

LIGHT FIRST CHANUKAH CANDLE SUNDAY NIGHT
HAPPY CHANUKAH!

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CHANUKAH NOTES

Chanukah is celebrated in commemoration of the successful battle waged by the Israelites against the vast armies of the Syrians after which the Jews attained their religious and national freedom. Upon returning to the Holy Temple which was devastated by the Syrian oppressors, the Jews found enough undefiled olive oil to illuminate the Temple Candelabrum for only one day. By a miracle, however, the one cruse of oil lasted for eight days.

Starting Sunday evening, December 23rd, Jews will observe Chanukah, "The Festival of Lights", by kindling candles for eight consecutive nights. The first night one candle is lit at the right of the lamp. The second night two candles will be lit and so on for eight nights. The Menorah (Candelabrum) is placed near a window or door which is open to public view. The essence of the observance being the publicizing and advertizing of the miracle which G-d wrought unto the Jews in those days.

The Chanukah lights should be kindled after dark, but while people do not yet sleep. They must also burn for at least one half hour.

On Friday evening the Chanukah lights are kindled before the Shabbos lights. On Shabbos night the Chanukah candles are kindled after Havdalah.

On Chanukah it is customary to prepare special dishes such as "latkes." In general, on Chanukah, all food and delicacies should be prepared in holiday fashion.

The game of "Draydel" is also part of the Chanukah tradition. The four letters, Nun, Gimmel, Heh, Shin, in addition to their meaning in the game of chance, also signify **Nes, Gadol, Hayoh, Shom**, "A great miracle happened here."

The distribution of gifts, (especially "Chanukah gelt") is a custom which finds favor in the eyes of all children.

The word Chanukah itself means dedication, to signify the rededication of the Temple in the year 165 B.C.E.

Annual Chanukah Party

Women's League and Men's Club

Sunday Night, December 23,



Mrs. Charles Schwartz



Mr. H. William Hirsch

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

We are happy to announce, in answer to a number of inquiries, that **three Beginners' Classes** for boys and girls 8, 9, and 10 years old, as well as boys and girls 4 and 5, and 6 and 7 years of age, are to open the first week in January. Parents are urged to take advantage of these new facilities for their children in our Talmud Torah.

A **Daily Morning Nursery Class** for 3 and 4 year olds is being planned for the near future. Parents are urged to contact Rabbi Reichel by letter or phone, TR. 7-8281, at once, regarding these classes.

TALMUD TORAH CHANUKAH PRESENTATION SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 23

Our readers and their **young children** are cordially invited to attend the Chanukah Assembly of our Talmud Torah this Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Social Hall. The classes in our school will present a series of playlets, declamations and a musical relating to Chanukah. Our Women's League, as usual, will be the hostesses.

Mrs. Harry Ward Pres. of the Women's League and Mr. Frank L. Taks Pres. of the Men's Club cordially invite all our readers to attend their Annual Chanukah Party and Social this Sunday December 23 at 8:00 P.M.

An all out program of comradarie has been arranged by the capable co-chairmen Mrs. Charles Schwartz and Mr. H. William Hirsch and their committee:

Mesdames Max Koch, Sadie Lippman, Jules Shafan and Messrs. Harry Cohen, Ben K. Eisenberg, Myron Friedlander, Jacob Goldberg and Hyman B. Gordon.

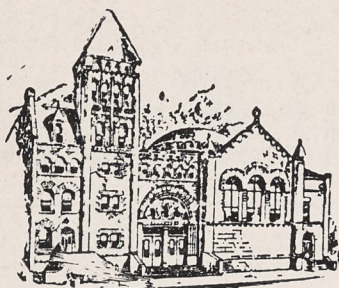
Featured for the evening will be a three piece band, refreshments, Chanukah card playing and door prizes.

Subscription is \$1.50 per person.
Come and bring your family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our heartiest congratulations and good wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Max Horowitz, who are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this coming week-end.

May the Almighty grant them good health and happiness for scores of years to come.



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SING THESE SONGS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

MY DRAYDEL

I have a little draydel,
I made it out of clay
And when it's dry and ready
Then "draydel" I shall play.

Chorus

O draydel, draydel, draydel!
I made it out of clay
O draydel, draydel, draydel!
Then "draydel" I shall play.
My draydel's always playful
It loves to dance and spin
A happy game of draydel
Come play. Now let's begin.

Repeat Chorus

MO'UZ TZUR

Mo'oz tzur ye-shu-o-si
Lecho no-eh le-cha-bey-ach
Ti-kon bes te-fi-lo-si
Ve-shom to-doh ne-za-bey-ach.
Le-es to-chin mat-bey-ach
Mi-tzor ham-na-bey-ach
Oz eg-mor be-shir mizmor
Cha-nu-kas ha-miz-bey-ach.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages, let our Song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou amidst the raging foes,
Wast our sheltring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us,
And Thy word, broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.



