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WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY**



A VERY HAPPY & JOYOUS CHANUKAH!!

The Chanukah Blessings and Candlelighting times are listed inside this bulletin.



Etz Chayim Calendar of Events

December 2015 Kislev/Tevet 5776



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sisterhood Bd. Mtg. 10:00 a.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	2 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	3 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	4 6:45 a.m. 4:50 p.m. 4:46 p.m. Candlelighting	5 9:00 a.m. Vayeshev 4:35 p.m. 5:50 p.m. Havdalah
6 Coffee Shoppe Event 4:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	7 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	8 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	9 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	10 Chanukah Dinner 6:30 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	11 6:45 a.m. 4:50 p.m. 4:46 p.m. Candlelighting	12 Chanukah Sushi Making Class-7:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. Miketz 4:35 p.m. 5:50 p.m. Havdalah
13 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	14 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	15 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	16 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	17 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	18 6:45 a.m. 4:50 p.m. 4:47 p.m. Candlelighting	19 Cholent Making Contest 9:00 a.m. Vayigash 4:35 p.m. 5:52 p.m. Havdalah
20 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	21 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	22 Fast of Tevet 6:45 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	23 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	24 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	25 OFFICE CLOSED Men's Club Movie & Shabbat Dinner 8:30 a.m. 4:55 p.m. 4:51 p.m. Candlelighting	26 9:00 a.m. Veyechi 4:40 p.m. 5:56 p.m. Havdalah
27 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	28 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	29 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	30 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	31 6:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.		

FROM THE RABBI

PLEASE COME SEE ME

One of my goals as the Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chayim is to engage as many members as possible. Needless to say, I am at Minyan twice daily. I am generally in the office from 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday and 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. During the hours in between I am available for appointments by calling the synagogue office. My email address is: ebrubin@me.com.

With the advent of HIPAA some years ago, my ability to know information about sick congregants has changed greatly. While calls from hospitals about patients used to be routine, they now almost never occur. If someone is in the hospital, it is very important that someone call me to let me know. I don't want to miss the opportunity to serve our congregants in their time of need.

In addition to congregants who are ill, we also have a number of those who are not as mobile as they once were. I have a working knowledge of many of our members, but it is certainly possible that someone in this category is not currently on my radar. If you know someone who you feel would benefit from a visit please feel free to let me know.

Please never feel shy about contacting me. I want to be here for all of you!!

Rabbi Evan B. Rubin

SHOIN TZEIT — 'TIS THE SEASON

December is often a tricky time of year for many of us. Maybe during December our ability to be tolerant of others is being tested. At times it is difficult to tolerate the influx of holiday culture that is not our own. It comes at us from every corner as we move through the month of December. I like to think that others amplify our Chanukah lights unknowingly during this time of year.

Following Chanukah and the month of Kislev comes the month of Tevet. [The 10th of Tevet](#) is a fast day because we are asked to remember, take pause in our routine to acknowledge a horrible event in Jewish history in hopes of preventing it in the future. What happened 2,500 years ago in 588 BCE? Nebuchadnezzar began his assault on Jerusalem. Many scholars note that this event marks the beginning of the end of the first Temple built by King Solomon. It took only a few years, for the Babylonians to breach the city and ultimately destroy the first temple.

If it is true that our lesson to be learned from the ultimate destruction of the Temple was founded in the fact that Jews of that time were slipping into a routine that lead to assimilation, then we can find comfort that we are doing the right things at our shul with programming geared toward Jewish education and living a full Jewish life. This is our responsibility. To learn more about Asara B' Tevet see this commentary on line, [The Siege of Jerusalem](#) by Rabbi Noah Weinberg on www.Aish.com

At Etz Chayim we have heard our students give Divrei Torah on Shabbat and have engaged our students in Shalosh Seudos. Our goal is to be always learning and to always bring joy into the learning process.

In December at shul we are having a coffee shop event, the Etz Chayim/ Ohr Chadash Chanukah dinner, Make Your own Sushi, Cholent Contest, and our first Men's Club Chinese Shabbat Dinner.

