

Kayruv



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“Judaism for Today In a Warm and Caring Environment”

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FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

As a child, *Chanukah* looks like as simple and good a holiday as possible. It stands as the un-Christmas, a holiday celebrating the triumph of the few over the many, the good over the bad, oppression against freedom,

being forbidden to study Torah against being able to study. What can possibly go wry with a holiday where we light candles, play a chance game rigged to make you happy (there is a 75% chance in a dreidel of at least no harm will

come to the person spinning), eat greasy food and chocolate coins, and as children we collect presents for eight days?

If we start taking Judaism seriously and apply ourselves to look beyond the surface, as adults should do, quite a lot.

One of my boys came home from school very sad after learning a little more about *Chanukah*. He had learned that some good guys (among them Eleazar, younger brother of Yehudah Maccabee) were actually killed, and that the elephants died, too. He was crushed by that news, and by the realization that things were not as rosy as he understood them the previous year. It was our first discussion on how the Maccabean revolt was actually much longer, harder and bloodier than it is usually presented.

The revolt lasted seven full years and its end is marked by the death of Yehudah Maccabee – which usually is not told in the Sunday school version. The events we celebrate (rededicating the Temple) happen in the middle of the revolt, they are not the end of it: there is a lot more that happens until Judea gets its short lived independence.

What is also not told in the Sunday school version is that there is a follow up to *Chanukah* that is not exactly...worth celebrating. Not only the Hasmonean rule (the descendants of Yehudah's brother Simon) was corrupt and intoxicated with power, but also in order to complete the expulsion of the Hellenized Assyrian Seleucid rulers and keep them out, the Jews made a fateful decision: ask help from the Romans. We know what

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Kayruv means “Welcoming

happens next: the Romans don't seem to ever find the exit door from Judea, and eventually not only destroy the land but begin the Diaspora that exists to this day. But let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Another point that is not exactly talked about in the PG version of the holiday is that a lot of the revolt has to do with something that most liberal Jews feel incredibly uncomfortable with: it is a holiday that exists because of religious fervor. Few if any know that when Matatياهو begins the revolt he actually kills a fellow Jew – not a Greek soldier – in Modi'in. That Jew is what people like to call “a Hellenized Jew”, which is a technical, chronological way to say assimilated. What was that Jew doing? Well, since Matatياهو had refused to offer the sacrifice for the idol, that Jew stepped forward to the honor of sacrificing for an idol. Mattatياهو killed him on the very same altar¹. At that moment the First Book of Maccabees actually compares him favorably to another character that we moderns have problems with: Pinchas, the zealot kohen who killed Cosbi and Zimri on the spot².

The Jewish infight does not begin at that moment, of course: the book of I Maccabees opens (1:11) with “In those days lawless men came forth from Israel, and misled many, saying, "Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles round about us, for since we separated from them many evils have come upon us." And it is them, the Hellenized Jews, who decide to “remove the marks of circumcision.”(1:15) The Seleucid ruler, Antiochus, is happy to reinforce what is already happening, and forbids core Jewish practices (Torah study, Shabbat observance, *brit milah*) – but we would be naïve to believe that he was working alone to spread the Good Word of pagan Greek civilization: a group of wealthy, influential Jews had wholeheartedly embraced the Greek way of life were willing and eager to assist.

One of the uncomfortable questions that the full story asks us is – how far are we willing to go to defend our core Jewish values?

While Matitياهو's murder of the Hellenized Jew in Modi'in is horrific to us moderns, it is also a symbol of how close Judaism was to disappearing altogether³. And had Judaism disappeared then, well, another monotheistic faith would have a very different story to tell: Christianity would not have appeared were not for the victory of the Maccabean revolt.

As difficult as it seems, without that very public display of refusal, would there have been a rebellion? Would Judaism have survived? Would we be here as Jews today, or as something else? If all had caved into the demands of the two forces, the Seleucids and the Hellenized Jews, we would not be here.