"AS
R'CHASH
SEES
IT"

459th of the 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"Not To Protect The Procurer From Danger"

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13 verse 9, "Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shalt thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou conceal him." The Bible, which is the word of G-d calling, as a rule, for mercy, in this case, wants to purify society from the enticer or procurer.

460th COMMANDMENT

"The Enticer Should Not Bring Favorable Testimony In Behalf Of The Enticer."

The enticed should not bring favorable testimony in behalf of the enticer, as we read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 13, verse 9, "neither shalt thou spare him."

461st COMMANDMENT

"The Enticed Must Not Be Silent When He Can Show The Enticer Guilty"

The enticed must not be silent when he can show the enticer guilty, as we read in Deuteronomy,



CHANUKAH

Benediction Over the Candles

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam a-sher kid-sha-nu
b'mitz-vo-sav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik
ner shel cha-nukah.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our
G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst
sanctified us by Thy command-
ments, and commanded us to kin-
dle the **Chanukah** lights.

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam she-a-sah ni-sim
la-a-vo-se-nu by-ya-mim ha-hem
baz' man hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our

Chapter 13, verse 9, "Neither shalt thou conceal him," namely by silence. One may not free himself from his obligation in saying in smug self-righteousness, "I will be quiet. Let the others get him into trouble."

462nd of the 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

"We Are Not Permitted To Persuade An Israelite To Idol Worship"

Before this, we deal with the one who persuades. He is an enticer. As we read in Deuteronomy Chapter 13, Verse 12, "And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is, in the midst of thee." We may not mislead, any Israelite into the service of idolatry. If one says to his neighbor let us go and serve this idol or let us go and slaughter to this idol or let us go and bring incense to this idol, or let us go and bring a libation offering, or let us go and bow before this idol, he is called a procurer. Even though he may not worship the idol, his talking alone is a grievous sin. He is brought to the Bet Din and is stoned upon the evidence of those whom he wanted to persuade. This is one of the few cases where warning does not have to be given, in the case also of perjuring witnesses. This prohibition refers to all places and to all times, to male and females. He who trespasses this law whether he be a plain person or a sage or a prophet, if he persuades an Israelite male or female to idolatry is to be stoned.

G-d, Ruler of the world, who didst wondrous things for our fathers, in days of yore at this season.

This blessing is recited only on the first day of **Chanukah**:

Baruch a-tah ado-noi e-lo-he-nu
me-lech ha-olam she-he-che-ya-nu
v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-a-nu laz'man
hazeh.

Blessed be Thou, O L—d our
B-d, Ruler of the world, who hast
granted us life, sustained us, and
permitted us to celebrate this joy-
ous festival.

Candulences

Our heartfelt sympathy to Director Joseph Shapiro upon the loss of his father, David Shapiro.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late member, William Willet.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Wilfred Diller upon the loss of his mother.

VISIT TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Our Talmud Torah pupils will visit the Yeshiva University Thursday morning, Dec. 27th. Youngsters who would like to join the Talmud Torah trip should call for an instruction sheet at the office no later than Dec. 26th.

Our Talmud Torah classes will meet during the morning hours of the week of December 24th.

**WE NEED TOYS
FOR OUR KINDERGARTEN**

Our Daily Afternoon, Saturday and Sunday Morning Kindergarten could use more Block Accessories, such as little boats, cars, planes etc., as well as Kindergarten-age books. A call to the Talmud Torah office will do.

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WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening4:12

Weekly Portion: Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1-40:22 Amos 2:6-3:8

Friday Evening Services4:25

Saturday Morning Services9:00

Junior Congregation10:30

Sabbath Kindergarten
for Children 3 to 610:30

Rabbi Reichel's class in Maimonides
for young people2:40

Rabbi Pekier's Talmud Class2:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class2:45

Oneg Shabbos (Boys and Girls)3:30

Mincha Service3:45

Reader of Torah: Leisha Langer

Reader of Service: David Beier

The Sabbath Terminates5:00

Daily Services:

Mornings Sunday6:45, 8:00, 8:20

Monday through Friday 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:20

Mincha4:20

Weekly Bible Readings:

Psalms: 69 to 75.

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Youth Activities**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
CALENDAR****Saturday, December 22.**

Oneg Shabbos Boys (8 to 12)3:00 P.M.

Oneg Shabbos Girls (8 to 12)3:40 P.M.

Game Room8 to 10 P.M.

Sunday, December 23.

Tags Gym11:45 A.M.

Macabees Gym1:00 P.M.

Game Room8:00 P.M.

Monday, December 24.

Macabees (Boys over 12)7:30 P.M.

Game Room7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 25.

Intermediate Boys (over 16)7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, December 26.

Game Room7:30 P.M.

Cub Pack No. 5307:30 P.M.

