



חג חנוכה שמח

Happy Chanukah

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The Legacy of Light

The tale of the Maccabean defeat of the Seleucid Greeks encapsulates a profound existential chapter in Jewish history that tested the resilience and determination of the Jewish people. During this period in the 2nd Century BCE, the oppressive rule of the Seleucid Greeks threatened the very existence of Jewish identity and religious freedom. The Maccabees, led by Judah and his brothers, emerged as courageous defenders of their faith and culture, rallying against the forces that sought to erode their way of life. The struggle was not only a military one but also a spiritual and cultural battle, as the Jewish people fought to preserve

their traditions, values, and religious practices. Ultimately, the victory of the Maccabees symbolized the triumph of the Jewish spirit and the preservation of their heritage in the face of existential peril, leaving an enduring legacy of resilience and faith for generations to come.

Today, we find ourselves in a parallel moment of existential significance in Jewish history, when not only the State of Israel but also the safety of Jewish communities worldwide is under threat. We are witnessing a resurgence of latent Jew-hatred that has long simmered beneath the surface in American and European societies. In my lifetime, Jews have seldom felt so vulnerable in places that have historically been perceived as societal and cultural sanctuaries. Jew-hatred is a persistent and adaptable force, often resurfacing in new forms when explicit expressions of hatred become socially unacceptable. Currently, there is a troubling tendency to kosher or rationalize Jew-hatred on college campuses, in the media, and within social justice movements. It feels as though the world has grown darker. This Chanukah season, each of us has a responsibility to kindle a light. As heirs to the Maccabean legacy, we should strive to illuminate the world during the Festival of Lights, and we can do so not just with our menorahs, but with hope and resilience in these challenging times.

Embrace the spirit of unity and illumination with us this holiday season in East Hampton! Our Pop-Up Chanukah events are an invitation to come together as a community and share in the warmth of this festive time. By joining hands and hearts, we not only experience the sense of belonging that strengthens our bonds, but also collectively radiate a beacon of unwavering light to brighten the world around us. In these gatherings, we'll kindle the menorah, sing traditional songs, savor delectable holiday treats, and, most importantly, foster connections that transcend individual differences.

Rabbi Josh Franklin



“And (we thank You) for the miracles, and for the mighty deeds, and for the victories, and for the battles which You performed for our forefathers in those days, at this time.”

On Chanukah, we recite a special prayer, called Al Hanisim. Within the prayer, we acknowledge that with God’s help, we were able to stand up against Antiochus, to save Judaism. Mattathias and his small army were able to avenge the people and save Torah.

The Al Hanisim prayer is recited on two occasions during the Jewish year: Hanukkah and Purim. On these days, we recite it during our services and in the Birkat Hamazon, the prayer after meals.

It took more than twenty years for the Maccabees to win. In 142 BCE, we were given our freedom on the land we now call Israel. Today, we call out for another great miracle, hoping that the land of Israel will survive this most recent attack on her borders and on her land.

When the mighty rise up against a small group, the fear is palpable to all who witness the possibilities in real time. I pray that in the not-too-distant future, we will be able to sing Al Hanisim as we again find safety in the small piece of the world, we call Israel. Peace will not come without a struggle. Peace will not come without lives lost, but I pray like the last lines of Al Hanisim. After Your children come home, let us cleanse the destroyed land, kindle a Chanukkiah of hope, and praise God’s great name.

One of my many thoughts, each time a new prayer book is released is why haven’t the authors made the book more contemporary? With few exceptions, prayer is “frozen in time” within Judaism. We have prayers that are fixed keva, and prayers that are not fixed kavanah. While the Al Hanisim is fixed, meaning that the text does not change, I believe we can, and should create kavanot, unfixed texts that find their way into newer prayerbooks.

What might I insert into the Al Hanissim prayer: On the holiday of Sukkot, on Shabbat Sh’mini, terrorists from Hamas, attacked our land and our people. We rose up against them, and fought to wipe them off the face of the earth...