It's impossible for any of us to predict how we would behave when faced with the choice between our core identity and death. But *Chanukah* exists today because for those Jews it was impossible to conceive of living as pagans, participating in pagan rites and witnessing the death of the only way they believed one could live an upright life and serve God.

Would living by shedding all the values that are important be something we would want? That to me seems the essential question of *Chanukah*. Still uncomfortable? Good. That's one of the best aspects of Judaism for me: no easy solutions, always questioning, always wondering, no way out of thinking.

Chag HaUrim Sameach! Happy Festival of Lights!
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS

Rabbi Altenburger invites you to meet with her and will be available any day except Wednesday and Shabbat. Please feel free to call or stop by.

¹ I Maccabees 2:19-23, you can read the whole book here: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/r/rsv/rsv-idx?type=DIV1&byte=4219672>

² Exodus chapter 25

³ There are a few Christian thinkers out there that actually believe Christians should celebrate Chanukah precisely because of that – how's that for a reversal? Which is **not** the same as Jews celebrating Christmas, but this is a much longer tangent.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

When the nights get dark and the weather gets cold, Congregation B'nai Israel is a source of warmth and light. I don't just mean that literally, for example with our Friday evening services (such as the next one at 6:00 pm on

December 16), which are a particularly joyful and inviting way to welcome in the warmth and light of Shabbat, but also metaphorically, when times are difficult, both individually and communally. First and foremost in my mind lately, of course, has been the very sudden and unexpected death of my father last month, and the incredible outpouring of love and support that I received from everyone at B'nai Israel. Thanks to all who brought food and solace, called or sent cards, or donated in my father's honor, and especially to those who reached out to my mother in Utah as well—that kind of caring (as I explained just last month in these pages) is literally priceless.

But we don't restrict our kindness only to members of our community, we reach beyond our walls as well. Thanks to everyone who donated Thanksgiving dinners to needy Danbury families via the Interfaith AIDS Ministry, thanks to everyone who attended the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Central Christian Church in Danbury, thanks to everyone who attended the Danbury Vigil for Unity and Justice in the wake of recent hate crimes in Danbury, and thanks to the folks who volunteer overnight at Danbury's Overflow Homeless Shelter on cold nights during the winter. Each and every one of these are important and meaningful ways in which we are bringing our light and warmth to the broader Danbury community. And that's not all—Yuki Turk is looking for volunteers on Monday or Friday mornings to help distribute food at the Danbury Daily Bread pantry run by St. James Church, yet another way in which we can contribute to tikkun olam, the repair of at least our little corner of the world. Please let Yuki know if you can help out.

This is all sounding much too serious, so I'd like to end on a joyous note with a word about the marvelous fun we had with Bob Yorburg, a master craftsman, wood carver and magician on Sunday, December 4. While we ate lunch, Barbara Levitt read us a poignant and beautifully illustrated PJ Library book about Jewish immigrant wood carvers carving the horses on the carousel at Coney Island at the turn of the twentieth century, and after lunch, Bob took us on a whirlwind tour of the incredible artistry and variety of art produced by these talented carvers, and how their masterpieces are being restored and their artistic traditions kept alive by master carvers like Bob today. We all learned how to make balloon animals, participated in some very silly magic tricks (the wooden duck could still find the hidden cards in the deck, even when it was blindfolded!), and topped off the afternoon with making rubbings from wood carvings and carving our own little sculptures out of bars of Ivory soap (which, I can tell you from personal experience, is quite a challenge). A great time was had by all! Thanks to Barbara Levitt organizing the event and coming up with the brilliant idea of putting all of Bob's talents together; thanks to Bob for his artistry, showmanship and amazing ability to engage and captivate everyone, young and old alike; thanks to Rabbi Altenburger and to Jessica Aframe and PJ Library for getting the word out; and last but not least, thanks to all of the folks behind the scenes who cooked, set up and cleaned up (and without whom we'd be up to our eyeballs in soap shavings!)

