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Emanu El

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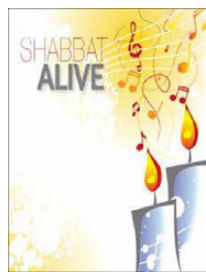
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SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS



Friday - December 5, 2014

SHABBAT ALIVE!

Catered Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm - "Shabbat Alive" Service-in-the-Round at 7:00 pm

Led by Rabbi Jay Sherwood and Charlie Kramer

Saturday - December 6, 2014 ☆

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Vayishlach - פרשת וישלח - Genesis 32:4-36:43 - Haftarah - Obadiah 1:1-21

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - December 12, 2014 - 7:30 pm ☆ *

Naming of Juliet Emma Aceves, daughter of Jessica and James David Aceves

Rabbi Cohn will speak on "The Universal Message of Chanukah"

Oneg Shabbat Following the Service hosted by Cherrie Lubey, Ellen Weiss and Geraldine Schwartz in honor of the naming of Juliet Emma Aceves

Saturday - December 13, 2014 ☆ *

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am ☆ *

Parashat Vayeshev - פרשת וישב - Genesis 37:1-40:23 - Haftarah - Amos 2:6-3:8

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - December 19, 2014 *

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner including a Brief Erev Shabbat and Chanukah Service

Bring Your Own Chanukah Menorah to join in the Candle-Lighting

Saturday - December 20, 2014 *

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Miketz - פרשת מקץ - Genesis 41:1-44:17 - Haftarah - Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Kiddush Following the Service



Friday - December 26, 2014 *

Cantor Bern-Vogel will speak on "Reunions"

Oneg Shabbat Hostess - Cherrie Lubey

Saturday - December 27, 2014 *

Torah Study - 9:15 to 9:45 am - Shabbat Morning Service - 10:00 am

Parashat Miketz - פרשת ויגש - Genesis 44:18-47:27 - Haftarah - Ezekiel 37:15-28

Kiddush Following the Service

☆ = Rabbi Cohn officiates

* = Cantor Bern-Vogel officiates

Rabbinic Reflections



As Chanukah approaches it is good for us to extract from that holiday its important teachings. There is much to be learned from the little candle that is placed in the Menorah (or, *Chanukiyah*). A number of years ago Moshe Davis and Victor Ratner

composed a series of messages for the various Jewish holidays for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. These were eventually published in a lovely volume entitled "The Birthday of the World" (©1959, Farrar, Straus & Cudahy). Their message for Chanukah was "The Eternal Light." I continue to find it inspiring and instructive as I hope you will.

"A candle is a small thing.

But one candle can light another.

And see how its own light increases,
as a candle gives its flame to the other.

You are such a light.

Light is the power to dispel darkness.

You have this power to move back
the darkness in yourself and in others –
to do so with the birth of light
created when one mind illuminates another,
when one heart kindles another,
when one person strengthens another.

And its flame enlarges within you
as you pass it on.

Throughout history,
children of darkness have tried
to smother this passage of light
from person to person.

Throughout history, dictators large and
small have tried to darken, diminish
and separate people by force.

But always in the end they fail.

For always. Somewhere in the world,
the light remains;
ready to burn its brightest where it is dark;
a light that began\
when God created the world:

"... *Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.*" (Psalm 104:2)

And every free people has remained free
by resisting those who would
extinguish in men the light
of freedom,
of love,
of truth.

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Cantorial Comments

*The Season of Miracles,
Blessings and Dedication*



As children we are taught about the miracle of Chanukah – the tiny flask of oil that was found after the Jews regained their sacred Temple that had been ravaged and desecrated by the Syrian-Greek soldiers. In order to cleanse the Temple from

the defilement of their holy space, the ritual required oil to burn for eight days. Imagine how despondent they must have felt, after finally returning only to find a little drop of oil?! But... you all know the rest of the story... the tiny amount actually burned for a full eight days – and so 'who can retell'? *Mi Yimaleil? We can* and do continue to recount the beautiful miracle of the Chanukah story – Chanukah means dedication. And what does our favorite holiday toy, the *dreydl*, tell us? *Nes Gadol Haya Sham!* 'A Great Miracle Happened There', unless we have an Israeli one whose letters read *Nun, Gimel, Hay, Pay* which stand for *Nes Gadol Haya Po* – 'A Great Miracle Happened Here'! (What *really* happened historically, I'll let you ask Rabbi Cohn.)

In this Season of Dedication, I am looking forward to spending a brief weekend with my mother in [brrrrrr] Iowa to dedicate a plaque at our Cedar Rapids synagogue, Temple Judah, in memory of my father's 25th *yahrzeit*. I will be flying on December 5th – on what would have been his 103rd birthday...

Back at the Inland Empire, I hope you will join us on December 19th at our Sisterhood-sponsored Chanukah Dinner/Service as we celebrate the warmth and joy of this season with delicious food and lots of wonderful music!

Chanukah Orim Sameach –Happy Festival of Lights!

Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel

In Memoriam

זכרונה לברכה

The congregation notes with sorrow the recent death of

EVELYN NITA SCHNITZER

mother of Raina Holmes and Shari Schnitzer
predeceased by her husband Dr. Harold Schnitzer,
her daughter Joann Schnitzer Alsing and her son
Edward Schnitzer

May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing!

Rabbinic Reflections

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To do our daily part to increase this light,
we must remember that a candle alone is
a small thing,
a person alone is a small thing,
a nation alone is a small thing.

Remembering this,
we must recognize something much more
that is our indispensability to others.

We must also remember their
indispensability to us.

We cannot hope –
either as individuals or as nations –
to reach our highest capabilities until we
help those around us reach theirs.

To be strong
the strong must serve.

“These lights we now kindle...”

These words accompany the lighting
of Chanukah candles in the home,
and in the heart,
to commemorate the eternal bridge of
light which reaches from Creation itself
to the radiant spirit of free people.

In this spirit is celebrated
the Festival of Chanukah –
the Festival of Light –
wherein the candle that gives its light
to the others is called
‘the servant candle.’

You too are strongest...
When you serve.

With best wishes for a very happy Chanukah,

Rabbi Hillel Cohn

Welcome to Our New Members ברוכים הבאים

We are delighted to welcome the following who
have recently joined our congregational family:

Bernice & Barry Lowenstein*

Phyllis & Jerold Siperstein*

* = returning member

Sun Lakes Discussion Group

Tuesday - December 9th- 7:30 to 9:00
pm

Rabbi Cohn will lead the discussion on
“Jewish Ethics and Contemporary Society”

Presidential Perspectives,



As a member of the
Rabbinic Search Task Force, I
had the pleasure of
participating in four of the five
focus groups, both as a
facilitator and as an observer.
Each group was enthusiastic
and provided us with excellent

feedback on what they wanted in a rabbi as well as
suggestions to not only assist us as we interview
candidates but also give us ideas for programming
and how we can increase participation in services.
Your thoughts will be in the forefront as a new rabbi
takes their position in our historic congregation. At
last count, we had nine applications and the number
is growing on a daily basis. An initial interview is
done by our Co-Chairs, Cheryl Sukenik and Stacy
Knox. If the candidate is successful in that initial
interview, the entire Task Force will have a more
formal interview with them at a later date. In
addition to our Co-Chairs, the Task Force includes
myself, Craig Beasley, Stuart Sweet, Jeffrey Raynes,
Mike Kress, Mara Winick, Gloria Cutler, Steve
Becker, and Rachael Raynes. Once these interviews
are complete, the Task Force will determine how
many candidates will be invited to come to
Congregation Emanu El to meet us, join the
congregation for services, and possibly have some
social time for all of us to get to know them better.

For those of you who were unable to join us in the
focus groups due to your busy schedules, we will
send out our ‘Role of a Rabbi’ list for you to review.
With the assistance of Rabbi Cohn, we reduced a list
of 20 tasks and responsibilities to 15. While each is
important, we are asking you to rank your top three.
Please return them to us as soon as possible so we
can add your thoughts to those we received in the
focus groups. The results will be shared with the
congregation along with a summary of the great ideas
that came out of the focus groups.

The Executive Committee, the Board of Directors,
and the Task Force will not be making the final
decision on who will be our spiritual leader. That job
belongs to you, our congregation. Please be a part of
this important endeavor. Fill the Sanctuary when we
bring the candidates out to visit. Let them see what I
see, a friendly and caring congregation that any rabbi
would be proud to lead.

B'Shalom,

Paul Zipperstein

Sisterhood Speaks...



Sisterhood has been busy this past month supporting us and providing all the sweets for the Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Redlands Area Interfaith Council and hosted by our congregation. What a wonderful gathering that was of people from all different walks of life and religious backgrounds. Sisterhood once again answered the call to service with a beautiful reception chaired by Cherrie Lubey with decorations by Lori Fenster. Thank you to all involved in the baking, setting up and cleaning up for this very well attended event. We also had our Paid-up Membership Brunch, and I am thrilled to announce that we had a nice turnout.

Chanukah is coming and we are ready! Our hard working Gift Shop committee has been getting ready so that we may provide essential religious and gift items for our holiday. Have you noticed how nice it looks in the Gift Shop? The Gift Shop got a little elegant glass makeover both for aesthetic reasons and ease of flow for our customers. There is also a sale this month so check your emails and this bulletin for details. The Chanukah dinner is almost here; I hope you have called the temple to reserve your spot. The food will be fresh and fabulous and the service full of meaning and *ruach* for all who attend.

Our membership drive is ongoing, and I am proud to announce that along with our growing congregation, our Sisterhood is also growing. We are at approximately 120 members strong. Finally, on January 24th, by popular demand, we will be bringing back CASINO night! This is our most anticipated event of the year so mark your calendars and bring your friends.

As you can see, we have been very busy indeed and will be in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who supports Sisterhood. This group of ladies works hard to support the congregation, our children and raise awareness for social action issues that are important to us.

