



THE SCRIBE

Monthly Newsletter of Temple B'nai Abraham
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From Rabbi Michael G. Kohn

Hanukkah

We will light the first candle for Hanukkah this year on Sunday evening, December 2. The Annual Hannukah party will take place at the synagogue at 5:00 pm, on Sunday evening, December 9, when we will light the 8th Hanukkah candle. We will have a mass Hanukkiot lighting (remember to bring your own Hanukkiah and candles) with songs, activities, a light dairy dinner.

On Friday night, light the candles, which must burn for 90 minutes BEFORE lighting the Shabbat candles. On Saturday night, light the candles AFTER havdalah. In the synagogue, we reverse the order on Saturday night.

Antisemitism here in Connecticut

Apart from the recent tragic murder of 11 Jews praying in a Pittsburgh synagogue on a Shabbat morning, there has been an uptick in antisemitic acts around the country, including at two public high schools here in central Connecticut. The good news that emerged from both of those situations in this state was that they were brought to the attention of both the school and law enforcement authorities by the students themselves and the Jewish students were supported by their non-Jewish classmates. Of course, parents, ADL and the Federations became involved, but the students spoke up for themselves. That is a lesson for all of us. When we see hatred (and gay students in addition to Jewish students were targeted), speak up! Don't allow those taunts, hate symbols, or other hate activity to go unchallenged.

The words of the great first century sage, Hillel, perfectly fit today's issues: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for my own self only, what am 'I'? And if not now, when?"

Minor Fast Days

In addition to Yom Kippur and T'sha b'Av, which are full day (25 hour fasts), there are several minor fast days during the year during which we fast from dawn, or first light, to nightfall, which is 42 minutes after sunset. There are five, three of which are related to the destruction of the Second Temple. The other two are the Fast of Esther, which is related to Purim, and the Fast of the Firstborn, which is related to the Exodus.

The other three are Tsom Gedalia, the day after Rosh HaShannah, which commemorates the killing of the Jewish governor of Judah, Sheva Asar Tammuz, when the walls of Jerusalem were breached, and the Asar b'Tevet, which occurs on December 18 this year, which was the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem.

These fasts, which cannot fall on Shabbat, can be terminated by a Seudat Mitzvah, a commanded meal, such as for a Brit Milah, an Aufruf, etc.

B'Shalom,
Rabbi Michael G. Kohn



CALENDAR EVENTS

1 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

2 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty

After dark Light First Chanukah candle

7 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

8 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

9 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

5:00 pm Hanukkah Menorah Lighting
and dairy supper

13 Thursday

7:30 pm Ritual Committee Meeting

14 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

15 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

16 Sunday

9:30 am Jewry Duty



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20 Thursday

7:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

21 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

22 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

23 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

28 Friday

6:30 pm Shabbat Evening Services

29 Saturday

9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

30 Sunday

No Jewry Duty

רפואה שלימה

Wishing a Complete and Speedy Recovery to:

**Marilynn Mazanek
Dr. Joseph Langner**

מזל טוב – Mazal Tov

Happy Anniversary to our couples celebrating an anniversary during the month of **December**:

- 7 Susan & Ken Teller
- 17 Laurie & Richard Katz
- 17 Rebecca & Sanford Sheftel
- 22 Adrienne & Jon Palley
- 30 Raisa & Yakov Filler

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating a birthday during the month of **December**:

- 2 Sheila Nemeth
- 7 Joseph Langner
- 10 David Nemeth
- 17 Bob Axelrod
- 30 Judie Landsberg

Happy Birthday to our next generation:

11 Jonathan Goodman

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MOVING INFORMATION

As you know, we at Temple B'nai Abraham are moving.

**Our new address will be: Temple B'nai Abraham
P.O. Box 745
Meriden, CT 06450-9998.**

We will have the same phone number.

If you are coming to the new building for services - Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning, please park in the driveway of Ruth and Sherwin Borsuk, 80 Parker Avenue, Meriden, 06450. Their driveway is directly across from Charles Street. They are on the other side of the road, just past the Stop & Shop on Parker Avenue. If you are coming during the week you can either park at Ruth and Sherwin's or park in front of 20 Lawrence Court.

For those who missed the Temple's Gala Event

What a wonderful afternoon and evening was spent at Temple B'nai Abraham on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The event began with people gathering to enjoy canapes and refreshments, and most of all - renewing friendships with people they have not seen in many years.

Many of us were asked "Who is that in the blue? I know I know him or her but cannot put a name to go with the face." Students who had gone through our Religious school were reunited with fellow classmates. Next generation children were welcomed with hugs and kisses from their parents best friends. "Oh how you have grown. You look just like your mother/father."

