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The Mission of Congregation Emanu-El Israel is: To support Judaism and the welfare of our community.

From the desk of Rabbi Leonard Sarko

Christmas is a complex and difficult issue for Jews. In the United States, one can argue, it has become a secular holiday. One that focuses on gift giving and being a little nicer toward others. Religiously for Christians, the holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus. The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336 CE, during the time of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine.

The origin of the Christmas Tree is not clear. The use of [evergreen trees](#), wreaths, and garlands to symbolize eternal life was a custom of the ancient [Egyptians](#) and even the Chinese. Tree worship was common among pagan Europeans. The Scandinavians had the custom of decorating the house and barn with evergreens at the New Year to scare away the devil. There is much documentation on the symbolism of trees in [Viking](#) and [Saxon](#) communities where they worshiped trees.

The stories around Santa Claus also vary on community. I was in Amsterdam in December one year and was surprised to learn that for their community Santa did not come in a sleigh, but on a ship and dressed very much like a pirate.

For American Jews this time of year can be difficult. We are surrounded by Christmas culture. Christmas songs abound on the radio, Christmas decorations are in every store, television/theater/school programming have one Christmas themed show after another. The Jewish people can get overwhelmed by the volume of Christmas that exists.

This can get more complicated. How do we as Jews deal with interfaith families? When we have a Christian spouse, not to mention if there are children in an interfaith family, how do we deal with Christmas? Should a Christmas Tree be placed up in the household? Should we give gifts, if the holiday of Chanukkah comes at a different time?

It is interesting that American Jews have established some customs themselves this time of year. A few that are well known include going out for Chinese food on Christmas, going to the movies, some communities create a Matzah Ball (a night of dancing, music and food), and some get together as family units much like their Christian neighbors. One of the nicer customs I have seen in most communities is the Jewish population will substitute as workers, at hospitals, nursing homes, and the like, to allow their Christian friends to spend the holiday at home.

Regardless, it is a difficult time for Jews. In my family we try our best to give Christmas presents to those of our associates that are Christian and try to tell them in as nice a way as possible that if they wish to give to us, please give Chanukkah presents. There is also a generic approach of simply giving holiday presents, without specifying a religion. Regardless, the idea of being a little nicer to people fits well within our religion and scholars can find no issue with embracing these kinds of ideas at this time of year.

Shalom,
Rabbi Lenny



From the President: Irene C. Rothschild

The calendar year of 2019 is coming to an end and what a year it has been! The Congregation welcomed Rabbi Lenny and Karen Sarko, membership has increased, attendance at services has increased and Congregants are volunteering more willingly. A new committee has been formed to plan for an upcoming fundraiser, an Arts Festival. Rabbi Lenny is heading the committee that includes Terri, Ginny and Marion. The fundraiser would involve recruiting artists to come to a venue to sell their wares. CEI would charge each vendor a fee, which is how the funds will be raised. More information will become available as the committee moves forward with planning. This fundraiser and others will be taking the place of the Taste of Westmoreland. The hope is that it will raise funds and not be as labor intensive as the TOW.

Another project that Rabbi Lenny is spearheading is creating a new and improved web site for CEI. We are now in the process of forming a small committee to help with making the web site as attractive and appealing to potential new members as possible.

Last month, I wrote about several people who have stepped up to help in various ways and this month, I am going continue in that vein. Last month, one of the toilets in the Ladies Room was not functioning correctly, so Scott turned off the water supply to the building until the problem could be resolved. Richard Virshup and Jack Wilder worked on replacing a faulty valve. They worked for several hours and succeeded in completing the necessary repairs. The Congregation owes them a big debt of gratitude, for repairing the valve and restoring water to the building! If it had not been for Bob Halden telling me, I would not have known about the issue or that Richard, Jack and Scott were so heroic in their efforts. So, thank you very much to these gentlemen, because I know that they saved CEI a lot of money by not having to hire a plumber.



Happy Chanukah!

Irene

CHATTER

Happy Birthday wishes to: Jerry Shpargel, Bob Gelman, Karen Chobirko, Yolanda Pavloff, Michael Liptak, Julie Goldstein, Sinda Snitger and Brendan Winters.

Happy Anniversary to: Shirley & Herb Ratner.