Happy Chanukah!

Stacy Knox

Sisterhood President

Temple Board of Directors Meeting Thursday - December 18th - 7:00 pm at the temple

All members are invited to attend and participate in the deliberations affecting our temple. Your input is truly valued.

From our Director of Education



The month of *Kislev* has arrived, and with it comes one of the most popular holidays on the Hebrew calendar—Chanukah. The true meaning of Chanukah often gets lost in the hustle and bustle of the winter retail season. While electronics and toy manufacturers include Chanukah in their advertising so that they can sell their wares to Jewish families along with Christian families each winter, we should concentrate on the real meaning of the holiday. We should concentrate on the miracle of Chanukah. So what is that miracle? Some say that the miracle was that a ragtag assemblage of dedicated Jews zealots defeated a numerically superior and more heavily armed Greek Assyrian army in an epic war. They then rededicated the ancient Temple by lighting the *menorah*. This is the story that we read in the Book of Maccabees. Some say that the miracle was that the cruse of oil used to light the menorah only contained enough oil for one day, yet it lasted for eight days. This is the legend contained in the Babylonian Talmud (but not in the Jerusalem Talmud), written 800 years after the event. While these are both wonderful stories that give meaning to the holiday for many Jews, neither one describes the real miracle of Chanukah. No, the miracle of Chanukah is not that the oil lasted eight days. No, the miracle of Chanukah is not that our ancestors won a war of religious freedom. The miracle – the real miracle of Chanukah – is that every year, *we* light the *menorah*. We extend the holy light that was kindled in ancient times, and we continue it to this day. As Chanukah approaches, may we not only kindle the light of the *menorah*, but also kindle the light of Jewish learning for ourselves and for our children. As we experience the miracle in our time, so may our learning let those who come after us experience the miracle in their time as well. Happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Jay Sherwood

Board of Directors Highlights

These are some of the highlights of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 20, 2014:

- The board approved a new membership roster and agreed to formally adopt all changes in the roster at all future monthly meetings to help board members stay advised on new and resigning members.
- After walking the grounds, the board decided on placement of a storage unit (shipping container) for the congregational library and archives that have been in storage since the move from San Bernardino to Redlands. The storage unit will be located at the far left hand corner of the “meadow” near Patricia St.

Mental Health Awareness In Action

An Active Program to Repair the World by Combatting the Stigma of Mental Illness



Educating ourselves about mental health disorders is a first step in combatting the stigma associated with mental illness. Here is a brief explanation of one mental health disorder that affects many people both within and outside our congregation.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) was first brought to public attention in relation to war veterans, but it can result from a variety of traumatic incidents.

When in danger, it is natural to feel afraid. This fear triggers many split-second changes in the body to prepare to defend against the danger or to avoid it. This “fight-or-flight” response is a healthy reaction meant to protect a person from harm. But in post-traumatic stress disorder, this reaction is changed or damaged.

People who have PTSD may feel stressed or frightened even when they’re no longer in danger. PTSD develops after a terrifying ordeal that involved physical harm or the threat of physical harm. Roughly 10 percent of women and 5 percent of men are diagnosed with PTSD in their lifetimes.

Be a part of the solution to ending the stigma of mental illness by educating yourself about mental illness and openly discussing topics related to mental illness. Our next formal meeting will be Wednesday, January 14th at 7 pm in the social hall.

Heidi Nimmo and Nancy Sidhu

Co-chairs Mental Health Awareness In Action

Adult Jewish Education Lifelong Learning

“What To Believe and Not Believe About God, Torah and Israel”

3 Tuesday evenings

January 13th - January 20th - January 27th

7:30 to 9:00 pm

Rabbi Cohn will teach this class which will include ample time for discussion.

Please “register” for this class by calling the temple office. There is no registration fee but we would like to have an idea as to how many to expect so that materials can be prepared in advance.

All are invited to attend the Chanukah-Shabbat Dinner sponsored by Sisterhood



The 4th Night of Chanukah

Friday - December 19, 2014

6:00 pm

**with delicious Latkes,
Brisket, Challah,
Sufganiyot and lots more**



The Dinner will include an abbreviated
Erev Shabbat service

(at approximately 7:00 pm)

THE SIMCHA BAND WILL PLAY!!!

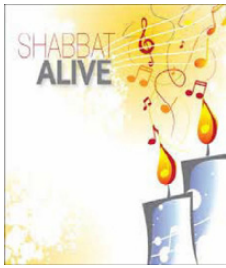


**Bring your own Menorah and join us in
celebrating Chanukah with food and
friends. Watch the mail for invitations
and more information.**

Adults-\$14.00

Children 4-12 - \$8.00

“SHABBAT ALIVE” Coming THIS Friday December 5th



“Shabbat Alive” is a congregational Shabbat celebration that is held on the first Friday of each month. Adults and children of all ages enjoy worshipping together at the service. The Shabbat service is designed to appeal to congregants of all ages, individuals and families, and features lots of participatory traditional and contemporary music.