Special thanks go to Fred Zierler, Marc Nemeth, and Michelle Grossman, chairpersons of the Gala, and to their wonderful committee - Debbie Kaye, Howard Levine, Risa Zierler, and Natalie Cheerman. This group worked for several months making sure everything would run smoothly and elegantly. Allen and I were late-comers to the committee. Allen did a great job with the pictures.

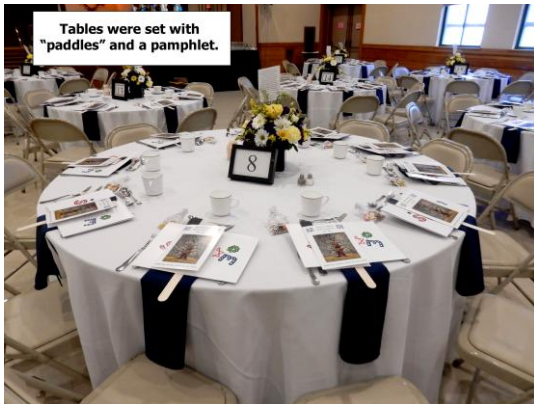
To find Rabbi Jay Goldstein's remarks on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/CssCaE94Z4>

To find the TBA slide show on line:

1. Type <http://flic.kr/s/aHsmrMfEjx> into the top rectangle (address bar) of your browser.
2. Tap "Enter" or "Return" the album should appear, if not repeat step one.
3. To view all of the pictures full size - click on the first picture, when you wish to go to the next picture click on the "arrow" on the right.
4. To quickly scan through the 4 pages - look at the small pictures, when you get to the bottom of page 1 click on "2" and so on. Any time you wish to see a picture full size click on that picture and when you are ready to go on just click on "Back to album" in the upper left corner of the page.



GALA COMMITTEE
 FRONT ROW—RISA ZIERLER, NATALE CHEERMAN, LINDA CAPLAN
 BACK ROW DEBRA KAYE, FRED ZIERLER, MICHELLE GROSSMAN, HOWARD LEVINE, ALLEN CAPLAN
 MISSING FROM PICTURE —MARC NEMETH



The History of Temple B'nai Abraham
The Final Chapter

This is a bittersweet afternoon as we gather to reflect on the 129 year history of our congregation and prepare for its closing in 2019. The Gala organizing committee is grateful to all of you who were able to help us write our Final Chapter today.

A special thanks to all who sent in photos, messages, and other memorabilia to help us put together a slideshow of our longevity to share with you.

We wish to remember those former members who either moved, or are no longer living. Many of them contributed time, talent and finances to help create the legacy that has enriched our Temple and our lives for all these years.

We hope you enjoy this Gala, sharing memories with friends and congregants. Though Temple B'nai Abraham will soon be part of our history, we ask each of you to ensure that its legacy continues for eternity.

The Gala Planning Committee

Linda and Allen Caplan

Natalie Cheerman

Michelle Grossman

Debbie Kaye

Howard Levine

Marc Nemeth

Risa and Fred Zierler



"The Final Chapter"

Program

Cocktail Hour

Welcoming Remarks - Fred Zierler

Hand Washing

Motzi - Phyllis and Bernie Frydenberg

Salad

Main Course

Remarks/Presentations

Dessert

Birkat Ha Mazon - Rabbi Dana Bogatz

Special Prayer - Rabbi Michael Kohn

Ha Tikvah



Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

Sunday, December 9

5:00 pm

with a light dairy dinner to follow

Join us as we celebrate the last night of Hanukkah.

Please bring your menorah and candles.

We will provide the dinner: latkes, tuna and egg salad sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and make your own sundaes for dessert.

This will be the final celebration held on East Main Street.

**Please RSVP to the Temple office (203-235-2581)
by Wednesday, December 5th.**



Blessing over Candles

Light the shammus candle first, then recite the blessings while holding the candle.
Do not light the other candles until the blessings are done!

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ

asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu

Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us

לְהַדְלִיק נֵיר שֶׁל תְּנֻכָּה: (אָמֵן)

l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)

to light the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)

Blessing for the Chanukah Miracle

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Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה: (אָמֵן)

she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baziman hazeh. (Amein)

Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time

Shehecheyanu (Who Has Kept Us Alive)

This blessing is recited only on the first night of Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

שֶׁהִחַיֵּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה: (אָמֵן)

shehecheyanu v'kiyimanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)

who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season (Amen)

Lighting the Candles

After reciting the blessings, use the shammus to light the Chanukah candles
from left to right (newest to oldest). See animation at top.

Candles should be left burning until they go out on their own. They must burn
for more than half an hour. Standard Chanukah candles burn for about an hour.