Together as a warm, caring and joyful community,
Kennis Koldewyn

DECEMBER EVENTS

Friday, December 16th at 6:00 P.M. Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcome the Sabbath)

Join us Friday, December 16th at 6:00 P.M. for our Kabbalat Shabbat service. Sam Markind will be leading service. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00 P.M. Religious School *Chanukah* Party

Our religious school will be celebrating a pre-*Chanukah* party on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00 P.M. Parents you are invited too!

NEW LOOK FOR OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Barbara Levitt, Religious School Education Chair, reports that the school has a new vitality with the admission of seven new children.

Also new to the school is teaching assistant Grace Rudick who became a *bat mitzvah* in July and brings her love of Judaic learning and children to her work.

What do Jews do on Christmas Day?

They go to Chinese restaurants, of course! Anyone who wants to dine at Eden Wok in New Rochelle on December 25th should call Barbara Levitt at [860-799-0744](tel:860-799-0744) by Dec 15th. This is a Glatt Kosher restaurant less than an hour's drive from Danbury that has many vegetarian options. We need to make a reservation, so please stick to the deadline.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUPER BOWL LI



Get ready for **Super Bowl LI**. This year the game will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2017**. We will be awarding a first place cash prize of \$600.00 as well as a half-time prize of \$150.00. The price of boxes is the same as previous years, **\$50.00 for one** and **\$100.00 for three**. We will be following the same ground rules as we have in past years. The random selection of boxes will be made at the synagogue on the morning of February 5th.

We plan to email each participant, whose email address we have, a copy of the grid indicating which boxes belong to whom.

Have fun while supporting CBI. Entries should be **RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE** by Friday, February 3rd.

SUPER BOWL "LI"

I want a chance to win the grand prize of \$600.00 or the half-time prize of \$150.00. Chances to win are...**\$50.00 for one box and \$100.00 for three boxes:**

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Please make check payable to **Congregation B'nai Israel**.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

B'nai Israel welcomes new members, Gesya and Eliezer Rabinovich, parents of member, Asya Takken. The Rabinovichs' recently moved from Berkeley Heights, New Jersey to Heritage Village in Somers, N.Y, to be nearer Asya her husband, Todd and their two children, Mark and Laura.

Recently, I had the pleasure of speaking with Gesya and Eli about their fascinating and sometimes tumultuous life. Their journey might be divided into four chapters, spanning more than seven decades and three continents.

Chapter I

Eli describes himself and Gesya as "Children of the Gulag." The Gulag, he explains, is a Russian abbreviation for the Main Administration of the Prison Camp System, i.e., the entire system of prisons and labor concentration camps scattered within the vast territory of the Soviet Union during Stalin's reign of terror.

Gesya's early childhood was dramatically impacted when both of her parents were arrested and falsely accused of being traitors. When both parents went into exile she was sent from her home in Leningrad to live with her grandmother in a small town in the proximity of the Ural Mountains. One year later her mother returned but her father served an eight year sentence in a dehumanizing slave labor camp. When he ultimately returned, he was forbidden to live with his family. Nonetheless he managed to find work nearby and surreptitiously visited with Gesya and her mother. Some years later, without warning, he was again arrested and banished for thirteen more years. Only after Stalin's death was he able to be reunited with his family for a few years before his premature death.

In a world defined by fear and mistrust, Gesya early on learned never to speak openly about her family's plight. As a promising student who received the coveted gold medal for scholarship, she was able to enter the Regional Institute for Teacher Training and become a teacher of mathematics. Later she trained to become a computer programmer in order to have a more marketable skill.

Eliezer's early years were also overshadowed by the fear of the KGB who targeted his father and three uncles for their forbidden "Zionist activities." One of his uncles "disappeared" never to be heard from again.