Our programming is geared towards all members and all ages. Participation is a step towards a more fulfilled Jewish life.

Happy Chanukah!

Danny Becker, President

THE PROGRAMMING PAGE

Rabbi Yaakov Lason

When lighting the Neiro Chanukah, the Halacha of "Kavta, Ain Zakuk La" is at play. This Halacha, law, teaches that once you have prepared enough oil to burn for at least a half-hour or so (in a secure location), you do not have to relight the Menorah if the candles are extinguished in the interim. The Talmudic discussions about this particular rule are both fascinating and thorough.

In this context, though, I would like to share one thought regarding the symbolism of this rule. When things don't go well in life, we may justifiably feel angst and frustration. If we accept the fact that God plays a key role in our lives, though, we can learn to let go. Confident that we put our best foot forward in whatever endeavor we are involved with, we can then wait peacefully and see what happens. If it works out, wonderful, thank God. If the endeavor is unsuccessful, realize that all is not lost. God is our partner in every life endeavor, sacred or mundane. Success or failure is ultimately in His Hands.

"Kavta, Ain Zakuk La" - If the candles go out by accident, do not despair. You prepared well for the moment; the lights went out on their own accord. It simply was not meant to be. Perseverance is an excellent trait, but sometimes we have to accept what happened and move on to the next step in our lives - like the candles going out. There is no need to relight; what has happened has happened.

Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, of Blessed Memory, of Yeshiva University, famously discusses this dual nature in Man: First man strives for confidence and creativity as he "wishes to conquer their world". That is us lighting the candles. But the second element of Man is his "surrender to God", his acceptance of whatever happens. That is the flame flickering out. Ultimately, God only asks of us the basics and the rest is up to Him. All is in the Hands of Heaven, except for the Fear of Heaven. (Talmud Bavli, Brachot 33b). We do our best and leave the rest to God. May we merit the final redemption very soon. Kayla and I wish all a Chanukah Sameach!

At the 7 day post-wedding celebration ("sheva brachos") for a bride and groom, we invite new faces to the nightly festivities - so as to continuously cheer up the new couple.

Via the Rummage Sale, the Installation Luncheon and more, it's been fantastic for Kayla and me to continuously meet new members of the Etz Chayim family. I look forward to meeting even more faces in the near future.

As always, please feel free to contact me (jlasson@gmail.com) about anything program related. Check us out on Facebook, **Congregation Etz Chayim-Toledo** for all event updates and photos.

Hope to see you soon at our many exciting December/Chanukah events. See below for all the info.

Coffee Shoppe Event - Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Etz Chayim welcomes everyone to a Coffee Shoppe event celebrating the first night of Chanukah. Enjoy a *cup of joe* with some pastries and then join in an exciting *Panoply* trivia game - for all ages. Of course, there will be candle-lighting for the first night of Chanukah.

Make your own Sushi – Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Have you ever wanted to make your own sushi? Join Etz Chayim on the 7th night of Chanukah as we roll and eat! The cost is \$10 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to Rabbi Yaakov Lason - jlasson@gmail.com - by December 2nd.

Cholent Making Contest - Bring your creativity to the kitchen as you compete for title of *best cholent-maker* in the synagogue! Please come to the Etz Chayim Synagogue kitchen either Thursday night **December 17th** (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) or Friday morning **December 18th** (10 – 12 Noon), to prepare your cholent. On Shabbat **December 19th** – at conclusion of services, everyone will taste and vote on your favorite! Please RSVP to jlasson@gmail.com by **December 1st** if you are interested in making a cholent. Please submit your recipe by that time so that we can buy the necessary ingredients for you. *First come, first serve* as there are limited spots available. Feel free to team up with a friend!

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A tremendous THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers who worked at this year's rummage sale and helped make it a success. Our net profits will go to Ohr Chadash Religious School and will support our classes and activities.



Everyone should have received a Donor letter by now. Please make sure your contribution is received by December 8th.