ADATH ISRAEL'S COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING & DINNER

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 17TH**

**5:30 PM
BLESSINGS**

**6:00 PM
DINNER & DREIDELS**

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE COMMUNITY**

**TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT
THE SYNAGOGUE AT
860-346-4709
OR
OFFICE@ADATHISRAELCT.ORG**

**BYOM:
BRING YOUR OWN MENORAH**


Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

Yahrzeits Observed During the Month of December

Dec. 1	Murray Schutz	Dec. 12	Herman Weinberg		Fanny Byer
Dec. 2	Rose Rozen		Etta Lang	Dec. 21	Martin Beloff
	Meyer Hasburg	Dec. 13	Samuel Umansky		Anna Weiss
	Rhea Kaye Hirshorn		Elsie Cheriack	Dec. 22	Marlene Kaller
Dec. 3	Benjamin Limon		Beatrice Sadowsky		Harold Warren
	Philip Shefkowitz		David Rubin		Rose Muchnick
	Sallye Katrosar	Dec. 14	Martha Bittman	Dec. 23	Sarah Goodman
Dec. 4	Herbert Sperling		Max Bichunsky		M. David Freedman
	Becky Zimmerman		Natalie B. Goldman	Dec. 24	Minnie Feltzin
	Ceil Bolton		Kayla Nissenson		Nathan Strauss
	Florence Kaye		Bernice Friedman	Dec. 25	Lena Goodstein
Dec. 5	Murray Levine	Dec. 15	Sherman Tonkonow		Rose Harris
	Lillian Shulkin		Saul Freilich		Fannie Levin
	Herman Sheftel	Dec. 16	Philip M. White		Adele Krochmal
Dec. 6	Carl Limon		Beatrice Reich	Dec. 26	Morris Arovas
	Morris Goldstein		Rose Hyman	Dec. 27	Anne Pierson
	Mordecai Dickter		Mildred Goralnik	Dec. 28	Joseph Risen
	Marcia Cheikin		Max Hertzmark		Jean Cohen
Dec. 7	Meyer White	Dec. 17	Molly Bogatz		Dr. Alan Rozen
	Jacob Gerber		Breindel Katz		Esther Muravnick
	Morris Wilder		Jerry Kosofsky		Sophie Sugarman
	Esther Goldberg		Rivke Perecman	Dec. 29	Lillian Teller
	Sophie Barker		Paulette Shulkin		Bessie Ledewitz
Dec. 8	Sophia Jacobson		Oscar Goldner		Rebecca Kaplan
	Charles Hasburg	Dec. 18	Rachel Shorr		Frieda Pierson
	David Caplan		Pamela Fine		Moshe Shweky
	Sidney Kaye		Arthur Pierson		David Clayton
Dec. 9	Eva Jacobson Miller		Rose Sperling		Paul Levine
	Louis Kessler		Dorothy Seaman		Myron Zellman
	Freda Cohen	Dec. 19	Herman Sodel	Dec. 30	Sarah Gordon
	Yetta Waxman		Abram J. White		Max Hoffman
	Isaac Shapiro		Robert Rovinsky	Dec. 31	David Arovas
	Frances Dubrow		Beatrice Zempsky		Harry Cohen
	Grace Snyder		Stephen Sheftel		Elizabeth Sigman
Dec. 10	Alter J Simonowsky	Dec. 20	Milton Silver		Avis Leban
	Louis (Zelig) Kessler		Milo Levin		
Dec. 11	Jacob Cohen		Charles Harris		



A Candle or Yahrzeit Light should be lit at sundown the night before these dates.

Tzdakah to perpetuate the memory of a loved one is a Mitzvah.

Your contribution to the Yahrzeit Fund would be greatly appreciated.

תודה רבה - THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO OUR VARIOUS FUNDS

Yahrzeit Fund: In Memory of:

Abe Bishins by Sanford & Rebecca Sheftel

Gary Limon by Sanford & Rebecca Sheftel

Charles Hatten by Sanford & Rebecca Sheftel

Paulette Shulkin by Norman Shulkin

Anne Emple Kaplan by Barry & Linda Emple

General Temple Fund

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Sanford & Rebecca Sheftel. (2 cards sent)

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by the Perrys.

Sarah Zietz Pierson Scholarship Fund

From Ronald Margolin

With wishes for a complete and speedy recovery to **Cantor Sidney Rabinowitz** by Fred & Risa Zierler.

Rabbi Albert Troy Scholarship Fund

From Ronald Margolin

Sophie & Julius Barker Scholarship Fund

In Honor of **Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk** for all they do for the Congregation by Michael & Shelley Barker.

The Cemetery Fund

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Catherine Hammond and daughters Patricia & Joanne.

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Gail & Ray Weinstein.

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Nancy Turover & Tom Klee.

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Debbie & David Kaye.

In Memory of **Rhoda Burwick** by Natalie & Len Cheerman.