Mazel Tov! To member Marc Werksman on the birth of a grandson, Dimitri. Proud parents are Elaine (Werksman) & George Kontogiannis.

Dear CEI Members:

Thank you for all your prayers, donations, and thoughts of me as I battle with my illness. Your concern for Shirley and me is so greatly appreciated. May this year of 5780 be a good year for all.

Sincerely, Jerold Shpargel

We are still collecting COINS FOR TORAH (to help with the Torah Repair Fund). Our goal is to collect 79,847 coins, for each word in Torah. There is a box in the social hall under the TV to drop your coins in, so please bring your spare change and help us make the goal. Thank you so much.

USED INK CARTRIDGES! We continue to collect used printer ink cartridges (any brand) to help defray the cost of office supplies. A box is on the desk in the office for the collection of ink cartridges. We appreciate everyone's help with this program.

SISTERHOOD NEWS from Marion Slone

A big THANK YOU goes to Terri and Shoshana for a wonderful rummage sale. We had an abundance of goods to sell thanks to our wonderful CEI family and their donations. Our volunteers worked hard setting up, selling, and cleaning up after the sale.

On December 18th at 7PM in the CEI social hall, Sisterhood will have its Hanukkah party. Each attendee is asked to bring a gently used handbag filled with new items of toiletries that a woman would like. These will be donated to the Blackburn Center. For more information, contact Terri Katzman. Join us for a fun evening!

The CEI family Hanukkah dinner is on December 22nd at 5PM. Sisterhood is providing a wonderful dinner in our social hall. Plan on attending! More details to follow.

ALFRED RATNER LIBRARY NEWS by *Shirley Shpargel*

The New Girl by Daniel Silva is the author's 19th thriller featuring art restorer and Israeli intelligence director, Gabriel Allon. The future king of Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Khalid bin Mohammed, secretly seeks Allon's help to rescue his daughter, who's been kidnapped from her school in Geneva, Switzerland. Khalid was believed to be a reformer bringing new industries and new freedoms to Saudi Arabia. Though Allon is a former enemy, the prince believes Allon is the best man for the job. Allon reluctantly agrees for political reasons. When the rescue attempt comes to a tragic end, Allon realizes the kidnapping is part of a plot involving members of the Saudi royal family and the Russians who hope to alter the balance of power in the Middle East.

In the first several novels in this series, Silva posed the character, Gabriel Allon as an art restorer while working for Israel's intelligence service. Silva has created a wonderful character in Allon. Allon is recruited for undercover missions while expanding the roles of familiar secondary characters. The plots in the last novels have focused on world affairs, such as the rise of the new Russia and the threats of global terrorism. The plot in *The New Girl* seems slow and drag out. This book can be found at Westmoreland Libraries.

REMEMBER
JEWISH BOOK MONTH - NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22, 2019
FOR HUNUKKAH GIVE A BOOK FOR A GIFT



THE HANUKKAH GIFT SHOP
is open in the Boardroom.
Stop in and browse!
Candles, Hanukkah gelt, dreidels, paper goods,
beautiful ceramic gifts and cards.
All proceeds benefits Sisterhood.



Adult Education Seminar with Rabbi Lenny

Rabbi Lenny will offer a seminar titled "The Gospels as Seen Through the Eyes of the Old Testament", on Sunday, December 15, at 10 am to 11:30 am at Congregation Emanu-El Israel. The program will not question or raise issues about religious beliefs or ideals. It will examine motifs, patterns, and images that shaped and are present in both the New Testament and the Jewish Bible. The seminar is open to the public, is free and refreshments will be served.

CEI BOARD MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, November 13, 2019

ATTENDING: Virginia Lieberman, Joel Last, Mary Ellen Kane, Marion Slone, Bruce Kaufer, Terri Katzman, Irene Rothschild

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the November Bulletin.

RABBI REPORT: Rabbi Lenny wants to do a seminar in December. More information will be forthcoming. Two Christian clergy attended services. Rabbi Lenny received a lovely thank you note citing CEI's welcoming atmosphere and hospitality.

TREASURER REPORT: The Congregation received a very generous donation from the estate of Norma Brodell and offers a sincere thank you to the family.