As always, we cannot do all that we do without the support of all our members. If you are not a Sisterhood member, please consider joining now. Dues are \$20 per year. If you are 60 and over, Life Membership is once again available for \$200. Please contact Suzie Rosenberg, Membership Vice President, 419-536-7758. If you are already a member, we say thank you for your continued support. We look forward to your participation in all our events and projects.

The next Sisterhood Board meeting is **Tuesday, December 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the Shul Library.** All Sisterhood members are welcome to attend.

GIFT SHOP NEWS



The Gift Shop has all your shopping needs for the upcoming Chanukah shopping season. From menorahs and gift items to paper products and decorations, the gift shop is well stocked.

Sandy Marcus, gift shop chairperson has some wonderful Judaica items. We have many new artists with a variety of mezuzahs, menorahs, and jewelry. If you are in the market for candles, plastic Shabbat table covers, disposable drip cups, or assorted Jewish toys, books and games, you can buy these at our gift shop. Get them while they last!

In addition, check out the Ahava Hibiscus and Fig lotion and body wash. Both items are available for only \$32.00. This is a great time to buy Ahava and beat the price increase. As always, we offer free gift wrap.



We are in need of volunteers to help clean the gift shop and take inventory of our stock. If you can help, please contact Sandy Marcus, Gift Shop Chair, 419-473-2401 (shul) or 419-841-8886.

MEN'S CLUB



Everyone is invited to a Men's Club Movie/Shabbat Dinner on Friday, December 25, 2015. The movie will be at the Franklin Park Cinemas at a time to be determined. Following the movie, there will be services at 4:55 p.m. and a "Chinese" Shabbat Dinner at the synagogue.

The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child ages 5-10 years old. Please make your reservations early to the synagogue, 419-473-2401. The next Men's Club meeting will be Thurs., Dec. 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.



SAVE THESE DATES



Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016

Fireside Chat with Rabbi Rubin

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016

Musical Concert to benefit our Veterans

Friday, Jan. 22, 2016

Annual Family Shabbat Dinner

OFFICE CLOSINGS

The synagogue office will be closed on:



Friday, December 25, 2015
Friday, January 1, 2016



OHR CHADASH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

“Lighting Up Chanukah”



Celebrate the “Festival of Lights” with the children and adults at Etz Chayim on Thursday, December 10, 2015. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with games, crafts and face painting. Following a delicious latke dinner and Chanukah treats we will be entertained with singing from our very own “Trees of Life” band. Several of our Ohr Chadash students will be joining the band to play & sing Chanukah songs.

Morah Megan and Morah Gina’s classes will be performing “The Super Heroes Save Chanukah.” The hero in the story will use a time machine to go back to the story of Chanukah. The hero will learn the significance of Chanukah from Judah Maccabee.

The older students will be leading a “Chanukah Trivia” game. What fun it will be to challenge your friends to answering questions!

This will be the fifth night of Chanukah. Bring family menorahs and let’s light the candles together. The room will be glowing beautifully with all the menorahs lit!

Don’t forget about the menorah making contest. Prizes will be awarded for creativity.

Two Chanukah Tzedakah Projects:

1. Bring a new pair of socks for “Hannah’s Socks.” This is a community based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping people affected by homelessness & poverty in Ohio and SE Michigan. They donate new socks to those in need through shelter homes, public schools, and direct distribution.
2. Ohr Chadash students: Make a card for a lone soldier.

Tzedakah / תְּצַדִּיק	The obligation or commandment to give righteously, associated with justice (תְּצַדִּיק)
Charity	A voluntary action or donation to help those in need
Justice / דִּקְדוּת	The quality of being fair, right or moral

Bring the socks and cards to the Chanukah celebration. It will be a lovely evening that we will celebrate together.