His grandfather, Rabbi Shmaryahu Medalie, the chief rabbi of Moscow was arrested following a meeting with the famous visiting Lubavitch Rebbe Menachem Schneerson who hoped to bring aid to the impoverished Soviet Jews. Eli explains, "The very idea that Soviet citizens may be poor was considered slander against the Soviet power--in a country where millions were in fact dying of hunger." Only years later, twenty three years after making *aliyah* to Israel, Eli and Gesya returned to Russia and were miraculously allowed to read the KGB records documenting the interrogation, imprisonment and execution of his grandfather.

Eli's own father, an incredibly resilient and resourceful man, survived the "most frigid and remote of all the labor camps," only to be arrested for a second time. When he was finally released, as with Gesya's father. the cruel edict of separation from family was applied, But, Eli recalls,. he found ways of spending time with him, his mother and sister Never was his spirit broken--While interrogated by the KGB he refused to admit to crimes he had not committed or to testify against others. The knowledge of his father's courage and integrity has been a source of great inspiration for his son.

Although Eli was granted the prestigious Silver Medal for Academic Excellence, he was repeatedly denied entrance into the Communist Youth Movement, a prerequisite for college entrance. Yet, despite the anti-Semitic restrictions to keep Jews from achieving degrees of higher education, Eli found a circuitous route to enter the Institute of Chemical Technology and ultimately received a degree in Ceramic Engineering.

After graduating Eli met and married Gesya. Both were passionate Zionists and in 1974 their dream was realized when they were permitted to emigrate to Israel with their 4-1/2 year old daughter, Asya.

Chapter II

Making *aliyah* marked the 2nd chapter in a remarkable journey from oppression to freedom The Rabinovich family spent seven happy and productive years in Israel where Gesya

worked as a computer programmer and Eli as a ceramic engineer at the Technion University in Haifa.

In Eli's sabbatical year he was offered a high level scientific position at Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. The family decided to accept this offer to spend a year in the US. The one year in the United States extended into twenty four.

Chapter III

The twenty four years in Berkeley Heights were productive ones for both Gesya and Eliezer. One of the highlights in their lives recurred after their retirement when, two years ago, Elie was invited back to Russia to give an address at the opening ceremony of an exhibition devoted to "The Rabbinical Dynasty of Medalie" (Eli's ancestors including grandfather) at the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow, in his opening comments he remarked "It is difficult for me to abandon the feeling of utmost unreality. When my family left Russia 49 years ago even a thought of an eventual return could not enter my mind."

Chapter IV

The most recent chapter began several months ago when the Rabinovich's made a momentous move to Somers, New York.

For many years they had been welcome and familiar faces at CBI when they came to visit with their Connecticut family, Now we are honored to have them as members and sincerely hope that as they embark on writing the "new chapter" it will be filled with happiness, good health and shalom.

Pat Goldman

CBI IN THE COMMUNITY



Rabbi Altenburger gave the *Sh'ma* blessing in three languages: Hebrew, English and Spanish at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.



Congregants at the recent Vigil Against Hate in Danbury, which CBI helped publicize, included Victor Namer, Marty Waltuch, Pat Goldman and Barbara and Joel Levitt.

WHAT'S JEWISH ABOUT CAROUSELS?

Meet Bob Yorburg; prestidigitator, theatrical set designer, master craftsman, et al. Well, a gaggle of children and adults got to experience the multifaceted Bob at a recent joint CBI/PJ Library event held at our synagogue.

Barbara and I first met Bob as one of the featured entertainers at a street fair in Bethel we attended with our daughter and granddaughters. He casually mentioned that he carved carousel horses and Barbara mentioned a new PJ Library book about turn of the century Jewish carousel carvers in Coney Island ("Feivel's Flying Horses"). From this random act of curiosity and Barbara's well known tenacity, a wonderful program was born.