The service is led by our Director of Education, Rabbi Jay Sherwood, and songleader Charlie Kramer.

“Shabbat Alive” will begin at 6:00 in the Social Hall with a Shabbat dinner during which there will be singing as well as the traditional Erev Shabbat table ceremonies. The December 5th dinner will be catered and will feature some of the traditional Shabbat delicacies. It will be followed by the service in the sanctuary with the chairs set “in-the-round” to provide a more intimate and participatory setting. The service uses the new prayer book compiled by Rabbi Cohn. If you are unable to attend the full evening of celebration, feel free to come at 7:00 for the service.



iPhone Basics Workshops

- * Are you not getting the most from your iPhone?
- * Do you suffer from iPhobia?

- * Would you like to learn more about your amazing iPhone?
- * Are you worried about doing something you can't undo?

Join Phyllis Sweet for informative hands-on workshops to learn useful and easy ways to get more out of your phone.

**Workshops will be held on Thursday afternoons
December 4th, 11th and 18th
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at Congregation Emanu El**

Cost \$5 per person .
Call Phyllis Sweet (781)254-4159 or the temple
office to register.

Huge Sisterhood Gift Shop Chanukah Sale!!!

Current Year Sisterhood Members Save 10%!



**Sunday, December 7, 2014
9am-12pm**

at Congregation Emanu El

- *Beautiful Menorahs and candles*
- *Cards*
- *Jewelry*
- *Wrapping paper*
- *Decorative items*
- *Children's toys*
- *Books*
- *Shabbat items and other Judaica*
- *and lots more...*

Setting Bar/Bat Mitzvah Dates

If you have a child who is 10 or 11 who has not yet been given a date for his/her Bar/Bat Mitzvah, please contact Rabbi Cohn as soon as possible to discuss a possible date. Special private instruction starts at least nine months prior to ones becoming a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The date is generally set for a Shabbat near the youngster's 13th birthday. We generally follow the Jewish calendar in selecting dates.

Rabbi Cohn Going to Israel



Rabbi and Rita Cohn will be going to Israel for a two-week visit beginning on December 17th. There is a long-standing tradition of placing prayers in the crevices of the

Western Wall (formerly known as the Wailing Wall) in Jerusalem. Rabbi Cohn will gladly take any prayers that you might want placed there. Please write them on light paper (preferably tissue paper) and bring them to the temple no later than on December 15th.

During the rabbi's absence emergency rabbinic coverage will be provided by Rabbi Suzanne Singer of Temple Beth El in Riverside. Shabbat services and other temple events will be led by Cantor Bern-Vogel.

TYGER Our High School Youth Group



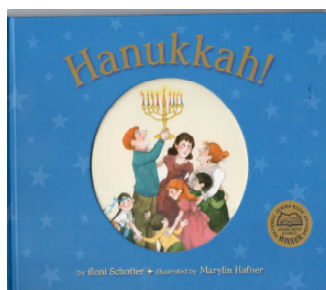
TYGER will be going to the internationally acclaimed Riverside Festival of Lights to enjoy an evening of outdoor ice skating on Saturday, December 20th. We will meet at Congregation Emanu El at 6:00 pm. The cost for the event is \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP by December 15th to Jessica (951) 505-0801. On Wednesday, December 17th we will be meeting at the temple at 4:30PM to go volunteer at the battered women's shelter of San Bernardino.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!

Jessica Aceves
TYGER Advisor

A Great Chanukah Gift for YOU to Give (and 'the price is Right')



A beautiful children's book about Hanukkah is being made available - at no cost - to all of our members.

Hanukkah! by Roni Schotter and illustrated by Marilyn Hafner is a joyful story of one family's Hanukkah celebration. It was the winner of the prestigious National Jewish Book Award. Rabbi Cohn was able to secure a quantity of these hard-cover books at no cost and these are being made available to our members to use as gifts for their children, grand-children and others. They will be available on Sunday morning, December 7th. You are welcome to take as many copies as you wish as long as the supply lasts. This is a wonderful gift to be able to give to children at this season of the year. Please avail yourselves of this special opportunity.

COMING IN 2015!!!



Sisterhood Casino Night
January 24th 6:00 p.m.
Don't miss our most popular fundraiser!
Bring your friends and have lots of fun!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday - February 17, 2015 - 7:30 pm

The 30th Annual

Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Lecture

by

RUTH WEISSBERG

renowned Jewish artisan and art historian

Become an Emanu Elf By Doing a Mitzvah on Christmas Eve-December 24th



For a number of years members of our congregation (of all ages) have served a Christmas Eve dinner to the homeless of the area at the Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino. The food is provided by the CCLM; our Emanu

Elves serve the dinner and this year will also be providing dessert. All of this will take place on Wednesday evening, December 24th. The Emanu Elves will meet at the CCLM at 5:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform a Mitzvah. To be part of the Emanu Elves this year please call the temple office (909-340-0700) and indicate your readiness to be an Emanu Elf. The CCLM is located at 1354 North G Street, San Bernardino.

