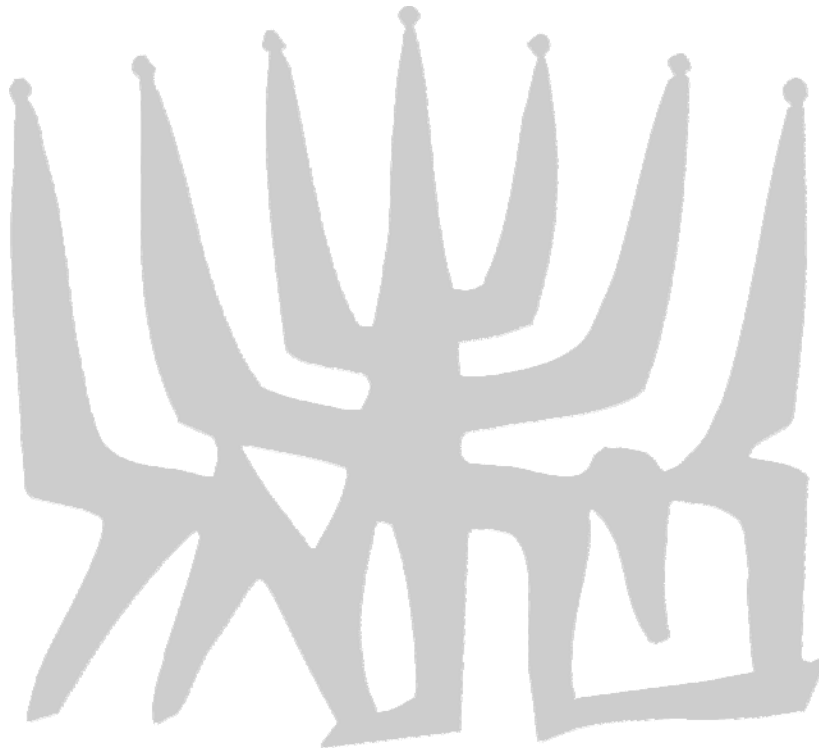


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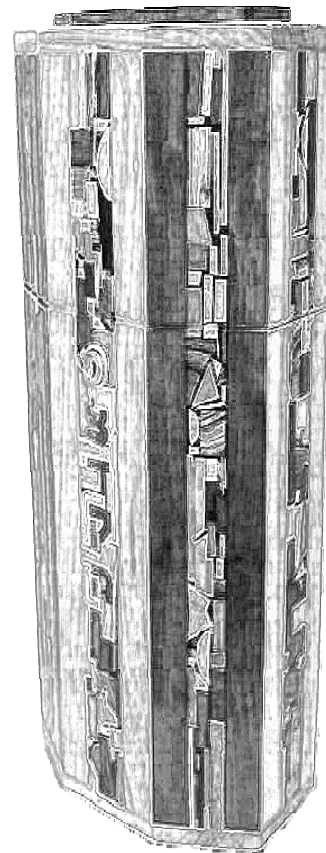
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Reflections from the Rabbi

Eight Hanukkah Facts; or, Who Knew?

1. The story of Hanukkah, told in the Book of Maccabees I & II, is not included in the Hebrew Scriptures. You can find it in an extra-biblical canon called the Apocrypha.
2. Neither of the books of Maccabees mentions a miracle involving oil. This was added centuries later by the rabbinic sages.
3. It is forbidden for women to do any work while the Hanukkah candles are burning (some say this is why the candles are small and burn quickly!)
4. A *menorah* is any candelabra; what we light on Hanukkah is a *Hannukiah*.
5. On Hanukkah it is customary to read the story of Judith, also found in the Apocrypha, not the Hebrew Scriptures.
6. The authors of the books of Maccabees envisioned Hanukkah to be like a second Sukkot.
7. Fried jelly donuts, called *sufganiyot*, are the Hanukkah treat eaten in Israel, not latkes.
8. In Israel, the letter *shin* on the dreidel is replaced by the letter *pey*. The *shin* stands for the word “*sham*” or “*there*” as in: “A great (*gimmel*) miracle (*nun*) happened **THERE**.” The *pey* stands for “*poh*” or “*here*” as in: “A great miracle happened **HERE**.”

Rabbi Nina Mandel



Special Announcements

Shabbat Service schedule change

Beginning October 2nd, we will have two early services per month. On the first and third Fridays of the month, services will begin at 6:30pm. The third Friday will continue to be a family-oriented service followed by a pot-luck dairy supper. There will not be a regular pot-luck on the first Friday. The second, fourth, and fifth (when necessary) Shabbat evening service will be at 8pm.



P r e s i d e n t i a l R e p o r t

Congregation Beth El Board **MEETING SCHEDULE** 2009 - 2010

Sunday, November 22, 2009 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, December 13, 2009 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, January 24, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Semi Annual Congrega-
tional Meeting)

Sunday, February 21, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, March 21, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, April 18, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

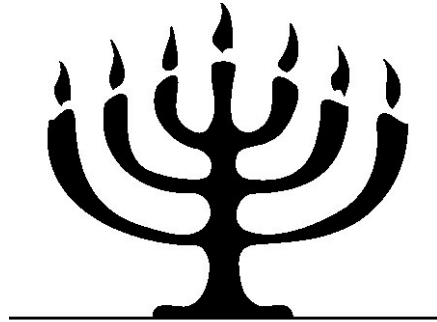
Sunday, May 23, 2010 @ 1:30 PM (Board Meeting)

Sunday, June 27, 2010 @ 7:00 PM (Semi Annual Congregational
Meeting)

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See the new display at the Synagogue
or call anytime.