Bob began the afternoon with fun feats of magic, soon followed by a lesson in making balloon animals. Through twists and turns (and the occasional, unfortunate pop) young (and adult) balloon artists made their own dogs, turtles and other denizens of the animal world. Then, Bob got down to his true specialty; carved wooden carousel figures.

Bob, the son and grandson of furniture making hobbyists, was drawn to the elaborately carved figures decorating vintage carousels. He learned of the Jewish connection, as many of these intricate works of art were created by Eastern European Jewish immigrant wood carvers, who had honed their craft in the Old Country working on elaborate synagogue Torah arks and decorative ornamentation.

Soon, our junior carvers got to work on crafting their own mini-carousel animals made from Ivory Soap. The results: kittens, horses, bunnies, etc.; all 99 and 44/100% adorable!

This was a great experience for us to learn both the art of the carousel and the history of some of our immigrant ancestors. Bob is an extraordinary artist and he continues to share his expertise at lectures and demonstrations throughout the country. Check out his book, "Acanthus Carving and Design" and his website, bobyorburg.com. His story and his work are outstanding.

Joel Levitt







OUR VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPE

Martin and I visited five countries (Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Hungary) in Eastern Europe on a Danube River cruise. While the trip was primarily a vacation it was also an opportunity to learn about a part of the world we knew little about. We did have some familiarity with Romania since Marty's family immigrated to America in the early 20th century from Bostonani, Romania.

The trip was wonderful; cruising is a very relaxing way to travel. And we did learn about the history of the region, which because of its location between Europe and Asia, was on the front line of many conflicts throughout the ages.

No trip would be complete if we didn't visit Jewish sites. So in Bucharest, Romania we visited the Great Choral Synagogue. Bucharest has several active congregations and a sizable Jewish community. In Pecs, Hungary our tour guide pointed us to a large synagogue facing a wide pedestrian mall. The building was locked so we didn't see the interior or get any additional information about the Jewish community in this large Hungarian city. Finally in Budapest, Hungary we were able to visit the famous Great Dohany Synagogue.

This synagogue is the largest synagogue in Europe and second largest in the world after Temple Emanu El in New York. It was built between 1854 and 1859, shortly after the Jews were granted citizenship in Hungary. It was bombed by the pro Nazi Arrow Cross Party in 1939 and restored in 1999. The synagogue is a featured tourist site in Budapest and draws huge crowds. They have tours in five languages every hour from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

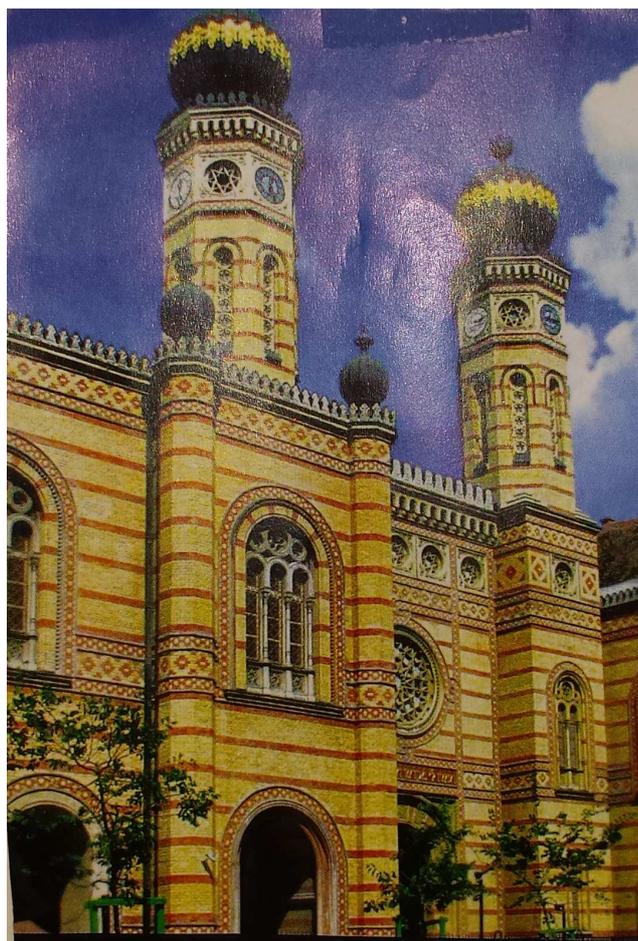
The beautiful Moorish revival style exterior has a very "church like" interior with seating for 3000 worshippers in the main area and the two balconies. It is very elaborate with gold trim and an ark incorporated into a large area surrounded by paintings. The *bimah* is in front of the ark and there is a railing to separate the area from the seating. The synagogue is Orthodox with separate seating but it has an organ that is not in use on Shabbat.

