

the SHOEFAR



TEMPLE BET YAM

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"Mi Chamocha...Turkey."

This year Chanukah and Thanksgiving will be celebrated FIVE DAYS apart. Chanukah is a very special holiday for me because I have the same Hebrew name as the father of the Maccabees. Ever since I came to America I have enjoyed Thanksgiving. The two celebrations have in common gathering with family and eating something special --- latkes for Chanukah and turkey for Thanksgiving.

What do we celebrate during Chanukah? The Maccabees led a rebellion against a Syrian king who ruled the Holy Land in ancient times (167 B. C. E.). One of Alexander the Great's successors ordered our ancestors to worship the pagan deities of the Greek pantheon which the upper class saw as a go-along-get-along situation. But our ancestors refused to surrender their Jewish beliefs, enabling the Maccabees to capture Jerusalem and relight the Temple's oil-burning candelabra, a victory commemorated by eating food cooked with oil, such as latkes.

What do we celebrate on Thanksgiving? When I studied to become an American citizen, I learned that almost two milleniums after Jews began celebrating Chanukah, the Pilgrims faced a similar test of their religious commitment. At the king's order, England had left the Catholic Church, but had not quite become Protestant, again at the mon-

arch's order. For the Pilgrims, that reform had not gone far enough, making them odd men (and women) out. Rather than forsake their beliefs, they made that famous Mayflower voyage and those who survived a tough first year held a Thanksgiving celebration.

The Pilgrims were suspicious of non-Pilgrims, yet the holiday they founded has become nonsectarian, though not quite secular. The real object of devotion is a nation where people are free to express whatever faith they may hold. No government orders go out to toe a religious mark.

Chanukah and Thanksgiving share the common theme of a search for religious freedom. It would be tempting to think they were made for each other. Let's celebrate the miracle of the "oil" and the miracle of the "turkey" with our families and friends!

B'vracha

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Let's Celebrate!

November Anniversaries

November 4th, Jane & Henry Seiden
26th anniversary

November 15th, Dorit Cohen & Phillip Esaian
25th anniversary

November 30th, Gale & Samuel Zucker
30th anniversary

November Birthdays

November 3rd, Melinda Toro

November 5th, Ruth Kurlandsky

November 7th, Elianne Sims

November 9th, Pamela Diamond

November 15th, Earl Brown

November 15th, Lucille Zicht, 13th birthday

November 15th, Oliver Zicht, 13th birthday

November 16th, Andrew Guglielmo

November 19th, Margaret Brown

November 20th, Shelly Cohen

November 21st, Alison Soroka

November 24th, Phil Kushner

November 29th, Barbara Rogove



In Memoriam

November 5th, Shirley Kornstein

Mother of Patty Savage

November 6th, Lois Greenfield Steck

Sister of Paul Greenfield

November 8th, Pauline Diamond

Stepmother of Meri McCarthy

November 9th, Molly Slossberg

Aunt of Carol Gladstone

November 12th, Leslie Cowell

Father of Sherry Toy

November 14th, Elizabeth Miller

Mother of Harold Miller

November 15th, Jack Becker

Father of Nadine Bernstein

November 15th, Mollie Brink

Mother of Eileen Goldberg

November 16th, Maurice Aronowitz

Brother of Jackie Witte

November 19th, Rose Hoichman

Aunt of George Goldberg

November 19th, Terry Stafford

Mother of Barbara Stafford

November 5th, Anna Strock Raskind

Mother of Rabbi Fred Raskind

November 21st, Lawrence Rector

Father-in-law of Marcia Rector

November 22nd, Bessie Smith

Grandmother of Barbara Molinari

November 22nd, Barry Weintraub

Brother of Stan Weintraub

November 23rd, Lillian Keiser

Mother of Maury Keiser

November 23rd, Edgar Lucas

Father of Merrie Meiselman

November 24th, Jeanette Cohen

Mother of Marty Cohen

November 24th, Austin Leroy (Roy) Zicht

Father of Richard Zicht

November 25th, Samson Wallach

Husband of Terre Wallach

November 26th, Martin Botnick

Husband of Rhona Botnick

November 27th, Irmgard Marx

Mother of Joe Marx

November 28th, Abe Grabowsky

Father of Sharon Rice

November 28th, Robert Leibowitz

Father of Andrea Marx

November 30th, Naomi Swickle

Mother of Jane Seiden

May their memory be a blessing

For Your Information

The Sunshine Committee sends cards or gifts to TBY members or family members who are ill or have had a death in the family. If you know of such a situation, please notify Laura Weiss at (805) 705-6266 or l.s.weiss@comacast.net.

Temple Bet Yam Cemetery – TBY has consecrated a portion of the Craig Memorial Park on Old Moultrie Road. All Temple members are eligible to purchase burial plots in this section for themselves, their spouses, partners, children and parents. Following Reform Jewish philosophy, there are no restrictions concerning burial of non-Jewish family members adjacent to their loved ones.