If you want to volunteer to be an Emanu Elf this year please call the temple office. As we get closer to December 24th you will be given more detailed instructions.

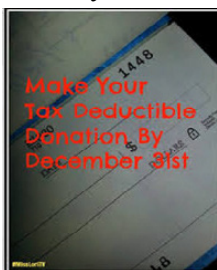
End of Year Donations for 2014 Taxable Deductions

Mail your check before December 31 if you want your end of year donation to be tax deductible in 2014. The IRS determines the donation date as the postmark on the envelope, not the date on the check. You may also drop off any payment or contribution to the temple office by December 30th and receive a tax

deduction for 2014. Or, you can call the temple office and authorize a payment or a contribution to be charged to your credit card.

As we enter the final days of 2014, we hope you will evaluate your charitable giving and consider the temple as a recipient of a special end-of-year contribution.

You might also consider transferring stock to the temple. This will be advantageous for you and for the congregation. We recommend that you get advice from your financial consultant as to how to maximize your charitable giving and minimize your tax liability.



A Letter to the Congregation

Dear Member of Congregation Emanu El;

I am writing this at the end of Shabbat on November 29th. This morning I experienced something that was disappointing and embarrassing.

No one attended our Torah Study session that is held from 9:15 to 9:45, prior to our service. At these sessions we explore the Torah portion and I share all kinds of commentaries. Just a minute or so before 10:00 there was still no one in attendance. But then, right at 10:00, three non-Jews, students from a local university, came in to the temple wanting to observe our Shabbat morning service for a class they are taking. I had no alternative but to tell them that there would be no service that morning because none of our members were present. That was extremely embarrassing. I did spend close to an hour with them and two additional students explaining many facets of Judaism that they were interested in. A little bit after 10:00 when our service was to have begun, three of our congregants showed up at varying times and I had to tell each of them that there would be no service that morning.

To say that this was disappointing and embarrassing is an understatement. One of the commitments I made on returning to serve the congregation for this year was that we would restore the long-standing practice of having a Torah study session and a Shabbat morning service each and every Shabbat morning. I believe that this is an integral part of what should happen in our congregation. If we pride ourselves on being loyal to our Jewish tradition, then we need to preserve the Shabbat experience. One of the unique things about Congregation Emanu El for most of its history has been its ability to serve the needs of Jews on all places on the Jewish spectrum,

I appeal to our members of any age to make a special effort to attend both the Torah study and the service on Saturday mornings. I believe that it can be an enriching experience. And, by your presence, you will make it possible for others to worship with a *minyan*. Additionally, we often get visitors from local churches and colleges; they should not have to be told that there is an insufficient number of Jews present to enable us to have a service.

It is not enough to boast about a magnificent new temple building. That building needs to be filled with Jewish activities which includes regular services.

I hope that neither I or our congregation will ever again experience that disappointment and embarrassment.

Rabbi Hillel Cohn

A Ceremony for Each Night of Chanukah 5775-2014

Chanukah begins on Tuesday evening, December 16th. Each home should have its own Menorah (or, Chanukiyah). The entire family should participate in the lighting of the Chanukah candles. On the first night, light the candle on the extreme right in addition to the *Shammash*. On successive nights, add one additional candle immediately to the left and kindle the newest candle first. Follow the same procedure each night, always adding from right to left but always lighting from left to right.

*The following might be said each night **before** lighting the candles:*

First Night-Freedom (Tuesday - December 16, 2014)



We kindle these Chanukah lights in remembrance of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. Believing that it was their right to be free to worship as their hearts and minds dictated, they willingly gave their lives for freedom. Now, kindling these candles we rededicate **ourselves** to work for the equal rights of all and for the realization of a world of democracy and freedom.

Second Night-Family (Wednesday - December 17, 2014)



Tonight as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of the precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and devotion. Let us, now, as we kindle these festive lights, rededicate ourselves to sharing our interests and time with one another. Through kindness and thoughtfulness our love for one another will increase from strength to strength.

Third Night-Torah (Thursday - December 18, 2014)



On this third night of Chanukah we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition. As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage by deepening our understanding of it through study. By increasing our knowledge of Judaism we become more sensitive to its abiding values, more aware of our responsibility to realize these values in our society.

Fourth Night-Hope (Friday - December 19, 2014)



(Erev Shabbat - Light Chanukah Candles **BEFORE** Shabbat candles)



Our ancestors taught that hope illumines the way. Ours are times when many live in fear and great despair. Like the Maccabees we need to build our lives on the hope that truth will ultimately triumph over falsehood, that confidence, knowledge and understanding will finally depose superstition and tyranny.

Fifth Night-Charity (Saturday - December 20, 2014)

(Montage Shabbat - Light Chanukah Candles **AFTER** Handball)



Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabees war for freedom all Jews, both children and adults, contributed charity toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. There are many forms of oppression still existent in our world today. There are people afflicted by sickness, hunger, ignorance, and prejudice. We rededicate ourselves to providing food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, knowledge for the ignorant, and equal opportunity to

those afflicted by prejudice.