We don’t yet know how this war will end, but when it does end, I pray I can finish my prayer with: We cleaned up our Holy spaces, our kibbutzim, and our homes, and we gathered the lights of Chanukah to bring forth a renewed peace in Eretz Yisrael.

Keyn Y’hi Ratzon, so may it be

B’shira u’v’Shalom

Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi



Dear Congregants,

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees we want to personally wish you all a very happy and peaceful Chanukah. At these challenging times we want you to know that all of us affiliated with the JCOH stand with you and your families affirming our commitment to keeping you safe and providing you and your families with the highest quality of programming. We look forward to a new year of gathering and praying together, enjoying new and innovative activities and supporting our Jewish values.

May the light from your Chanukah candles illuminate your houses and hearts with peace, and the hope for a better future. Am Yisrael Chai!

Most sincerely,



Harry A. Katz
President



Carole Olshan
Chairman





Happy Chanukah

From the Shul House Family

The expression “Or Chadash,” meaning “new light,” comes from morning prayers and asks God for a new light to shine on Israel. As I reflect on the past year, I am honored to say I’ve discovered exactly what this light is...it’s our students, of course! They are the radiant light that shines on our Shul House Family and Jewish Center of the Hamptons Community. Their glowing faces bring warmth and brilliance to Sunday mornings, and it’s pure joy to witness them embrace their Jewish identity as they learn the history and teachings of our past. By taking on the Jewish tradition and making it their own, they each acquire a glow of “Or Chadash” to shine upon the future of Israel and all the world.

As Shul House Director, I endeavor to create a learning space where students continue to gain a comprehensive perspective of our Jewish faith and a deep appreciation for the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of the Jewish people, so they will forever be proud to shine their Jewish light wherever they go!



Margaret Barcohana

Education & Engagement Coordinator



Shul House
at Jewish Center of the Hamptons
Where Jewish learning feels like home

POP-UP CHANUKAH

Come light the menorah on each night of Chanukah at our favorite places in the Hamptons.

Bring the Chanukah spirit not just to your homes,
but to the entire East Hampton community.

Make this Chanukah season extra special with these pop-up menorah lightings!



FIRST NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7 4:00PM

Old Hook Windmill

North Main Street, East Hampton, New York 11937

Jewish Center of the Hamptons joins with Chabad of the Hamptons at one of East Hampton's most iconic buildings, Old Hook Windmill. Join the Jewish community along with local politicians for a celebration of songs, gifts for children, and a lighting of East Hampton's most public menorah.



SECOND NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8 6:00PM

Shabbat & Chanukah on the Beach

101 Ocean Ave, East Hampton, NY 11937

Join us around a beach bonfire for a menorah lighting and Shabbat on the Beach service. It might be chilly, but feel free to warm up with fresh hot cocoa.



THIRD NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 5:00PM

Chanukah with your JCOH family

Join Rabbi Franklin and his family and Cantor Stein for a special Chanukah celebration. Enjoy homemade latkes from Rebbetzin Stephanie Whitehorn, sufganiyot from Grindstone doughnuts, and festive Chanukah cocktails.

This event is reserved for JCOH Members and Shul House families. Location available upon pre-registration.



FOURTH NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 5:00PM

BookHampton

41 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937

Read Chanukah stories with the clergy, sing songs, and children will walk away with an age-appropriate Chanukah book compliments of Jewish Center of the Hamptons.



FIFTH NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
MONDAY DECEMBER 11 4:30PM

Guild Hall

158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937

Come check out the galleries at a freshly renovated Guild Hall from 4:30–6:00pm **with a special menorah lighting at 5:00pm.**



SIXTH NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
TUESDAY DECEMBER 12 5:00PM

Amagansett Wine & Spirits

203 Main St, Amagansett, NY 11930

Celebrate the festivities of Chanukah with a special Kosher wine and whiskey tasting at Amagansett Wine & Spirits. Enjoy a libation while we light the menorah, bringing not only the warmth into our community, but light into the world.



SEVENTH NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13 6:30PM

Chanukah Concert at LTV

75 Industrial Rd, Wainscott, NY 11975

Join us at 6:30pm to celebrate Chanukah. Our celebration will be followed by a concert for Israel at 7:00pm.