Warm regards,
Nancy Jacobson

December Calendar



Sunday Classes

- 12/6 - 10-12:00/ Hebrew Class-12:45-1:45
- 12/13 - 10 a.m. Classes at the JCC
- 11:30 a.m. Chanukah Palooza at JCC
- No Hebrew Classes

Thursday Classes

- 12/3 - Class- 4:15-6:00
- 12/10 - Class-4:15-6:00
- 12/10 - Lighting Up Chanukah-6:00
- 12/17- Class-4:15-6:00

WINTER BREAK: 12/20, 12/27, 12/24, 12/31



Ohr Chadash/Etz Chayim Chanukah Celebration



Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah
Come light the menorah
LET'S HAVE A PARTY
We'll all dance the Horah
Spin the whirling dreidels
All week long
Eating the sizzling latkes
Sing a happy song.



Children and adults are invited to attend a Chanukah dinner with latkes and all the trimmings. The Etz Chayim musical group "The Trees of Life" will perform a variety of songs for your listening pleasure including the traditional Chanukah melodies. The children of the Ohr Chadash Religious School will present a Chanukah program.



This fabulous Chanukah event is Thursday, December 10, 2015. Activities for the children begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a delicious dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Families, be creative and unique, and design a special menorah to bring to the program.

Fill out the form below and return it to the Etz Chayim office by December 4, 2015.

Ohr Chadash/Etz Chayim Chanukah Celebration & Dinner
Thursday, December 10, 2015

Name _____ Phone Number _____

_____ # Adults (ages 14 & up) will attend @ \$12.00 per person

_____ # Children (ages 8 to 13) (not in Religious School) will attend @ \$8.00 per person

_____ # Children in the Ohr Chadash Religious School will attend at no charge if they bring a pair of socks to the "Hannah's Socks" project. Bring the socks to the dinner and they will be distributed to the project.

\$ _____ - Total Enclosed

Chanukah Candle-Lighting

The first two blessings are said with the Shamash already lit, but immediately prior to lighting the Chanukah candles.

BLESSING #1

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ד' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וַצַּוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.
Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam
asher kid'shanu be'mitzvo'sav
ve-tzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made us holy with His commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

BLESSING #2

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ד' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.
Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam
Shi-asa nee-seem la-avo-seinu,
Baya-meem ha-haim baz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who made miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

BLESSING #3

This blessing is said on the first night only.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ד' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.
Baruch ata Adonoy Eloheinu melech ha-olam
Sheh-he-che-yanu vi-kee-yimanu
Vi-hee-gee-yanu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

This paragraph is said each night, after the first light has been kindled.

הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מַדְלִיקִים עַל הַנְּסִים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל
הַמִּלְחָמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה עַל יְדֵי כַהֲנֵי הַקְּדוֹשִׁים.
וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֵת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה הַנְּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קֹדֶשׁ הֵם וְאִין לָנוּ רְשׁוּת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם אֶלָּא
לְרִאוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל נְסִיךָ וְעַל נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל יְשׁוּעָתְךָ.

We kindle these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles which You performed for our forefathers in those days at this season through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them, but only to look at them – in order to express thanks and praise to Your great Name, for your miracles, Your wonders, and Your salvations.

THE BOOK CLUBS OF
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CONGREGATION ETZ CHAYIM
CONGREGATION SHOMER EMUNIM

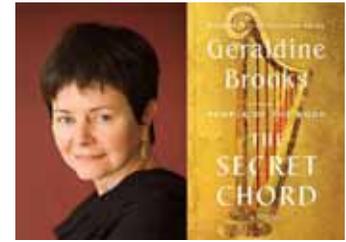
Cordially invite you to a Joint Synagogue Book Club meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At the Toledo Museum of Art—
Pen to Palette Docent Tour and Book Discussion

The book being reviewed is The Secret Chord, by
Geraldine Brooks, Copyright: 2015, Viking Press



<http://geraldinebrooks.com/the-secret-chord>
<http://www.penguin.com/read/book-clubs/the-secret-chord/9780670025770>

The book is available at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library and
its affiliates in Search Ohio and through Amazon.com

The cost of the program is \$5.00 per person to be collected at the
museum the day of the program. Lunch will be available at your own
expense in the Museum Café which features vegetarian and dairy
options.