Sixth Night-Peace (Sunday - December 21, 2014)



Today one of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. When we seek to end disagreements through understanding, when we mend hurt and wounded feelings, we are doing our part in making peace a living ideal. Let us rededicate ourselves to the task of securing peace.

Seventh Night-Equality (Monday - December 22, 2014)



Equality is founded on total respect for the liberty and freedom of all people. Our Chanukah lights serve as a reminder that all people are secure only when we honor the precious liberty and rights of our neighbors.



Eighth Night-Faith (Tuesday - December 23, 2014)

Tonight ALL of the candles in our Menorah are lit. The Menorah has been a symbol of Jewish faith. Let us uncover the many treasures of Jewish faith.

The Blessings

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atta Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-sha-noo b'mits-vo-tav, v'tzi-va-nu l'had-leek ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the kindling of the Chanukah light.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atta Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, she-asa nee-seem la-a-vo-tay-noo, ba-ya-meem ha-haym bazman haze.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, who did wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days past at this season.

On the FIRST night ON LYE

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וּיְגִיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atta Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, she-he-che-ya-noo, v'kee-y'ma-noo, v'hi-gee-a-noo lazman haze.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

The Chanukah Hymn

Ma-oz tsur ye-shoo-a-tee, l'cha na-e l'sha-bay-ach.
Tee-kon bayt t'fee-la-tee v'sham toda n'za-bay-ach.
L'ayt ta-cheen mat-bay-ach, mitzor ham-na-bay-ach,
Az egmor b'shir mizmor, chanukat ha-miz-bay-ach.

מַעֲזֵז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לָךְ נָאָה לְשִׁבְתְּךָ,

תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְכַּרְתָּ,

לַעֲת תִּכְיֶן מִטְבַּח מִצֵּר הַמִּנְבֵּחַ,

אֲז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מְזֻמָּר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power.
You, amid the raging foes, were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us, but Your arm availed us,
And Your word broke their sword when our own
strength failed us.

My Dreidel

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 clay.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, now dreidel I shall play.
It has a lovely body, with leg so short and thin;
And when it is all tired, it drops - and then I win.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin;
Oh 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.
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it loves to dance and spin
Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, come play, now let's begin.



THE “DECEMBER DILEMMA” REVISITED

For many years Jews have dealt with the “December Dilemma” - how to remain Jewish in a non-Jewish world. Today Chanukah becomes an opportunity to celebrate the joy of our Jewish heritage, a reminder to ourselves and our children that...

IN NO WAY SHOULD WE CONVEY THE IDEA THAT CHANUKAH IS THE JEWISH CHRISTMAS! Chanukah commemorates an event that happened 160 years *before* the event marked by the celebration of Christmas. The Christian holiday, despite the tendency to commercialize it and treat it as a secular holiday, represents the birth of Jesus. Thus it is an intensely religious holiday - for Christians. As such we should respect it and hope that its spiritual meaning for Christians will be emphasized. Chanukah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees who led the Jewish struggle for religious freedom. One is no substitute for the other. There merely happens to be a close coincidence of dates.

Other questions have been asked of Jewish parents - and the proper replies...

Q. Hasn't Christmas become a national festival of good will with little religious significance?

A. *The only people who ever advance this argument are Jews looking for a rationalization of their observance, Christmas is definitely a religious holiday for Christians based on a belief that is opposed to Jewish teachings: the founder of Christianity (Jesus) is divine, God in human form. We respect our neighbors' beliefs. But we do not accept them or the observance stemming from it.*

Q. Is it not unfair and a pity to deny my child the beauty and pageantry of Christmas?

A. *No! We can admire and appreciate the beauty of Christmas without celebrating it. Chanukah is also a gay and colorful festival. Properly observed, it can bring rich ceremony and pageantry into our lives.*

Q. Should Jewish people contribute to a Christmas fund?

A. *Yes! Human sympathy and helpfulness know no limits. Charity cuts across religious lines. If we can help others have a more joyous holiday, we are performing a real Mitzvah.*

Q. Should Jewish children take part in Christmas plays and programs?

A. *No! To Christians, Christmas is holy and its sacred hymns and symbols, like trees and wreaths, are expressive of its beliefs. When a Jew celebrates it for sheer entertainment or commercial purposes, the holiday is being deprived of its religious significance. The resentment of many devout Christians and the determination to remedy the situation has been made manifest in the adopted slogan, “Put Christ back into Christmas.”*

Q. Do we harm our children by directing them not to participate?

A. *The classroom is but one among many places*

which reveal the existence of differences among Americans. We further our children's personal growth when we teach them this fact by such simple statements as “This is what we do because we are Jewish” and, “This is what our Christian friends do because they are Christian.” Non-participation in Christmas celebrations will not harm the Jewish child/children whose parents have given him/her a warm appreciation of his/her own Jewish heritage.