Those interested in purchasing burial plots as part of their preplanning should contact Craig Memorial Park directly at (904) 824-1672. For further information or questions, contact Marty Cohen at shel-mar826@gmail.com.

Donations Made To Temple Bet Yam

General Fund

Phyllis Keiser

Ronnie Botnick - In memory of my husband Martin Botnick and my mother Florence Werman

Shelly & Marty Cohen- In honor of the birth of our 3rd great-granddaughter, Leah Alexandra Meyers; sending get well wishes to Phyllis Keiser

Barbara & Art Rogove- In honor of Barry & Patti Savage's granddaughter Samantha Conant's Bat Mitzvah, the birth of Shelly & Marty Cohen's great granddaughter Leah; get well wishes to Phyllis Keiser

Nancy Sorkin - In memory of Jen Sherman's stepmom Cathryn Bond-Perretti; get well wishes to Jane Seiden, Phyllis Keiser, and Carol Gladstone

Jane & Henry Seiden - In memory of Jen Sherman's stepmom, Cathryn Bond-Perretti

Religious School Fund

Elianne and Scott Sims - In memory of Jeffrey Sims, brother of Scott Sims, Pauline & Dr. David Sims, parents of Scott Sims; and Ana Pauker and Alfredo Pauker, parents of Elianne Sims

Murray Weiss Fund

Noreen Davis & Alan Gramat - In memory of Noreen's mother Selma Snyderman Weiss's yahrzeit

Mitzvah Fund

Margaret & Earl Brown for Dining with Dignity

Helen & Henry Hirschman for Dining with Dignity

Torah Fund

Phyllis Keiser - with gratitude and appreciation to our TBY family, for all the calls, cards, and especially the prayers during my surgery and convalescence.



Upcoming Events for November. Mark your calendar!

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 2nd, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Shabbat Service

Friday, November 5th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Religious School

Sunday, November 7th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Shabbat Service - Veterans Day Service

Friday, November 12th, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Religious School

Sunday, November 14th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Sisterhood - crafts meeting

Wednesday, November 17th, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Religious School

Sunday, November 21st, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Lifelong Learning: "Is the Holocaust unique?
Holocaust vs holocaust"

Monday, November 22nd, 10:30am – 12:00pm
Presented by Keith Schlegel

Sisterhood Book Club, November 30th, 1:00pm
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and
Victoria Murray

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 30th, 5:30 – 6:30pm

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The custom of making donations as an expression of prayer traces back to Biblical times and has always been a practice of congregations. The amount given is less important than the deed. At TBY, we have a number of offerings for you to consider when making donations. Here is an explanation of a few of them. Additional funds are listed on our Contribution Form.

Memorial Board Plaques – When you purchase a plaque for your loved ones, you memorialize them on our memorial board in the sanctuary, as well as in the Book of Remembrance. All names on the Memorial Board are recognized during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. See the Donation form on our web site, TempleBetYam.org or contact Phyllis Keiser at (904) 797-1508.

Celebratory Wall – Celebrate a simcha in your family or honor a TBY member by purchasing a plaque for our commemorative garden wall. For additional information and order forms, please contact Phyllis Keiser at (904) 797-1508.

Murray Weiss Memorial Fund – In the spirit of Tzedakah, this fund helps congregants in need. Past gifts have helped pay for dental surgery, medications, enrollment for children in a Jewish summer camp, and past due mortgage payments. Requests are held in the strictest of confidence. For more information, contact Mimi Selig at (904) 461-4316. To make donations, see the Contribution Form on the next page.



Trees For Israel



We are enjoying huge success with our Trees for Israel. Every tree purchased is not only recognition of some significant event in your life or in the life of someone close to you but is also a mitzvah for Israel and contributes to our Temple fundraising effort. Please use this very important program as a memorial to a friend or loved one or in celebration of a happy occasion for someone dear to you.

Israel's forests are not only a valuable source for water preservation, but are a source for boosting the morale of Israel's citizens by providing a haven in which to put aside the pressures of living in a nation under siege.

JNF will acknowledge every donation with a receipt to the donor and a certificate to the recipient of the honor. Your donation will also benefit Temple Bet Yam with a portion of the donation amount. It is a double Mitzvah.

Trees may be ordered by contacting Toby Weintraub at 904-471-0418. Please provide Toby with your name, address, phone number, the name and address of the person being honored and the name and address of the person you want to receive acknowledgment.

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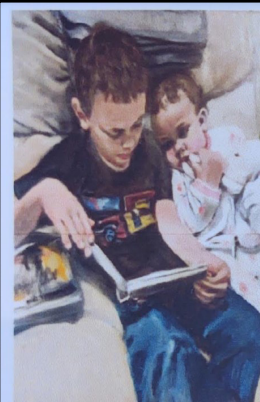
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