PRESIDENT REPORT: On behalf of the Congregation, Irene extended condolences to Don Pripstein and family on the death of his wife, Judith. The Pripsteins were long time members and still support the Congregation financially. Rabbi Lenny, Karen and Irene attended a VOAD (Westmoreland County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meeting on October 24. The goal is for all of the organizations to assist the director of the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety in the event of a disaster. The role of CEI might be to provide shelter, a kitchen or clergy support. CEI needs to address Seton Hill having not included CEI and Rabbi Lenny in Jewish – oriented events on campus. Paddy Barnhart donated a stained glass window from B'nai Israel Synagogue. It is framed. A suitable place will be identified to hang it soon. We thank Paddy very much.

ADMINISTRATION: Bea's anniversary date is December 1 and Irene will be meeting with her for her annual evaluation. Bea has been with CEI for 21 years! Irene will also meet with Scott for his annual evaluation.

SISTERHOOD: A big THANK YOU goes to Terri and Shoshana for a wonderful rummage sale that was very successful. Thanks to our wonderful CEI family and their donations, we had an abundance of goods to sell. Our volunteers worked hard - setting up, selling, and cleaning up after the sale. Volunteers will be making latkes for the CEI family Hanukkah dinner on December 8 in the kitchen. The CEI family Hanukkah dinner is on **December 22 at 5:00 PM**. Sisterhood will provide a wonderful dinner in our social hall. Plan on attending! More details will follow. The Sisterhood Hanukkah party will be **December 18 at 7:00 PM** in the CEI social hall. Each attendee is asked to bring a gently used handbag filled with new items of toiletries that a woman would like. These will be donated to a shelter. For more information, contact Terri Katzman. Join us for a fun evening! The Gift Shop will open before Thanksgiving.

MEN'S CLUB: Mitzvah Day will be on Sunday, **November 17**. Their work list includes packing up the many old prayer books in the storage room and on the shelves by the Library for burial. They also plan to remove the downstairs water cooler and clean the former Teacher's room upstairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Caring: Jon Lewis has been released and approved for normal activities. Jerry Shpargel was released from the hospital and is home.

Fundraising/Special Events: Rabbi Lenny reported that the committee formed to explore a Winter Arts and Crafts Show is recommending that the event be held at the Ramada Inn on **Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9, 2020**. The cost is commensurate with what we paid to UPG and provides 11,505 square feet which will hold about 75 artists. There is also the option to put more tables in the hallway. Ramada will supply the tables and electric outlets at no additional cost. They will also provide a discount rate for the artists who choose to stay there overnight. The food and drink concessions are theirs. They will run some ads on their website and a few other places. Setup will be allowed on Friday. They will lock the rooms overnight and do not feel that security will be a problem, but we would be free to provide a guard overnight if we choose. The committee hopes to attract 100 artists. They would pay a set fee for the weekend and would be required to provide insurance for their own inventory. At this point, we are anticipating sub-committees to attract artists; obtain sponsors and ads for an artist booklet; develop advertising; and to identify other income streams like gift baskets or other items for sale. Additional costs would include program printing, advertising and possibly

security. The desire is to cover these costs with sponsorships and ancillary income streams. We do not need to pay any money to Ramada until two days before the event. Mary Ellen moved that the Arts Festival be held. Marion seconded the motion. Passed.

Membership: Rabbi Lenny shared some ideas aimed at increasing membership that would utilize technology. They include offering a remote religious school; remote bar/bat mitzvah training as well as a physical space to conduct the service; a place to celebrate holidays; and access to the Rabbi for life cycle events such as baby naming/brit milah, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings. For adults, the incentives would include attending services remotely; remote training for bar/bat mitzvahs and as well as a physical space for the the service; access to adult education classes and one on one education; a place to celebrate holidays; access the Rabbi for life cycle events such as weddings or renewal of vows, funerals; a connection to a Jewish community for social, educational as well as religious links; the opportunity for conversion. He suggests thinking outside the box. Mary Ellen will continue to chair the committee. After discussion, Joel moved that CEI enact a fee for those seeking to convert that could be paid over the period of the conversion process. Bruce seconded. Passed.

Physical Properties: Richard and Jack repaired a water valve in the Women's Restroom downstairs.

Religious Practices: The committee will be meeting soon.