Everyone will meet at the Grove Street entrance at 10:45 a.m. (Rides
will be available from Etz Chayim at 10:30 a.m. for those who choose
to carpool.) Parking is free for Museum members.

This program is limited to the first 40 people who R.S.V.P.

Please call Elsa in the Etz Chayim office, 419-473-2401 or email
elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org by Friday, January 15, 2016, to make your
reservation.

HAPPY NOTES

....Those celebrating birthdays in the month of December:

- 2 - Rachel Osnowitz
- 3 - Patti Loscudo
- 5 - Lori Friedes
- 8 - Ellen Fruchtman
- 9 - Daniel Steinberg, Naomi Zyndorf
- 10 - Alan Tarschis, Joe Wittenberg
- 11 - Alice Applebaum, Louis Black
- 12 - Paul Goldner, Rabbi Yaakov Lasson
- 14 - Susan Muska
- 15 - Vivian Knapp, Samuel Osnowitz
- 17 - Jack Zohn
- 20 - Kay Miller
- 21 - Barbara Moses
- 26 - Lois Berkowitz, Florian Grunberg, Peter Silverman
- 27 - Elsa Leveton



....Those celebrating anniversaries in the month of December:

- 21 - Bob & Cheryl Berkowitz, Jerome & Ann Levison , Roy & Sheila Stein

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to our wonderful members & friends who make very generous contributions to our shul...

- ...to Bruce & Nanette Heiser for sponsoring the Shalosh Seudas on Nov. 28th in memory of their beloved mother Myrna Rosen and beloved father Harold Heiser
- ...to Dr. David Ashbolt & Randall Green for sponsoring the Kiddush on Dec. 5th in memory of their dear friend Michael Schmieder
- ...to David Cohen for sponsoring the Kiddush on Dec. 12th in memory of his father Abraham Cohen
- ...to everyone who helped make the Installation Lunch a huge success

DO A MITZVAH FOR THE SHUL & ISRAEL

Purchasing Israel Bonds and naming the shul as the beneficiary is a wonderful way to donate to the synagogue as well as the state of Israel.



There are many denominations of bonds available with varying lengths of terms.

For further information, call Michael Holub in the Cleveland Israel Bond Office, 1-800-752-5667.

KOSHER MEATS & BREADS AVAILABLE AT SAUTTER'S MARKET IN SYLVANIA

Various cuts of fresh kosher Empire chicken and Meal Mart beef products are now available at Sautter's Market on Main St. in Sylvania. There are also frozen turkeys and turkey breasts in the freezer section.



In addition, various breads such as challah and rye bread are shipped in weekly from Zeman's Bakery in Detroit.

Please patronize Sautter's and let them know how much we appreciate their service to the Toledo Jewish Community.

ALIYAHS & HAFTORAHS

When requesting an aliyah or a haftorah, it would be greatly appreciated if a monetary donation would be made to the synagogue. It is an honor to be called to the Torah and your donation helps support the synagogue in many ways.

SHABBAT KIDDUSH/SHALOSH SEUDAS



Anyone who would like to sponsor a Shabbat Kiddush or Shalosh Seudas in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Elsa Leveton in the Synagogue Office to schedule a date. The minimum cost for a Kiddush is \$75 and a \$125 for a Shalosh Seudas.

TREE OF LIFE



A leaf on the Tree of Life has been purchased in honor of Marcy Steingroot on her special birthday by the following:
Danny & Cindy Becker, Bob & Cheryl Berkowitz, Allen & Elsa Leveton, Steve & Sandy Marcus, Mel & Margie Siegel & Charles & Phyllis Wittenberg

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE RECORD THE DEATH OF:

NANCY WEISBERG Sister of Bill Zimmerman
Aunt of Sheri Singer

BESS HIRSCH Aunt of Ron Lowden

We extend sincere condolences to friends and family members and pray that they be comforted at this time.

