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13 Kislev- 13 Tevet 5778

Service Schedule

Egalitarian Friday Night Services begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by an Oneg.

Children's Services begin at 6:45, when scheduled

Traditional Saturday morning services begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed by a Kiddush.

Candle Lighting Times:

December 1, 5:04 p.m.
 December 8, 5:03 p.m.
 December 15, 5:04 p.m.
 December 22, 5:07 p.m.
 December 29, 5:18 p.m.



Mark your calendars:



December 3, 10:15 – noon
 LJCRS Bagel Brunch

December 5, 1:30 p.m.
 Sisterhood Board Meeting

December 12 – 20, Chanukah

December 21, Shul Board meeting



Yahrzeits

May their memories be for a blessing.

Ruth Elkin - 13 Kislev, December 1
 Eli Brodsky – 13 Kislev, December 1
 Bara Roger – 13 Kislev, December 1
 Boruch Bercovitz -16 Kislev, December 4
 Dora Cohen – 17 Kislev, December 5
 Reuben Title – 18 Kislev, December 6
 Arthur Cember – 19 Kislev, December 7
 Moses Atlass – 24 Kislev, December 12
 Rochel Segal – 24 Kislev, December 12
 Eleck Pearlman - 27 Kislev, December 15
 Julius Fischbach - 27 Kislev, December 15
 Charlotte Waldner - 28 Kislev, December 16
 Betty Grinberg - 28 Kislev, December 16
 Abraham Goldberg – 1 Tevet, December 19
 Joseph Harris – 2 Tevet, December 20
 Iris Treager – 2 Tevet, December 20
 Ignatz Waldner – 3 Tevet, December 21
 Rose Wolinsky - 3 Tevet, December 21
 Adelle Krushen – 5 Tevet, December 23
 Miriam Newman - 7 Tevet, December 25
 Louis Winski - 9 Tevet, December 27
 Harry Sheinfeld - 9 Tevet, December 27
 Shaineh Bercovitz – 11 Tevet, December 29
 Dorothy Katz – 11 Tevet, December 29
 Jack Leventhal – 13 Tevet, December 31



We offer our deepest condolences to the family of Don Stein, z"l.
 May his mourners be comforted and his memory be forever a blessing.



*And, why does the first period of mourning last for seven days?
 This tradition was developed in response to the story in Genesis 50:1-14, in which Joseph mourns the death of his father, Jacob, for seven days.*



Seven things you may not have learned about Chanukah in Sunday School

- 1. Chocolate gelt, as we know it, is a relatively new tradition – and no one knows who invented it.**

While coins – “gelt” in Yiddish – have been part of Chanukah celebrations for centuries, chocolate gelt is considerably younger. In her book On the Chocolate Trail, Rabbi Deborah Prinz writes that “opinions differ” about the origins of chocolate gelt. Some credit America’s Loft candy company with creating it in the 1920’s, while others suggest there were European versions earlier that inspired Israel’s *Elite* candy company.

- 2. The books of the Maccabees, which tell the story of Chanukah, weren’t included in the Hebrew Bible, but they *are* in the Catholic Bible.**

There are different theories explaining why the first-century rabbis who canonized the scriptures omitted the Maccabees, ranging from the text’s relative newness at the time to fears of alienating the Roman leadership in control of Jerusalem at the time.

- 3. Marilyn Monroe owned a music-playing Chanukah menorah (the Marilyn Monorah?).**

When the Hollywood star converted to Judaism before marrying Jewish playwright Arthur Miller, her future mother-in-law gave her a menorah as a conversion gift. The Hanukkah lamp, which the menorah’s current owner says Mrs. Miller brought back from Jerusalem, has a wind-up music box in its base that plays Hatikvah, Israel’s national

anthem. It’s featured in the Jewish Museum in New York City’s exhibit “Becoming Jewish: Warhol’s Liz and Marilyn.”

- 4. Oily food isn’t Chanukah’s only culinary tradition.**

Traditionally, Chanukah has included foods with cheese in recognition of Judith whose liberal use of salty cheese facilitated a victory for the Maccabees.

- 5. Chanukah has a direct connection to a grisly murder.**

The aforementioned Judith had an ulterior motive for plying the Assyrian general Holofernes with salty cheese. She deliberately made him thirsty so he would drink lots of wine and pass out, enabling her to chop off his head. The beheading – particularly the fact that it was done by a woman – was said to have frightened Holofernes’ troops into fleeing the Maccabees.

- 6. The next “Thanksgivukah” is only 53 years away.**

In 2013, the convergence of Thanksgiving and Chanukah on November 28 inspired everything from turkey-shaped menorahs to a giant dreidel float in Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade. A full day of Chanukah won’t coincide with the fourth Thursday in November for thousands of years, but, the first night of Chanukah will fall in time for Thanksgiving dinner on November 27, 2070 assuming Thanksgiving celebrants have their turkey at dinner time, and not in the afternoon.

- 7. There is only one correct spelling of the Jewish holiday that falls on the 25th of Kislev every year and it is:**

Hanukah, or Chanukah, or Hannukah, or Channukah.

The jury is still out.

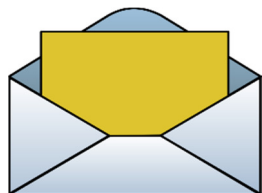


Suggestions and information for this Bulletin are always welcome. Please contact me at bridgejudy@aol.com with your thoughts. Deadlines are usually seven days before the end of the month.

Judy Weitzman, Editor



Yes, you can honor someone with a new leaf on the **Tree of Life** in the Shul. Simply call Jo Gartenhaus at 765-464-1209 to learn how.



To have a **Happy Day Card** or a **Memorial Card** sent in your name, please contact Esther Chosnek by e-mail at erc@wolfelt.com. She will promptly send your card for a minimum donation of only \$5.00. You need only contact Esther, then send your check, made payable to Sisterhood Sons of Abraham to Sisterhood Treasurer, Sonya Garfinkel, 2229 Carberry Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906.



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Thanks to Sam Harris, David Sanders, Scotty Rumpza, Rebekah Klein-Pejsova and Mark and Becky Lillianfeld for conducting services.

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The Jewish Connection Book Group



The Jewish Connection Book Group is taking a break for December and will meet next on January 17, 2:30 p.m. at the home of Heather Moskowitz.

The novel to be discussed is Panic in a Suitcase, by Yelena Akhtiorskaya. Newcomers are always welcome. More details will follow. In the meanwhile, for more information, please contact Rose Haberer at 463-2772.



Kislev – more than Chanukah.

The first rainbow, observed after the Flood, was seen in Kislev. And G-d said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I set between Me and yourselves, and between every living being that is with you, unto eternal generations. I have placed my bow in the cloud and it shall be a sign of a covenant between Me and the Earth.” G-d showed Noah the bow and said to him: “This is the sign of which I spoke.” (Bereishit 9)