Social Action: High Holiday donations provided 150 pounds of non-perishable food for the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

Technology: Rabbi Lenny has been working on an update to the new website and is seeking feedback to identify what is missing. He will send a link to board members, if interested. He is also recommending that the Board approve the concept of video conferencing of services. Total equipment cost would depend upon whether there would be two way video and audio. He intends to try to find a grant to cover these costs, if the board approves the concept. He can provide a list of the equipment to those that request it. Mary Ellen moved that Rabbi be authorized to move forward with seeking a grant for a video conference unit. Terri seconded. Passed.

New Business: Joel has written a proposal concerning CEI's financial needs; however, since Irene was only able to share it at the meeting with no opportunity for anyone to study it, discussion was tabled to the December meeting.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Deadlines for the Bulletin are ALWAYS the SECOND FRIDAY of the month.

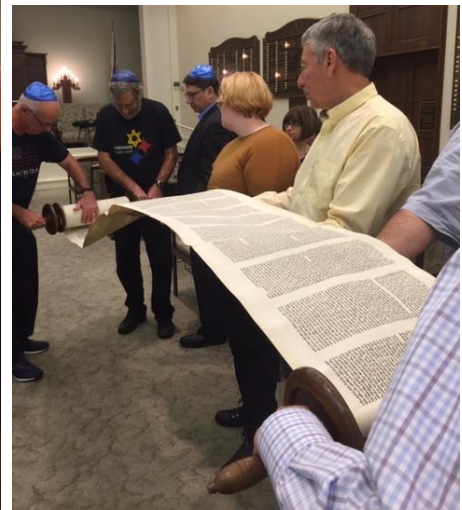
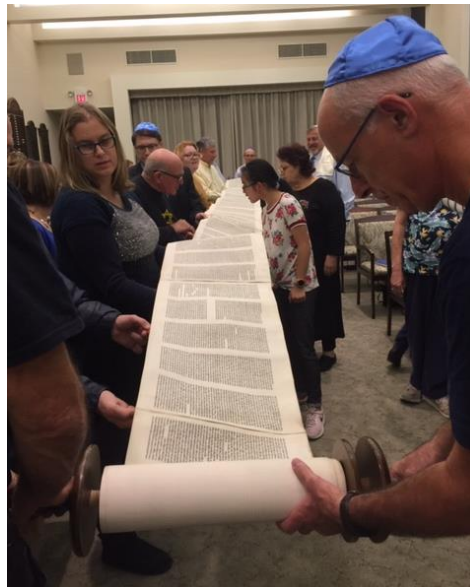
The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

Minutes respectfully recorded by Virginia Lieberman, Recording Secretary, and submitted by Irene Rothschild.

Sisterhood Chocolate Party
@ McFeely's, October 23, 2019



Simchat Torah unrolling the Torah





WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTFUL GIFTS



PULPIT FLOWERS. In Memory of:

Oct. 18: Alexander Kaufman by Doris & Howard Kaufman. Harry Ziff by Phyllis Davis, Marilyn & Jim Davis.

Nov. 1: Eva Levin by Doris & Howard Kaufman.

ALFRED RATNER LIBRARY FUND: Supports library facilities, books, & equipment.

ARCHIVE FUND: Helps to defray the cost of archiving the CEI material sent to the Rauh Jewish archives.

BOB & PHYLLIS DAVIS FAMILY FUND: Youth scholarships & enrichment.

CAPITAL FUND: For approved building & property maintenance & replacements.

CARING FUND: Supports congregants who are experiencing sickness, bereavement & other personal difficulties.

CEI CAPITAL FUND: For approved building structure repairs & replacements.

CEI ENDOWMENT FUND: Provides for the continuity of the congregation by subsidizing future operating expenses.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL CEMETERY FUND: For beautification and upkeep of the Temple Emanu-El Cemetery. Donation from the Estate of Norma Brodell. Donation from Elliot & Beryl Drexler.

COMPUTER FUND: Provides a means to continually upgrade & maintain CEI's computer system/software.

COPIER FUND: Provides a means to maintain a copier for the CEI office.

CONGREGATION GENERAL FUND: CEI operating expenses. Donation from the Estate of Norma Brodell. **In Honor of:** The High Holidays by Seton Hill University.