Q. Should Chanukah be celebrated in the public schools?

A. *To do so uses taxpayers' money for sectarian purposes and jeopardizes the principle of “separation of Church and State, without which there can be no religious freedom... the proper places for the observance of Chanukah are the Jewish home and the synagogue. We must not ask the public schools to assume the responsibilities of our congregations and families. If our Christian friends are to learn of Chanukah, let them learn from visits to our homes and synagogues. The public school is not the place for religious education - and that includes Judaism and Chanukah as well.*

Q. How can we make our children proud of Chanukah?

A. *These feelings must be nurtured long in advance of the holiday. They must be part of a general pattern of Jewish living. There must be knowledge of the holidays through school or books. Parties should be arranged. Joyous observances must be held at home with friends and playmates. Color, music and festivity should be associated with every holiday. The result will be joyous Jewish family living for everyone.*

(Adapted from a publication by Temple Israel, Tulsa, Oklahoma)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HOME OF ETERNITY CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM ABOUT PRE-NEED PLANNING

Why consider pre-need planning?

There's no question that the time following the death of a loved one can be stressful and difficult. Emotions are strained and judgment can be clouded when trying to arrange a fitting tribute for the deceased. If, on the other hand, the deceased has made the effort ahead of time to arrange his or her preferences in regard to the type of burial and where it is to take place, survivors are spared the task of making difficult decisions and the stress of trying to choose what would have pleased the loved one.

Is providing comfort for survivors the only reason to pre-plan your funeral?

Sparing survivors the discomfort of making decisions is probably the best reason for pre-need planning—but not the only one, certainly. There is a strong economic reason to pre-plan, also.

Pre-paying, as well as pre-need planning, can result in substantial savings, depending on the extent of the arrangements.

Over time, the costs of cemetery space will surely increase, due to inflation and other factors. It's a good idea to look at pre-paying for burial space as a sound and practical "investment"—locking in the price now, with the knowledge that costs will almost certainly increase later.

Our Home of Eternity Cemetery & Mausoleum, located at 8th and Sierra Way in San Bernardino, is the oldest Jewish cemetery in continuous use in Southern California. And it is one of two solely Jewish cemeteries in all of San Bernardino and Riverside counties (the only other solely Jewish cemetery is in Lake Elsinore but has not been operative for many years). We can take pride in the fact that it is well-maintained.

Our cemetery offers three types of burial: ground burial, mausoleum crypts for above-ground burial, and a columbarium with niches for cremated remains.

If you are interested in discussing the selection and purchase of burial space at our cemetery, please call the temple office. A member of the Board of Managers will gladly meet with you and help you in making your decision. The Home of Eternity Cemetery gives a 25% discount on all graves, crypts and niches for members of Congregation Emanu El or members of other recognized synagogue.

Why You Should Volunteer To Host An Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush



One of the wonderful ways to celebrate Shabbat is to gather as a congregation following our Erev Shabbat services for an Oneg Shabbat.

Oneg means "delight".

Certainly, the Oneg Shabbat is a source of delight to our community, helping all of us welcome the Shabbat with our friends over light refreshments. The Oneg Shabbat provides a time for socialization - a time to greet old friends and to make new ones.

We invite all of our members to volunteer to host an Oneg Shabbat at some point during the year. You may volunteer to host an Oneg Shabbat for a special *simcha* or just because you want to help your congregation celebrate Shabbat more festively. Our Oneg Shabbats are coordinated by our Sisterhood. You can call Phyllis Sweet at (781) 254-4159 or the temple office to get on the Oneg Shabbat schedule. You can reserve a date that works for your schedule, host with a friend, and honor a special occasion. Some suggestions on occasions for which you might consider hosting an Oneg Shabbat:

In honor of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah

To honor the memory of a loved one on the occasion of his/her *Yahrzeit*

Upcoming nuptials or an *Aufruf* (pre-wedding ceremony)

Baby naming

Birthday or Anniversary

Graduation

But there need not be any special occasion. Every Shabbat is special! and YOU can make it more special by hosting an Oneg Shabbat.

Join us all in the delight of the Oneg Shabbat!



Our Saturday morning services are followed by a light Kiddush of wine and *challah*. Other goodies can also be served. It is really an easy thing to do. If you would like to host a Shabbat

morning Kiddush please call the temple office.

Yahrzeits

The Yahrzeits of the following whose names are inscribed on the Wall of Perpetual Memorial will be observed during December:

December 5-6, 2014

H. Ted Bial
Edward Philipson
Benjamin Grossman
Malvina Guttman
Kate Hirsch
Herbert Anker
Joann Alsing
Leon Penso
Morrie Krupnick
Ruth Becker
Caroline Wolfenson
Lester Pollen
Annie Swedlove
Bertha Weinberg
Joseph Gottlieb
Alan Schwartz
Robert Kaplan
Philip Philipson
Hyman Weissner
Leslie Harris
Rose Doros
Geraldine Kronick
Benjamin Nordman
Abram Sosnowicz
Roger Krupnick
Esna Cohen
Harry Selwyn
Jacques Zagha
Hymen Blumenthal
Jeanette Abrams
Matilda Siddel
Josephine Coleman