December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
		1/14 Kislev	2/
6/19 Kislev Hebrew School	7/20 Kislev	8/21 Kislev	9/
13/26 Kislev Hebrew School Hanukkah Party follows From 11:00a—12:30p	14/27 Kislev	15/28 Kislev	16/
20/3 Tevet Hebrew School	21/4 Tevet	22/5 Tevet	23/
27/10 Tevet No Hebrew School	28/11 Tevet	29/12 Tevet	30/

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2/15 Kislev	3/16 Kislev	4/17 Kislev Shabbat Service 6:30p Candles 4:22p	5/18 Kislev Shabbat Service 10a
9/22 Kislev	10/23 Kislev	11/24 Kislev Shabbat Service 8p Candles 4:22P	12/25 Kislev Congregational Hanukkah Party 5:45p
16/29 Kislev	17/30 Kislev	18/1 Tevet Shabbat Service 6:30p Potluck Dinner Candles 4:23p	19/2 Tevet
23/6 Tevet	24/7 Tevet	25/8 Tevet Candles 4:27p	26/9 Tevet
30/13 Tevet	31/14 Tevet		

Hebrew School Hanukkah Party!

Come join us on Sunday, December 13th for
the Annual Hebrew School Hanukkah Party.

9:30am-11:00am
11:00am - 12:30pm

Hebrew School
PARTY!



🪁 Hanukkah Crafts 🪁

🪁 Sing-a-long 🪁

🪁 Latkes 🪁

🪁 Food 🪁

**Congregation Beth El's annual Hanukkah Celebration and
Potluck**

***** bring your own menorah and candles *****

Everyone: bring a parve or dairy dish to share- something to offset the artery-clogging deliciousness of the oil-laden latkes like fresh fruit, lettuce salad/dressing, egg salad, etc. etc. Sisterhood will provide drinks and jelly donuts; iron chef contestants will contribute some latkes.

IRON CHEF LATKE 2009

Think you have what it takes to take home the title of Iron Chef latke 2009?? Let's see . . .



Saturday, December 12th, 2009

5:45pm @ Congregation

Beth El

Prizes awarded: *Best Traditional & non-traditional Latkes*

Bring enough Latkes for 8 judges plus as much more as you would like to share with the congregation.

Menorah Lighting followed by Iron Chef judging and then dinner;

Dreidel judging around 7:15 pm or when artists allow . . .



For those non-chef types, we also have the

Dreidel contest!

You tried it last year and the results were amazing!

Flat "Dreidel side" provided- bring items to decorate dreidel in a theme/motif of your choice. individual or group entries are welcome.. Blow us all away with your creations! Prizes awarded

RSVP? Questions? Bribes?? Benita: 524-2342 or Diana 524.5163

Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask for the strength to see our friends and family through times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring healing to those in need:

Nettie Amdurer

David Bernstein

Shelly Bernstein

Anita Buckler

Claire Goodman

Shari Gutfinger

Dean Klick

Karen Kutno

Lisa Chaskin Perlmutter

Danielle Ross

Ron Shane

Norma Yohai

M i S h e b e r a k h :

The traditional Jewish prayer for the sick

May the One who blessed our ancestors — Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah — bless and heal those who are ill.

May the Holy Blessed One overflow with compassion upon them, to restore them, to heal them, to strengthen them, to enliven them.

The One will send them, speedily, a complete healing — healing of the soul and healing of the body — along with all the ill, among the people of Israel and all humankind, soon, speedily, without delay, and let us all say: Amen!

Yahrzeit

December/
Kislev

2/15 Sylvia Perman
 9/22 Rose Brok
 11/24 Aaron Thomas Liachowitz
 Rose Riemer
 Pearl Solomon
 12/25 Julia Adler
 13/26 Bessie Sosland
 14/27 Rose Hershman
 Rose Keiserman
 15/28 William Feldstein
 Herbert Levy
 Anne Lipman
 16/29 Isadore Fremont
 Herman Hy Schultz

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Tevet

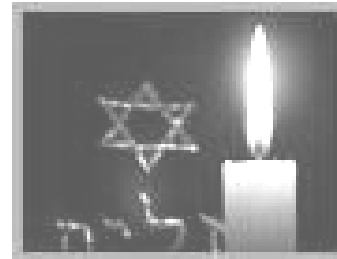
19/2 Ely Biow
 20/3 Max Schaffer
 21/4 Helen Cohen
 Sylvia Hantman
 23/6 Robert Banks
 24/7 Goldie Banks
 25/8 Archie Irwin
 26/9 Fannie Friedman
 Max Kaufman
 30/13 Sidney Koch
 Anabelle Schultz

Those in the first year of passing

Irene Barreto
 Sarah Klapper
 Pearl Baum Golden
 Mildred Daniels
 Harriet Schwartz
 Myron Mandel
 Muriel Hess
 Mort Goldman

Remember to kindle the
 memorial candle on the
 evening before the
 yahrzeit date.

May their memories be
 bound up in the Book of
 the Righteous.



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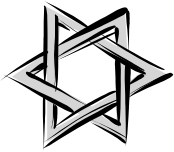
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