CONGREGATION YAHRZEIT FUND: In Memory of: Edna G. Cobetto by Dr. Bernard Cobetto. Dr. Robert T. Lindner by Linda Lindner. Charles L. Goldberg & Jack H. Goldberg by Elinor J. Gold. Nathan Metz by Shirley & Jerold Shpargel. Helene Geier by Suzy & Jon Geier. Michelle Wendy Haupt by Linda & Richard Liebman. Harvey Weiner by Terri & Stan Katzman. Ruth S. Roth by Shirley Ratner & Family. Billy Jean Ayers by Dr. Joel Last. Edward D. Drexler by Don & Melinda (Drexler) Price. Rose Mallinger by Teri & Gary Moidel. Frances Tannenbaum by Stephen & Shirley Tannenbaum.

IVAN B. YOUNG EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT FUND: Supports the advancement of Jewish education.

JOANNE BRODELL ALPERN MEMORIAL FUND: For youth activities.

LIBRARY BOOK FUND: Provides for the purchase of books and other resource material for the library.

NEW SHABBAT PRAYER BOOKS: Provides for the purchase of new Mishkan T'filah with a personalized bookplate to use during synagogue services. **In Memory of:** Judith Pripstein by Irene C. Rothschild.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: Helps individuals and/or org. in need. **In Appreciation of:** Rabbi Lenny by Marilyn & Jim Davis.

REMEMBRANCE FUND: A special donation to Sisterhood to honor or celebrate an event or person. Terri Katzman (724-837-8275) or Virginia Lieberman (724-668-2442). **In Honor of:** The speedy recovery of Jon Lewis by Doris & Huddie Kaufman. The speedy recovery of Jerry Shpargel by Irene Rothschild. **In Memory of:** Sr. Bernadette DelDuca by Doris & Huddie Kaufman. George Wesley Perkins by The Chobirko Family. Judith Pripstein by Don Gold, Terri & Stan Katzman, The Chobirko Family, Janet & Mickey Radman, Marion & Bob Slone, Irene Rothschild, Wally Caplan and Doris & Huddie Kaufman.

SIDEWALK FUND: To provide for the repair & up-keep of the new sidewalks in the front of the synagogue.

SIMCHA FUND: Enables families with financial difficulties to celebrate a joyous lifecycle event.

SOCIAL ACTION FUND: Supports projects that benefit our community.

TORAH REPAIR FUND: To provide funds to repair the Torah scrolls.

TREE OF LIFE LEAF:



MEMORIAL PLAQUES:

Remember a loved one by purchasing a plaque for the sanctuary Memorial Boards. For more details, please contact the CEI office at 724-834-0560.



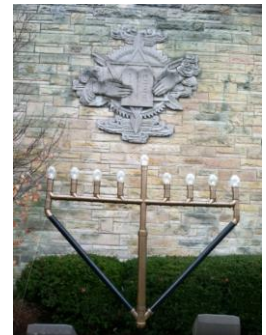
Tree of Life Share your joy! Inscribe a leaf our Tree of Life. **Leaf -- \$180 ea.** (Price includes engraving)



The golden leaves may be inscribed to commemorate joyous events such as births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, or other special occasions. Share your joy by inscribing simchas on our Tree of Life..... an everlasting remembrance of the meaningful happy events that touch life.

“GO FOR THE GELT RAFFLE” – A great gift to donate on behalf of anyone: your children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews, neighbors ... For each of the 8 nights of Hanukkah, we will draw a winner who will win \$36.00. The cost is \$2.50 per ticket or 10 for \$20. A winner will be picked from the stubs returned, no need to watch the lottery for winning numbers! Please purchase those tickets sent to you in mid/late November and/or call the office should you need more. All proceeds benefit CEI and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed to be responsible for lighting the giant Hanukkah Menorah on the front lawn from 12/23-12/29. A sign up flyer will be in the office, if you and/or your family would like to help us celebrate this holiday with the community. Also, any evenings you would be available and would like to join with the “lighting family”, feel free to attend.





CEI SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH DINNER
Sunday, December 22, 2019
5:00 PM

Come celebrate with our CEI family
We will light the giant menorah outside sing songs Go for the Gelt
and EAT, EAT, EAT!

Menu: Cold cuts (corned beef, turkey), Tuna, Chicken salad, Latkes,
Applesauce, Salads
Desserts & Drinks.