(parents meeting)

Scout Troop No. 5307:30 P.M.

Choral Group8:30 P.M.

TAGS

Boys over 13 are invited to attend an organizational meeting of the Tags (Post Bar Mitzva Fraternity) this Monday night Dec. 24 at 7:30 P.M. in our building.

The Tags membership is comprised of boys of the WSIS, Jewish Center and Ohab Zedek.

This Monday night's meeting will be devoted to the planning of the athletic and social activities of the group such as gym activities, basketball games, trips, outings and socials.

LOTKE PARTY

Sponsored by "Gems"

The W.S.I.S. "Gems" (girls over 14) will be the hosts at a Chanukah Lotke Party to be held in our Social Hall, Wednesday evening, December 26, 1951 at 7:30 o'clock. Boys and girls over 14 are cordially invited to attend.

For further information please contact the "Gems" president, Diane Hirsch, at EN. 2-3688.

**DR. BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN
TO ADDRESS COLLEGIATES**

The Midtown Jewish Collegiate Council will have as its guest speaker, Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, prominent physician and active participant in Jewish affairs, at its Friday evening Forum, December 21st, 1951 at the Beth Hillel, 124 West 95th Street at 8:15 o'clock.

College young men and women are cordially invited to attend and meet their friends and neighbors at the Oneg Shabbat which will follow.

The Collegiates will also meet at the Jewish Center Gym this Sunday at 2 o'clock.

**CONTRIBUTORS TO WSIS HOMES
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Samuel K. Beier, Edward Jacobs, Ida Kalmar, Gabriel Neustadter, and Edward Ukles.

GETTING PERSONAL

By Sanford Solarz

The universality of our congregation has been most unusual. The speaker at our last Shabbos morning services was none other than Rabbi Chaim Leib Auerbach who is reputed to be a direct descendent of King David and of that Great Commentator, Rashi. On his own, Rabbi Chaim Leib Auerbach is head of the Shaare Shamayim Yeshiva in Jerusalem one of the few Yeshivas in the world where the Kabbalah is a part of the daily curriculum. Contributions for his Yeshiva Building Fund may be sent to the synagogue, —checks made payable to the "Shaare Shamayim Yeshiva." . . . Our General Membership meeting last Monday evening was honored by having as its principal speaker Congressman Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr. who in an hour talk revealed a genuinely profound and sympathetic understanding, based on his own personal observation and experience, of the political and economic problems of the Middle east, — particularly Israel. Like a breath of spiritual fresh air was his comment that a purchase of an Israel Bond, should make a very nice Chanukah present. . . . Happy to have back with us again at our Sabbath morning services after a short absence Joseph Blankfort, also Buddy Udell, recently returned after an extended business trip. . . . If being in Shul last Shabbath morning was part of their honeymoon, we congratulate the newlyweds Rabbi and Mrs. Sidney Greenwald on their good judgment. . . . At our Seuda Shlisith last Sabbath afternoon young Bernard Israel delivered a most interesting talk on life in a small Jewish community such as Berlin, New Hampshire where his family lives. . . . The Speaker at next week's Seuda Shlisith will be Morris Segerman who will tell of his recent experiences in Israel. . . . All honor to Pfc. Myron Kaufman, nephew of our Director Philip Wohl upon receiving the award of the Purple Heart. He is feeling O.K. now. . . . Our prayers for a speedy recovery to the beloved president of our Women's League Mrs. Harry Ward, after her recent accident. . . . We are thankful to hear that Mrs. Harold Kaplan is now off the sick list. . . . Our grateful acknowledgment to Mrs. Ben Levine for her generous contribution of prayer books in memory of her brother, Joe Gold, and to Solomon H. Wohlberg for his donation of hat checks. . . . Our congregation received vicarious honor

in the award of citations to our beloved Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein and our member Hon. Albert Wald at the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Synagogue Council of America. . . . Mazel Tov to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rafsky and to Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Jaspin, upon the **birth** of a son, Michael David, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspin, and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sader upon the birth of a son, David Allen, to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kanarek. . . . **Wedding Anniversary** greeting to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Arsham, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blatt, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bloomgarten, Director and Mrs. Herman Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Epstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Waron Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jaspin, Director and Mrs. Joseph Landowne, Director and Mrs. George L. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Neustadter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Sabsevit. Many happy returns of their **birthdays** to the following: Elaine Aibinder, Mrs. Milton Bernard, Charles Cohen, Mrs. Julius Cohen, David Don, Barbara Carol Epstein, Simeon H. F. and his son, Seth Michael Goldstein, Max Horowitz, George Levinson, Mrs. Regina Margaretten, Director Adolph Meirowitz, Max Sachs, Gerald Bruce Weiss, and Toby Wohl.

Late flashes. . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Al Sanders upon the engagement of their son, Howard, to Adele Segerman. . . . Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schloss upon the birth of a daughter to their children, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haberman.

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