Ticket sales will be available through LTV Studios and will go to humanitarian relief in Israel.

The cost of the concert is \$90 for cabaret seating; \$54 for open seating.



EIGHTH NIGHT REGISTRATION REQUIRED
THURSDAY DECEMBER 14 5:00PM

Nick & Toni's

136 North Main Street, East Hampton, New York 11937

Kick off the festival of lights with a menorah lighting at one of our favorite restaurants in the Hamptons. Have a drink, enjoy some latkes, and reserve your table for dinner. *Space is limited.*

Processing Emotions Through Psalms

A Journey of Healing and Resilience



Rabbi Joshua Franklin

Monday, December 4 | 4:00pm

In this transformative class, we invite you to embark on a profound journey of emotional healing and resilience by delving into the timeless wisdom of the Psalms.

“Processing Emotions Through Psalms” offers a safe and supportive space for individuals to address trauma, pain, anger, sadness, frustration, fear, and anguish through the rich tapestry of Hebrew poetry found in the Psalms.

All classes will be virtual only

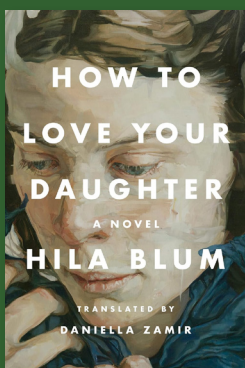




BOOK CLUB

WITH CANTOR DEBRA STEIN, RABBI

Join **Charlotte Sasso** for an opportunity to delve into an interesting book, expand your thinking on a new topic or just meet new friends. Whether you're an avid reader or just want to follow along with the group, our book club welcomes you!



HOW TO LOVE YOUR DAUGHTER

BY HILA BLUM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 4:00pm

Hosted by **Charlotte Sasso**

Thousands of miles from home, a woman stands on a dark street, peeking through well-lit windows at two little girls. They are the grandchildren she's never met, daughters of the daughter she has not seen in years.

Each book club session is one hour of fascinating discussions on the book of the month.

If you would like to volunteer a book title or like to run the group, please reach out to cantor@jcoh.org.

UPCOMING BOOK CLUB DATES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 | 4:00PM
THE POSTCARD BY ANNE BEREST

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 4:00PM
ALL THE BROKEN PLACES BY JOHN BOYNE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 | 4:00PM
TRACK 61 BY EVE KARLIN

Register at jcoh.org/bookclub

All Book Club meetings will be virtual only





Adopt a Family

For those of you who are unaware, the Retreat is our Shelter for Domestic Violence. It houses women and children who have had to leave their homes because they were living in dangerous situations. For years, the Jewish Center has participated in the Holiday Adopt a Family program, taking in the task of purchasing toys and clothing for the children. This year, the retreat is taking a different approach to holiday gift giving. By way of allowing the mothers to feel empowered, they are creating a “Holiday Gift Store,” where mothers will have the opportunity to choose gifts for their children.

Below I have listed the items they are asking for to place in the shop. If you can help, please purchase some of these gifts, and send them to me at the Jewish Center no later than **Monday, December 11.**

Let's help put a smile on someone's face during such difficult times! -Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

TOYS

- Stuffed animal – cats/Hello Kitty
- Lightning McQueen cars
- Barbie air phone
- Play-Doh ice cream
- Baby alive doll
- Monster high fashion doll
- Princess tent
- Wednesday Addams doll
- Furreal cinnamon pony
- Disney ILY 4ever Stitch 18” Doll, blonde hair
- Bratz fashion doll with outfits
- Baby doll with stroller and bed
- Fingerling interactive baby monkey
- Hot Wheels city
- Toy car garage
- Monster jam garage playset
- Dinosaur toys
- Spider-Man toys
- Paw patrol figure
- Fire truck
- Dinosaur toys

CLOTHING

- Girl's 6 T clothing and coat
- Womens slippers, sizes 6 and 7
- Womens snow boots, size 6 and size 6.5
- Womens tops and pants, size small/medium
- Womens jeans, size petite 7
- Girls shoes size 12
- Boys shoes size 8.5T toddler
- Boys shoes size 10-11
- Socks of all sizes
- Infant clothing
- Bras (36B)

PERSONAL CARE

- Victoria's Secret/scented lotions & perfumes

Questions: Contact Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi at 631-324-9858 or email cantor@jcoh.org.