MASTERCARD, VISA & DISCOVER NOW ACCEPTED

Mastercard, Visa & Discover are accepted at the shul as payment for dues, contributions and gift shop purchases. You may call in your payment or stop in the office. When charging your purchases, the shul would appreciate if you would add 3% to the charge to cover our cost of the credit card fees paid by the shul.



CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS FOLLOWS:

STANDARD ANNOUNCEMENT

In Memory, Yahrtzeit, Speedy Recovery, Happy Events - **\$10.00**
 IN APPRECIATION- **\$12.00**
 MISHABERACHS (Special Prayer) - **\$12.00**
 CHAI FUND - **\$18.00**
 DOUBLE CHAI FUND - **\$36.00**
 TREE PLANTED IN ISRAEL - **\$18.00**
 SILVER CONTRIBUTION (Single Box) - **\$25.00**
 GOLD CONTRIBUTION (Double Box) - **\$50.00**
 PLATINUM CONTRIBUTION (Bold Box) - **\$100.00**
 (Box to include up to 4 names. Over 4 names will be an additional charge of \$8.00 per name.)

SHABBAS/HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOK - **\$50.00**
 CHUMASH - **75.00**
 BIMA FLOWER FUND - Shabbas - **\$100.00**
 HOLIDAYS - **\$125.00**
 TREE OF LIFE LEAF - **\$150.00** STONE - **\$500.00**
 MEMORIAL PLATES - **\$600.00**
 SHABBAT KIDDUSH - **\$75.00**
 SHALOSH SEUDOS (November - March) - **\$125.00**
 PLATES ON ODESKY PLAQUE - **\$180.00**
 SANCTUARY DEDICATION PLATES - **\$1000.00**

BUILDING FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

YETTA WERNICK
 Mickey & Suzie Rosenberg

MARTY DORF
 Lenny Rosenberg

JACK BAKER
 Mae Seretsky & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED HUSBAND JACK KAMINSKY
 Sally Kaminsky & Family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BELOVED SISTER & AUNT NANCY ZIMMERMAN WEISBERG
 William & Marcia Zimmerman
 Lori, Sheri & Debbi

IN LOVING MEMORY OF NATHANIEL FINE
 The Lenavitt & Stansley Families

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JUNE FRUCHTMAN
 Bill & Cindy Erler

YAHRTZEIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

MARY MEERKREES
MANUEL ZIMMERMAN
 Marcia & William Zimmerman & Family

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If you have an upcoming stone unveiling at Beth Shalom or Eagle Point Cemetery and choose to use our clergy, you must make arrangements through Rabbi Rubin. If you choose not to use our clergy, you still must schedule the date through the synagogue office, so the cemetery staff knows you are coming and can properly veil and prepare the headstone. THANK YOU!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>FRIDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHTING</u>	<u>FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES</u>
Friday, Dec. 4th	4:46 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11th	4:46 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18th	4:47 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25th	4:51 p.m.	4:55 p.m.
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES</u>	<u>HAVDALAH TIME</u>
Saturday, Dec. 5th	4:35 p.m.	5:50 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12th	4:35 p.m.	5:50 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19th	4:35 p.m.	5:52 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25th	4:40 p.m.	5:56 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND STUDY GROUP

SABBATH	9:00 a.m.	Study Group 1/2 hour before evening services
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	& 6:00 p.m.
WEEKDAYS	6:45 a.m.	& 6:00 p.m.
CIVIL HOLIDAYS	8:30 a.m.	& 6:00 p.m.



Candle Lighting Blessing

Boruch atta A-do-noy elohainu melech
ho'olam asher kidshano b'mitzvosov,
v'tzivonu l'hadlik nair shel:

On Shabbos conclude: Shabbos.

On Festivals conclude: Yom Tov.

On Festivals occurring Friday conclude:
Shabbos ve'yom tov.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, our G-d, King of the universe,
who hast sanctified us by Thy commandments and
instructed us to kindle the Sabbath (and/or) Festival
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