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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

Chanukah is a wonderful holiday: It's a family occasion, the music is great, and it comes at the end of the secular year when we are ready for another celebration. The *latkes*, the *dreydels*, the gifts, the Chanukah *Gelt*—are a strong connection with our personal past and with the history of our People over 2,000 years ago.

But there is a serious part of Chanukah, the story of the Maccabees and the resolve of our ancestors to preserve their faith and identity, despite raging persecution and assimilation.

The Maccabees fought possibly the world's first military battle for religious freedom. They fought with weapons.

We have a similar battle today. While direct persecution does not threaten us immediately, there is looming a storm from the hate-mongers of Aryan Nations and others from the lunatic fringe. They use the Internet to spread their gospel of hate, and so we must remain vigilant.

Assimilation is another story. It is right in front of us. What should be an appropriate response in our day and time? How should Jews here and now react?

Positively, I believe. Instead of concentrating on the impact of Christmas, as we often hear at this time of year, we would do better basically by celebrating Chanukah. That's simple. Observe Chanukah at home. Take 10 minutes each night and light the *Menorah* with your family after dinner. Recite the blessing and perhaps sing or listen to a holiday song. Play *dreydel*.

Because of the extraordinary early timing this year, on Wednesday December 4th we will observe the 8th night of Chanukah, sharing a holiday dinner before the celebration. Rather than attend your neighbors' holiday party, instead be with the Congregation—friends, neighbors, children, adults—as we recall the words of *Maoz Tzoor*, the hymn *Rock of Ages*, 'freedom's wondrous story.' This is one battle all of us can wage—and win. *Chag Samayach!*

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

November Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Religious School

Monday, November 4

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 5

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Friday, November 8

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Shabbat Veterans'
Service**

Sunday, November 10

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

Monday, November 11

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 12

**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Men's Club:
Flagler lecture**

Wednesday, November 13

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Life Long Learning

**Life's Three Great Questions:
Loss, Meaning, Faith**

Rabbi Fred leads a learning and discussion series focusing on how each Question is addressed by one of Rabbi Harold Kushner's books, and by its parallel Biblical Book

Thursday, November 14

7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club

And the Mountains Echoed

By Khalid Hosseini

Phyllis Keiser's home

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Religious School

Monday, November 18

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

***** Thursday, November 21**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Interfaith Service
& Reception**

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Friday, November 22

**7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Regular Shabbat
Service**

Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, November 25

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

***** TBY is participating in a community-wide Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Memorial Presbyterian Church, 36 Sevilla St., Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry and a non-dairy vegetarian food item to share at the reception following the service. Baskets to receive money for the Wildflower Clinic will be at the door. Please join us as we express gratitude at Thanksgiving.**

Save These Dates...



The annual Sisterhood Chanukah Party

will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 12:30 at Gypsy Cab

Each of us will be able to order individually from the menu and separate checks will be issued. As we have done in the past, we will be bringing gifts to aid the young men and women who will be leaving the foster care system and setting up their own apartments. Gifts that would be of use to young adults such as items for hygiene, relaxation, kitchen utensils, bath goods, etc., would be perfect gifts. Another option would be a gift card from Target or Walmart in the \$10 to \$40 range. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Our congregational Chanukah celebration and pot luck dinner
with a very short service led by Rabbi Fred



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Tickets to The Limelight Theater for "THE GAMES AFOOT"

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Contacts: Andi Marx, amarx46@comcast.net or Terre Wallach, terretsp@bellsouth.net

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Following Birthdays Will Be Recognized at the November 8th Shabbat Service:

Gregory Kline - *Wednesday, November 6*
 Pamela Diamond - *Saturday, November 9*
 Ellin Einhorn - *Monday, November 11*
 Sholem Palevsky - *Tuesday, November 12*
 Earl Brown - *Friday, November 15*
 Lucille Rebecca Zicht - *Friday, November 15 (5th)*
 Oliver David Zicht - *Friday, November 15 (5th)*

The Following Anniversary Will Be Recognized at the November 8th Shabbat Service:

Paula & Bud Carr - *Sunday, November 10 (56th)*

The Following Birthdays Will Be Recognized at the November 22nd Shabbat Service:

Andrew Guglielmo - *Saturday, November 16*
 Margaret Brown - *Tuesday, November 19*
 Mackenzie Feldman - *Tuesday, November 19 (16th)*
 Shelly Cohen - *Wednesday, November 20*
 Marc Gladstone - *Wednesday, November 20*
 Barbara Rogove - *Friday, November 29*

The Following Anniversaries Will Be Recognized at the November 22nd Shabbat Service:

Harriet & Don Levy - *Sunday, November 17 (20th)*
 Maxine & Arnold Levine - *Wednesday, November 20 (48th)*
 Benita & Arthur Sirkin - *Monday, November 25 (57th)*
 Gale & Samuel Zucker - *Saturday, November 30*

Yahrzeits

The Following Yahrzeits Will Be Observed at the November 8th Shabbat Service:

Saul (Sonny) Freedman, *a Temple Bet Yam friend*
 Milton Hirsch, *father of Carol Mandel*
 Lois Greenfield Steck, *sister of Paul Greenfield*
 Mary Ehrlichman, *aunt of Harvey Hoffman*
 Pauline Diamond, *stepmother of Mary McCarthy*
 Molly Slossberg, *aunt of Carol Gladstone*
 Elizabeth Miller, *mother of Harold Miller*
 Jack Becker, *father of Nadine Bernstein*
 Mollie Brink, *mother of Eileen Goldberg*

The Following Yahrzeits Will Be Observed at the November 22nd Shabbat Service:

Maurice Aronowitz, *brother of Jackie Witte*
 Rose Hoichman, *aunt of George Goldberg*
 Terry Stafford, *mother of Barbara Stafford*
 Lawrence Rector, *father-in-law of Marcia Rector*
 Bessie Smith, *grandmother of Barbara Molinari*
 Lillian Keiser, *mother of Maury Keiser*
 Edgar Lucas, *father of Merrie Meiselman*
 Jeanette Cohen, *mother of Marty Cohen*
 Heimie Eskowitz, *father of Maxine Levine*
 Samson Wallach, *husband of Terre Wallach*
 Martin Botnick, *husband of Rhona Botnick*
 Barney Chalick, *father of Conrad Chalick*
 Jean C. Einhorn, *mother of Stuart Einhorn*
 Robert Leibowitz, *father of Andi Marx*

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Bobbi Carman

...In memory of Mary Jo Kimelman, my niece
 ...In memory of Norman Petziner, my father
 ...In memory of Trudy Carman, my mother-in-law
 ...In honor of Rabbi Fred's Installation

Phyllis & Maury Keiser

Alice Kihn

...Thanks to our fabulous choir & retiring Lisa Black

Jo Kleinbaum

Meri & Leo McCarthy

...In memory of Pauline Diamond,
 Meri's step-mother

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS

Stuart Soroka

...For AED supplies

TO THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

Noreen Davis & Rich Small

...In honor of Barbara Wilkey, Noreen's daughter, who completed her fellowship in cardio-thoracic anesthesiology as a Board Certified Anesthesiologist and will practice and teach at the University of Colorado Hospital, Denver. Mazel Tov!

TO THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Maxine & Arnold Levine

...In memory of Heimie and Rose Eskowitz,
 ...In memory of Michael & Reabecca Levine

Judy & Gerry Miller

...In honor of Rabbi Fred's Installation

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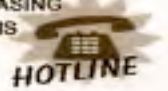
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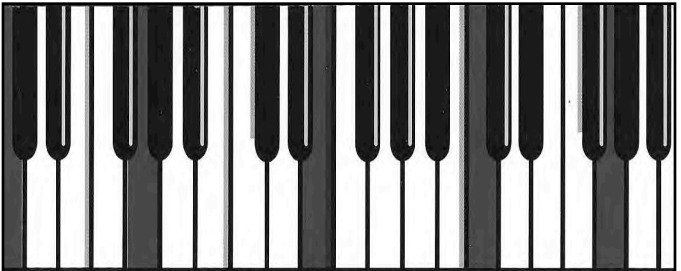


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