Helping our Neighbors

Our homeless shelter, Maureen's Haven, here on the East End of Long Island is once again opening doors to house and feed the homeless. Thanks to a generous offer from the Bridgehampton Childcare Center, guests will be housed two nights a week, Wednesdays, and Sundays.

Once again, I have pledged our help, as we have been working with them since they first began serving Eastern Long Island.

We will be sponsoring a meal on December 6th to provide a hot meal for the holidays.

HELP FEED THE HOMELESS



This year, the statistics have changed dramatically, as there are now over forty percent of the homeless who are women. Sixty percent are over fifty-five years of age, and eighty percent are simply "down on their luck," and not exhibiting any signs of psychological disorder. In other words, we are all a paycheck away from joining them.

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 4 AT 4PM TO PREPARE LUNCHES

On December 4th, at 4:00 P.M. we will get together at the Jewish Center to prepare lunches for the homeless shelter. This is a wonderful Social Action program to involve your children in as well. If you can help by supplying any of the items we need, please let me know by e mailing me at Cantor@jcoh.org

WE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:

- Brown Lunch Bags
- Deli Turkey: We will need a total of 15 lbs. Please sign up in 5-pound increments
- Bread: 6 loaves
- Fruit: 60 Pieces
- Healthy Snack: 60

I hope to see you on the 4th. Remember Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah: When you do a good deed, it brings on more good deeds.



Two Chanukiyot This Year



It is hard to imagine the joy of Chanukah this year, as we think and pray for our Israeli brothers and sisters. We are faced with the profound grief and anxiety of Israel at war and the harsh reality of growing antisemitism all around us.

While we experience loss and grief, our sages teach us that when grief and joy meet, we alter the path of our grief and embrace the celebration, because joy and gladness are the hope of what is yet to be.

So this year, let us bring the light of joy and gladness for the blessings in our lives with each Chanukah candle we light. At the same time, let us light an extra Chanukah candle each night that acknowledges our struggle with loss and grief. The warmth and glow from our two Chanukiyot will help to counterbalance the opposing emotions that are part of our humanity.

Diane Wiener

Diane Wiener
Director of Development



With the added light of Candle 1: We pray for the hostages with the hope for their safe return.



With the added light of Candle 2: We pray for those who lost their lives on October 7... and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 3: We pray for the soldiers who bravely fight for the State of Israel...and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 4: We pray for the mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers whose lives are held in abeyance as they wait for the safe return of their loved ones from war... and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 5: We pray for the Holocaust survivors who prayed that the atrocities they endured would never be experienced by their children and grandchildren... and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 6: We pray for the college students across the U.S. facing unprecedented antisemitism on campuses...and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 7: We pray for every Jew who proudly declares their faith as an integral part of their identity...and the hope for the safe return of the hostages.



With the added light of Candle 8: We embrace the hope kindled by the light of our Chanukah candles that banish the darkness in our world and restore the blessing of peace.

BLESSING OVER CANDLES

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 נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

l'had'lik near shel Chanukah. Amein.

to light the lights of Chanukah. Amen.

BLESSING FOR CHANUKAH

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

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

שָׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

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

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

SHEHECHEYANU

(first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

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

שֶׁהֵחֵינֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

shehecheanu v'kiyimanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh.

Amein.

Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Amen.

Happy Chanukah



מַעוֹז צוּר

מַעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי, לָךְ נֶאֱדָה לְשִׁבְחָה
 תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי, וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְכָּר
 לַעֲתֵת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבַח מֶצֶר הַמִּנִּיחַ
 אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ

MA'OZ TZUR

Maoz tzur y'shu-ah-ti,
 L'cha na-eh l'shabei-ach
 Tikkon beit t'filati
 V'sham today n'zabei-ach
 Leit tachin mat'bei-ach
 Mi-tzar ha-m'nabei-ach
 Az egmor b'shir mizmor
 Chanukat ha-miz'bei-ach

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, let our song
 Praise Your saving power,
 You, amid the raging foes,
 Were our sheltering tower.
 Furious, they assailed us,
 But Your arm availed us,
 And Your word
 Broke their sword
 When our own strength failed us.