Because of the organ many of the Orthodox community do not worship here.

The synagogue has a museum and a memorial garden honoring the thousands of Jews deported from Budapest to Auschwitz. Along the embankment of the Danube River there is a haunting array of bronze shoes. These shoes in a variety of sizes and styles mark the spot where hundreds of Jewish men, women, and children were shot, their bodies falling into the Danube River, by the Nazi's when they enter Budapest.

We had a wonderful trip: We recommend to anyone wishing to visit Eastern Europe.

Joyce Shenker



IN THE COMMUNITY



Jewish Federation Endowment Camperships Offered New Deadline – January 1, 2017

(SOUTHBURY) The Jewish Federation of Western CT's Endowment will be reviewing applications for camperships during the month of January 2017 with award decisions to be announced by March 1st. Applications can be obtained by visiting the Federation's website at <http://www.jfed.net>. Only members of the Federation are eligible to apply. To be a member you must make a gift to the current Annual Campaign.

The camp program must support Jewish identity and continuity. Camperships are available for children over the age of three by the time camp starts. Income limits are a significant factor in making awards. A copy of your 2015 IRS Tax form 1040 or 1040A must accompany your application. Applications must be submitted online to filepore@jfed.net no later than January 1st in order to be considered.

Life, Love and Friendship at Federation



DATE & TIME:

Six Thursdays from 2:00-3:00PM

(November 17; December 15; January 12;
February 16; March 16; April 20)

(Makeup days: May 11th and June 8th)

RSVP by the Tuesday prior

This ongoing monthly workshop is designed for individuals who have lost a spouse or significant other either through death or divorce and are looking to educate themselves on topics related to enhancing social life and entering the "dating world." Expect to have fun, laugh and create a network of friends with whom you can enjoy life.



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FAMILY HANUKKAH PARTY
December 11, 2016 • 12:00–3:00 PM
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg
Community Function Hall
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Delicious Latkes & Donuts
Musical Entertainment by Mister G
 EVENT CHAIRS: Ariel Price & Liz Koret-Bismack
This is a Free Event but please bring one or more cans of food to benefit our local food banks.
 R.S.V.P. by December 1 to 203-267-3177 x340





What's Happening at the JCC in Sherman

Musical Jamboree
 Saturday, December 17th - 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM
 Music by: Brandi Miller, Chris Ellis, & Lisa T. Maroon
 \$10 Adults / \$5 Students / Kids under 10 Free
 Bring your own food & Beverages

Yoga: Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 AM
Gentle Yoga - Fridays 10:40 AM
 \$14 Members/Seniors / \$18 Non-Members

VODKA LATKE PARTY
December 15, 2016
6:00-8:00 PM
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg
Community Function Hall
 444 Main Street North, Southbury, CT

Free Event for Adults
 Festival of lights, tempting latkes & sensational toppings,
 premium vodka tasting & music by Dave Stoltz Trio
 EVENT CHAIRS: Barb Phillips & Chickie Kuhn
 R.S.V.P. by December 5 to 203-267-3177 x340




DONATIONS NEEDED!



Food Pantry

FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES!

