Now dreidel I shall play

It has a lovely body,
With legs so short and thin
And when it is all tired
It drops and then I win
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
With legs so short and thin
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
It drops and then I win.

My dreidel is always playful
It loves to dance and spin
A happy game of dreidel
Come play, now let's begin
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
It loves to dance and spin
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
Come play, now let's begin.

CHANUKAH

Chanukah, oh Chanukah, come light the
menorah
Chanukah, oh Chanukah, we'll all dance the
Hora
Gather round the table, we'll give you
a treat
S'vivon to play with, latkes to eat.

And while we are singing
the candles are burning low
One for each night they shed a sweet light
to remind us of days long ago
One for each night they shed a sweet light
To remind us of days long ago

Light the candle mother dear
Chanukah comes once a year
For eight days we celebrate this joyous
holiday
In the flick'ring candlelight children
play with all their might.
As the dreidel spins along on its merry
way.



Hanukkah Recipes

Most Jewish holidays have their own special foods and treats. On Chanukah it is customary to eat latkes (levivot) and doughnuts (sufganiyot.) Both of these foods are fried in oil and remind us of the miracle of the jug of oil that burned for eight days.

LATKES

Here's a simple recipe for this tasty treat:

6 medium-size potatoes,
(about 2 lbs)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. onion, finely grated
2 eggs
1 t. salt
peanut oil
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C. potato flour

1. Peel potatoes, and drop them in cold water to keep them white.
 2. Beat eggs in large bowl and add grated onion.
 3. Beat in flour and salt.
 4. Dry each potato and grate. Stir into bowl with eggs and onion mixture.
 5. Heat about 8 T. oil in heavy skillet till oil sputters when drop of batter is dropped in.
 6. Use about $\frac{1}{4}$ C. batter per pancake. Press it out flat with spoon.
 7. Over moderate heat, fry till crisp around the edges.
- Serve with heated applesauce flavored with cinnamon.



Orange Doughnuts (Sufganiot)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
2 eggs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated orange rind

Mix ingredients in order given. Drop by teaspoons into deep hot oil. Fry until browned. Drain on brown paper. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar or a mixture of sugar and cinnamon.



EDIBLE MENORAH

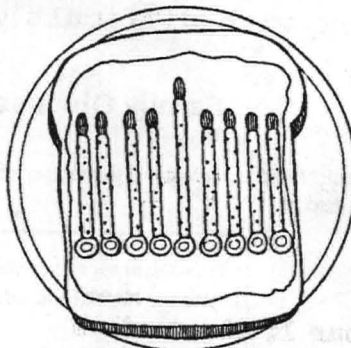
INGREDIENTS

1 slice white bread
peanut butter
9 carrot rounds
9 pretzel sticks
9 raisins

EQUIPMENT

plate, knife

Place the bread on the plate. Press down to flatten it (don't cut off the crust). Spread it with the peanut butter. Stick the carrots onto the peanut butter as bases for the candles. Stick the pretzels flat on the peanut butter to be the candles, and use raisins for flames.



EDIBLE DREIDEL

INGREDIENTS --

- 1 marshmallow
- 1 toothpick
- 1 Hershey's kiss



Thread the toothpick through the marshmallow. Add the kiss to the end. Eat it, don't spin it!

ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Many suggestions and ideas in LET'S CELEBRATE: CREATING NEW FAMILY TRADITIONS by Susan Lieberman. Here's one example for Hanukkah.

Lieberman's own family which had become sick of the gift-getting emphasis of December, developed a "Hanukkah plan" for what they would do for the eight days of the holiday. Concocted in consultation with their children, the plan went like this:

FIRST NIGHT: "Big Gift Night" (parents give to children)

SECOND NIGHT: "Mommy Night" (children give to mother)

THIRD NIGHT: "Daddy Night" (children give to father)

FOURTH NIGHT: "Poem Night" (everyone recites an original poem)

FIFTH NIGHT: "Small Gift Night" (parents give to children)

SIXTH NIGHT: "Gift of Self Night" (non-monetary gift from each person to another or to the entire family)

SEVENTH NIGHT: "Giving Night" (everyone gives to charity of his/her choosing, with the children's gifts matched by the parents)

EIGHTH NIGHT: "Word Night" (a game in which each person tries to stump the others with difficult words)

Family Discussions for Chanukah



Chanukah is celebrated in memory of the victory of Judaism over Hellenism. This was a classic clash of cultures. Consider and discuss:

Do we as contemporary Jews still feel this clash of cultures?

Is Judaism ever in conflict with the majority culture in which we live? How, in what ways?

How have you chosen to face/resolve these issues?

What advice would you give others from other minority ethnic or religious groups facing similar circumstances?

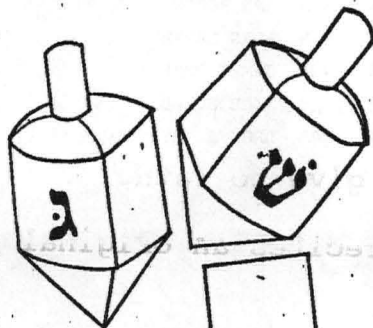


We celebrate the victory of the Maccabees, our Jewish heroes of Chanukah. What characteristics make a hero? Describe different kinds of heroic actions. Have each family member describe a personal hero and explain why that person is a hero to him/her.

THE MEANING OF THE DREIDEL:

On the traditional four-sided dreidel are the Hebrew letter **נ** (nun), **ג** (gimmel), **ה** (hay), and **ש** (shin). They stand for the Hebrew words "NES GODOL HAYA SHAM," which means "A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED THERE." This refers to the miracle of over 2000 years ago when, after Judas Maccabee and a few brave soldiers defeated the mighty army of a cruel king who tried to make the Jewish people worship idols, the Jews lighted the Temple lamp. Though there was only enough oil in the lamp for a few hours of light, the lamp continued to burn for eight days and eight nights. That is why Hanukkah ("Feast of Light") is celebrated for eight days.

Here are some dreidel games you can play. Just follow these simple rules:



Dreidel Games

Gimmel Takes All

1. Each player puts a nut, or some other small object, in the center of the table or floor.
2. Next, each player spins the top.
3. When it stops, the players look at what letter is turned up.
4. If *Nun* is up, the player gets nothing. **נ**
If *Gimmel* is up, the player wins all the nuts. **ג**
If *Hay* is up, the player gets half the nuts. **ה**
If *Shin* is up, the player adds a nut to **ש** the center.
5. Each spin is a game. Play as many games as you want.

- Highest Number Wins**
1. The four letters stand for numbers.
Gimmel = 3
Hay = 5
Nun = 50
Shin = 300
 2. The players agree before the game starts on a number that they want to reach.
 3. Then they spin the dreidel, and the first person to reach the number wins.

Spin the Dreidel
The player whose dreidel spins for the longest period of time wins.



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