If you have an unusual hanukkiya, in addition to the one we will be lighting,
Bring them and we will display them.



Please join us for this fun evening!



Cost for the Chanukah Dinner is:

\$15.00 per adult (age 13 & up), \$6.00 per child (under 13)
Children age 4 and under Free

Please remember to bring your menorah and 2 candles! Complete the reservation form
below and mail or drop it off, with payment to the Congregation Office by Monday,
December 9.

If you have any questions, please call: Shoshana Halden (724-744-0037) or the CEI
office (724-834-0560).

BYOB of wine.

SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH DINNER RESERVATIONS

NAME (S) _____
PHONE # _____

of Adults @ \$15 = \$ _____
of Children @ \$6 = \$ _____
of Children 4 & Under = no charge

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Send this completed form with check made payable to CEI Sisterhood to:
Congregation Emanu-El Israel
Chanukah Dinner
222 North Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

Please RSVP by
Monday, Dec. 9



THE HANUKKAH NEWS

Congregation Emanu-El Israel, 222 North Main Street, Greensburg, PA. 15601



Hanukkah is observed for eight days, beginning on the evening of the twenty-second day of the month of Kislev. This year Hanukkah starts at sundown, Sunday, December 22 and lasts for eight days through Monday, December 30, 2019.

Alexander the Great of Greece conquered Judea, the home of the Jews, in 333 B.C.E. At that time, Alexander allowed the Jews to maintain their beliefs and traditions. With Alexander's death, the lands he ruled were divided between the Ptolemies, who ruled in Egypt, and the Seleucids, who ruled in Syria. The Ptolemies and the Seleucids fought for control over Judea. Under the Seleucids, Syrians had adopted Greek culture and habits; in other words, they were Hellenized. In 198 B.C.E. Antiochus III, king of Syria, conquered Judea. Like Alexander, he allowed the Jews to practice Judaism. But all that changed in 175 B.C.E. when Antiochus IV, also known as Antiochus Epiphanes, came to power. He wanted to bring Greek (Hellenistic) culture and religion to Judea. Antiochus Epiphanes wanted to make Jerusalem a Greek city. He issued laws against the Jewish religion, banning Sabbath observance, circumcision and Torah study. He desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by building a pagan altar in it and forcing the Jews to sacrifice to the Greek gods.

The Jews resented what Antiochus was doing, and in 167 B.C.E. a revolt against Greek rule began. The revolt was led by a priestly family known as the Hasmoneans or Maccabees. The leader of the family was Matityahu. He and his five sons – Judah, Yonatan, Eliezer, Yochanan and Simeon – were from the village of Modi'in. Matityahu was so angry when the Syrian soldiers came to his village to set up an altar to the Greek gods that he slew one of them. Led by Judah, a son of Matityahu, the Jews formed a rebel army to fight the Syrians. The Maccabees defeated Antiochus' army and recaptured the Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C.E. The Jews cleaned the Temple and on the 25th of Kislev the Temple was rededicated.

There are certain central themes which run through our celebration of Hanukkah which are important to acknowledge.

- ☆ Hanukkah was a struggle for freedom of religious practice, the first in recorded history. That a group of people chose to put their lives on the line and battle a much stronger foe in pursuit of freedom is the real miracle of Hanukkah.
- ☆ The events leading up to the Maccabean revolt put in jeopardy the continued religious identity of the Jewish people which, if continued, would have meant an end to Jewish people-hood. The battle therefore, was a battle for Jewish survival.
- ☆ Hanukkah symbolizes the fight against totalitarianism in all forms. Hanukkah celebrates more than the independence of one people; it points toward the right to freedom for all.
- ☆ Hanukkah affirms the universal truth that the only effective answer to oppression is to fight for and defend the values and principles that oppression threatens.

How do we prepare the Hanukkah menorah?

The unique *mitzvah* of *Hanukkah* is to publicize the miracle of the Maccabees' defeat of the Syrian-Greeks and the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. We do this by lighting the *hanukiah* and displaying it in a window so that people who pass by may see it. The *hanukiah* is a special nine-branched candelabrum we use for Hanukkah. Eight of the branches represent the eight nights of Hanukkah. The ninth branch is called the *shamash* – the servant candle – and is used to light all the others. The first night of Hanukkah we begin with one candle, plus the *shamash*; on the second night two candles plus the *shamash*, increasing the number of candles with each day of the holiday. On Friday evening, the Hanukkah candles are lit before the Shabbat candles.