This is CBI's ongoing project to help our local food pantries. Items most in need are dried/canned beans, canned fish, peanut butter, jelly, fruit juice, sugar, flour, personal care items such as soap and shampoo. (The pantries get cereal, canned veggies and rice from area supermarkets.)

CBI is a generous and caring community and as always, we thank you for your donations and support as they are truly appreciated.

SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ **Shabbat, 3 Kislev, December 3, Toledot:** The wrestling twins Jacob and Esau are born. *Haftarah Mal. 1:1-2:7*

☆ **Shabbat, 10 Kislev, December 10, Vayetse:** Jacob leaves home to make his own life. *Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10*

☆ **Shabbat, 17 Kislev, December 17, Vayishlah:** Jacob reunites with his brother Esau. *Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21*

☆ **Shabbat, 24 Kislev, December 24: Vayeshav:** Joseph, the favorite son, is sold by his brothers and sent down to Egypt. *Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8*

☆ **Shabbat, 2 Tevet, December 31: Mikkets:** Joseph's powers as a dream interpreter bring him to Pharaoh. *Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:*

☆ **Shabbat, 9 Tevet, January 7: Vayigash:** Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and reunites with his father. *Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28*

☆ **Shabbat, 16 Tevet: January 14, Vayhi:** Jacob blesses his sons before he dies. *Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12*

CANDLE LIGHTING

December 9, 2016:	4:06	P.M.
December 16, 2016:	4:07	P.M.
December 23, 2016:	4:11	P.M.
December 30, 2016:	4:16	P.M.
January 6, 2017:	4:22	P.M.
January 13, 2017:	4:29	P.M.

YAHARZEITS

6 Kislev, December 6, 2016

Peter Ohring (Mary, Isaac, and Rachel Ohring)

16 Kislev, December 16, 2016

Max Klein (Christine Gambino)

17 Kislev, December 17, 2016

Joseph Kaufman (Heather K. Mazarakos)

18 Kislev, December 18, 2016

Shlomo Boms (Abe Boms)

19 Kislev, December 19, 2016

Sidney Rudick (Charles Rudick)

21 Kislev, December 21, 2016

Robert Reynolds (Joyce and Martin Shenker)

28 Kislev, December 28, 2016

Pearl Wexler Bass (Gail Boms)

3 Tevet, January 1, 2017

Pearl Winkelstein (Susan Tritter)

4 Tevet, January 2, 2017

Susan Waltuch (Martin Waltuch)

6 Tevet, January 4, 2017

Simon Markind (Sam Markind)

9 Tevet, January 7, 2017

Lila Adams (F. Richard Steinberg)

11 Tevet, January 9, 2017

Ralph Blumenthal (Susan Tritter)

13 Tevet, January 11, 2017

Israel Nurenberg (Carol Nurenberg)

THANKS! THANKS!

For the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Christine Gambino in honor of Michaela's birthday

For the General Fund

☆ Rochelle Hutchings in memory of Kennis' father William Koldewyn

☆ Christine Gambino in memory of Kennis' father William Koldewyn and Doug Wise's mother Harriett

☆ Joyce and Martin Shenker in memory of Kennis' father William Koldewyn

☆ Roz Bank in memory of Morris Horn

☆ Edward L. Cheffetz in memory of Kennis' father William Koldewyn

For the Harry and Kay Robinson Children's Book Fund

☆ Barbara and Joel Levitt in memory of Doug's mother; get well to Joe Namer, Harriet Lebetkin, Heather Walter, Joe Golden, and Jack Rose; *mazel tov* to Fran and Chris Kimball on their granddaughter's *bat mitzvah*

For Their Generous Kiddush

☆ Simeon Lamour

☆ Dina Markind

☆ David Maser in memory of his father Ruben Maser

☆ Paul M Simon in memory of his parents Sylvia and Jerry Simon

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

If you or anyone you know is ill or in need of support, please call our **Bikur Cholim** (Caring) Committee at 203-792-6161.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY

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