December 12-13, 2014

Bessie Uffer
Arnold Levine
Aaron Meyers
Richard Pick
Joan Simon
Alyce Sentob Friedenber
Jacob Wayman
Sophye Outevsky
Max Moschel
Theodore Cohen
Charles Binder
Joseph Alpert
Anna Vitsky
Robert Abelsky

December 19-20, 2014

Murray Weintraub
Rebecca Finkler
Annette Shane
Jean Moss
Jack Joseph
Nathan Sabbath
Jack Rouse
Gussie Rouse
Charles Kahn
Ralph Hertz
Rose Earnstein
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Jerome Swedlove
Avrum Sperber
Sam Smolensky
Louis Guttman
Benjamin Gilbert
Pauline Forman
Margurite Spears
Rosalind Skolnek
Ann Miller

December 26-27, 2014

Victor Safford
George Siddel
Max Levin
I. Dave Bachman
Flora Goldstein
Lea Sosnowicz
Lester Meyer
Judith Rothstein
Louis Sussman
Joseph Serlin
Sylvia Barth
Albert Weiss
Samuel Halpern
Sally Fox
Larry Schwartz
Blance Meyers
Decie Londoner
Melville Harris
Claire Gottlieb
Abraham Starr
Matthew Raynes
Betty Lytle
Evelyn Press
William Burnett

Happy Birthday!!! יום הולדת שמח

We rejoice with those whose birthdays occur in December and wish them a *Mazal Tov*:

Jack Rifkin
Esther Weitzman
Joseph Sadacca
Larry Liebers
Irving Hiller
Gloria Cutler
Deborah Lewin
Neil Brown
Judith Smith
Ethel McAfee
Bernie Barrad
Roy Nierman
R. Weston Hayden
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Sharon Bauer
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Ryan Campbell
Erin Holder
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Sydney Weissman
Jordyn Steinberg
Jayden Basley
Samuel Longoni
James Bauer

Happy Anniversary מזל טוב!

We congratulate and extend a Mazal Tov to the following whose wedding anniversaries occur during December:

Judy & G. Bud Charlick
Rita & Rabbi Hillel Cohn
Penny & Dr. Leon Schwartz
Charlotte & Jack Rifkin
Gail & Richard Nachman
Dr. Anita & Stanley Mishook
Jerry & Lynn Mathews
Celia & Sanford Norian
Lori & Gary Fenster
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School for Jewish Living Schedule for December 2014

Tuesday - December 2nd - 5:00 pm
Grade 10/Confirmation class at Temple
Beth El in Riverside

Wednesday - December 3rd - 4:00 pm
Mid-Week classes in session

Sunday - December 7th - 9:30 am
Sunday classes in session

Sunday - December 7th - 5:30 pm
Grade 10/Confirmation in session

Wednesday - December 10th - 4:00 pm
Mid-Week classes in session

Sunday - December 14th - 9:30 am
Sunday classes in session

Wednesday - December 17th - 4:00 pm
Mid-Week classes in session

Classes resume on
Sunday - January 11th

Looking for Missing Art Pieces

When our temple moved from San Bernardino to Redlands, the numerous works of art that had been hanging in various parts of the temple in San Bernardino were evidently put into storage. These included a number of works of art by Abby Koffs as well as a particularly historic work by the late Bruce McDaniel and a rare topographic map of Israel presented to Bruce McDaniel by the Israeli government in recognition of his great work as administrator of the Marshall Plan in the early years of Israel's existence. Also stored for possible use in the new building was the colorful tapestry of the "Journey of the Jewish People" that was the backdrop of the Ark and was the generous gift of Leona Aronoff.

These items are missing and it is believed that some temple members may have volunteered to store them until such time as they would be able to be properly displayed. Unfortunately, the records of where these works might be are non-existent. Thus, we are appealing to any of our members who have any information as to the whereabouts of these fine pieces of art to let us know. Please call Judy Filsinger, our Temple Administrator, and let her know where these valuable pieces of art may be located.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:

A Moment to Remember

Our temple had the honor of hosting the annual Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Redlands Area Interfaith Council. The service was held on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd. Close to 500 people filled our synagogue and social hall and spilled out into the hallways. It was truly an inspiring service.

A choir of over 50 voices made up of members of choirs of various churches in the community as well as our own choir began the service with a stirring rendition of Psalm 150, a classic piece of synagogue music by Louis Lewandowski that had been adapted for this occasion by our own organist, Jerry Ripley. Those attending were welcomed to our congregation by Rabbi Cohn and a Shofar was sounded by Lauren Bergh of Congregation Etz Hadar. Representatives of the Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Sikh and Baha'i communities each shared expressions of gratitude found in their traditions. Representing the Jewish community was Paul Zipperstein, president of our congregation. Cantor Jennifer Bern-Vogel provided a solo rendition of "Give Me Your Tired" by Max Helfman. A magnificent reception was provided following the service by our own Sisterhood.

We thank all who participated and helped to make this such a memorable occasion.

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