What do we actually do when we light them?

Tradition has us say the blessing first, then light the candles (perhaps while singing *Ma'oz Tzur*). Some families find it meaningful to recite the blessings while the candles are being lit. The first two blessings are read (or sung) each night of Hanukkah. The third blessing (*Shehecheyanu*) is used on the first night only. The Hanukkah lights should be kindled after dark, except on Shabbat.

How do we light them?

We place the candles in the menorah starting at the right; but we light starting at the left or with the newest candle each night.

What if Hanukkah falls on Shabbat?

Light your *hanukiyah* first, followed by the Shabbat candles.





The Game of Dreidel.

Dreidel is the traditional game played on Hanukkah. Any number of people can play! Each player contributes nuts, raisins, or candies to a central "pot" and spins the dreidel (top) in turn. The Hebrew letters on the four sides of the dreidel represent the first letter of the phrase.

נס גדול היה שם

"Nes Gadol Haya Sham" – a great miracle happened there, in reference to the story of Hanukkah.

If the dreidel ends "nun" נ, you neither win nor lose;

If the dreidel lands on "gimmel" ג, you win the pot.

If the dreidel falls on "hey" ה, you win ½ the pot

If it falls on "shin" ש, or a "pey" פ, you add two to the pot.



Kindling the Lights

To light the *chanukiyah*, place the candles in from right to left and light them from left to right. Begin with one candle on the first night, increasing by one each night until all eight candles are lit on the eighth night. The candle used to light the other candles is the *shamash*.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצננו להדליק נר של חנוכה.
BARUCH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM,
AHSER KID'SHANU B'MITZVOTAV V'TZIVANU L'HADLIK NER SHEL CHANUKAH.
Blessed are you, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.







ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה.
BARUCH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM,
SHE'ASAH NISSIM LA'AVOTEINU BAYAMIM HAHEM BAZ'MAN HAZEH.
Blessed are you, Adonai 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, add the following blessing:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.
BARUCH ATAH ADONAI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM,
SHEHECHEYANU V'KIY'MANU V'HIGI'ANU LAZ'MAN HAZEH.
Blessed are you, Adonai our God, ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

DECEMBER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SERVICES KISLEV - TEVET 5780

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO Religious School	2	3	4	5	6  7:30pm Shabbat Service & Birthday celebration	7 <i>Vayetzei</i>
8 9:00am Religious School (#2) 10:00am Latke Making	9	10	11 7:00pm Board Meeting	12	13  Deadline for Info January 2020 Bulletin 7:30pm Shabbat Service	14 <i>Vayishlach</i>
15 9:00am Religious School (#1)	16	17	18 Sisterhood Hanukkah Party (fill a handbag for Blackburn Ctr)	19	20  7:30pm Shabbat Service	21 <i>Vayeshev</i>
22 Hanukkah 1 st Light 9:00am Religious School (#2)  5:00pm Hanukkah 1 st light & Family Dinner	23 Hanukkah 2 nd Light 5:00pm Hanukkah 2 nd light	24 Hanukkah 3 rd Light 6:00pm Hanukkah 3 rd light	25 Christmas Hanukkah 4 th Light CEI CLOSED 6:00pm Hanukkah 4 th light	26 Hanukkah 5 th Light 6:00pm Hanukkah 5 th light	27 Hanukkah 6 th Light  7:30pm Hanukkah 6 th light & Shabbat Service	28 <i>Miketz</i> Hanukkah 7 th Light 6:00pm Hanukkah 5 th light
29 Hanukkah 8 th Light NO Religious School (Winter Break) 6:00pm Hanukkah 8 th light	30 Hanukkah	31 New Year's Eve	Jan. 1, 2020 New Year's Day CEI CLOSED	2	3  7:30pm Shabbat Service & Birthday celebration	4 <i>Vayigash</i>

Please Note: All times & events subject to change.

DATES TO SAVE

Wed., Jan. 8 CEI Board Meeting. 7:00 PM.
 Sat., Jan. 18 Sisterhood Sleepover @ Ramada Inn.
 Sat., Feb. 8 & Sun., Feb. 9 Fundraising Art Event @ Ramada Inn.
 Fri., Feb. 14 Tu B'Shevat Seder.
 Sun., Feb. 16 No Religious School. Sisterhood Volunteer Project @ CEI.

Rabbi Leonard Sarko. Rabbi Sara Rae Perman, Emerita. CEI Officers: President: Irene C. Rothschild. 1st Vice President: Terri Katzman. Treasurer: Julie Goldstein. Recording Secretary: Virginia Lieberman. Sisterhood President: Marion Slone, Men's Club President: Gary Moidel. Bulletin Editors: Mary Ellen Kane & Bea Harrison.

DECEMBER



HONORING THEIR MEMORY Families of the following loved ones will honor their memories and mark the occasion of their family history by reciting the Kaddish this Shabbat.

Dec. 6: *Phillip Abramson, Billy Jean Ayers, Samuel Benowitz, *Sarah Berezofsky, *Lena Buchman, *Morris Caplan, Martin Fairman, *Jennie Felder, *Nathan Friedland, *Hyman Friedman, *Rose Glasser, *Albert E. Gold, Arthur S. Gold, *Harry Baron Gold, *Sarah Grossman, Hanni L. Hamburger, *Libby Kahanowitz, *Rose E. Kaufmann, *Max Kay, *Louis H. Levine, *Samuel Levine, *Mark Mace, *Rachel Marcus, *Samuel Margaretten, Julius Marks, *Sarah Mervis, *Pinkus Middleman, *Fanny Kogut Millstein, *Sarah Pavloff, Milton Poster, Helen Pripstein, *Ella Rabinowitz, *Celia Levin Ratner, *Ruth S. Roth, *Feiga Rochel Shoag, Goldie Wilson Stein, *Joseph Stein, Judith Strauss, Frances Tannenbaum, Bessie Wolf and *Mary Young.

Dec. 13: *Maness Charapp, *Harry M. Dates, *Rabbi David Davis, *Joseph Finkelhor, Harry Goldman, Marlene Gross, Rebecca Grossman, *John Halden, Hugo Hamburger, *Ethel Farber Hoyt, *Robert Kessler, *Dorothy D. Kramer, Matthew Leiner, *Alexander L. Levin, *Max Litchfield, *Philip Mervis, Gertrude Pearlman, Eleanor Portnoy, *Samuel Shapiro, Freda Virshup, Esther Weinberg, Mildred V. Wilson and Morris Wolf.

Dec. 20: Bessie Abrams, Bertha Ainbender, *Anne Berkowitz, *Robert Davis, Ruth Fribourg, Lillian B. Gold, *Sadie R. Gold, Cantor Saul Zelick Hammerman, *Clara Hochberg, Sandy Kalick, *Anna Kay, *Rae M. Levine, *Thelma Loundy, *Eva Markowitz, Robert Mendler, *Relia W. Ratner, *Mary Schwartz, *Simon Sucatzky and *Edith Wolinsky.

Dec. 27: Aaron Abrams, *Paul Adler, *Joseph Edward Barend, *R. Herbert Buchman, *Julius Caplan, Dr. Samuel Caplowe, Ethel Fischer, Hilda Freeman, *Harry M. Friedlander, *Lena F. Friedlander, *Aaron Friedman, *Samuel Glicenstein, *Rosalind Levin, *Betty Rae Lewis, Robert Lisker, *Rebecca Mistroff, *Mayme Moidel, *Morris M. Naumoff, *Louis I. Paull, Leonard Pittler, *Moses M. Shoag, David L. Trout, *Fannie Weber, Lillian Weiner and *Morris M. Young.

Jan. 3, 2020: Louis Arbetter, Jennie Fienberg, *David Flamm, *Miriam Gillis, *Celia R. Goldberg, *Rachel Gordon, Samuel M. Hyman, *William Jay Karelitz, Gilbert Katz, Ethel W. Kaufmann, *Sarah E. Kramer, Jenny Lalli, *Anna Lewis, *Golden Litchfield, *Bess Marchel, *Sam Miller, *Lena Pomerantz, Mollie Rudt, *Charles Shendowich, *Morris Shendowich and *Paul Shoff.



* A light will be lit on the Memorial Board