OH CHANUKAH

Oh Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, come light the menorah
 Let's have a party, we'll all dance the Horah
 Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat
 Dreidels to play with and latkes to eat

And while we are playing the candles are burning low
 One for each night they shed a sweet light
 To remind us of days long ago
 One for each night they shed a sweet light
 To remind us of days long ago

I HAVE A LITTLE DREIDEL

I have a little dreidel. I made it out of clay.
 And when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made it out of clay.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, then dreidel I shall play.

It has a lovely body, with legs so short and thin.
 When it gets all tired, it drops and then I win!
 Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, with leg so short and thin.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it drops and then I win!

My dreidel's always playful. It loves to dance and spin.
 A happy game of dreidel, come play now let's begin.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, it loves to dance and spin.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel. Come play now let's begin.

I have a little dreidel. I made it out of clay.
 When it's dry and ready, dreidel I shall play.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, I made you out of clay.
 Oh dreidel, dreidel, dreidel, then dreidel I shall play.



סְבִיבּוֹן

סְבִיבּוֹן – סב סב סב
 חֲנֻכָּהּ הוּא חַג טוֹב
 חֲנֻכָּהּ הוּא חַג טוֹב
 סְבִיבּוֹן – סב סב סב

חַג שְׂמִיחָה הוּא לָעַם
 נֵס גָדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם
 חַג שְׂמִיחָה הוּא לָעַם
 נֵס גָדוֹל הָיָה שָׁם

S'VIVON

S'vi-von sov sov sov
 Ha-nu-ka hu hag tov
 Ha-nu-ka hu hag tov
 S'vi-von sov sov sov

gag sim-ha hu la-am
 nes ga-dol ha-ya-sham
 nes ga-dol ha-ya-sham
 hag sim-ha hu la-am

מִי יִמְלֵל

מִי יִמְלֵל גְּבוּרוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל
 אוֹתָן מִי יִמְנֶה?
 הֵן בְּכָל דּוֹר יָקוּם הַגִּבּוֹר
 גּוֹעֵל הָעַם
 שְׁמָע!

בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בָּזְמָן הַזֶּה
 מַכְבִּי מוֹשִׁיָּע וּפּוֹדֶה
 וּבְיָמֵינוּ כָּל עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל
 יִתְאַחֵד, יָקוּם וַיִּגְאֵל

MI Y'MALEIL

Mi y'maleil g'vurot Yisrael;
 Otan mee yimneh?
 Hein b'khol dor yakum hagibor,
 go'eil ha'am.
 Sh'ma!

Bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh,
 Makkabi moshiyah u'fodeh,
 Uv'yameunu kol am Yisrael
 Yit'ahed yakum v'yiga'el.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I'm gonna hold my light up in the air, I'm gonna let it shine
 I'm gonna hold my light up in the air, I'm gonna let it shine
 I'm gonna hold my light up in the air, I'm gonna let it shine
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I'm gonna take my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
 I'm gonna take my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
 I'm gonna take my light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

I won't let anyone woooosh it out, I'm gonna let it shine
 I won't let anyone woooosh it out, I'm gonna let it shine
 I won't let anyone woooosh it out, I'm gonna let it shine
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

בָּאנוּ חוֹשֶׁךְ

בָּאנוּ חוֹשֶׁךְ לְגִירָשׁ
 בְּיָדֵינוּ אוֹר וְאֵשׁ
 כָּל אֶחָד הוּא אוֹר קָטָן
 וְכָלֵנוּ אוֹר אֵיתָן
 סוּרָה חוֹשֶׁךְ הִלָּאָה שְׁחוּר
 סוּרָה מִכְּנֵי הָאוֹר

Banu cho-she-ch leh-ga-rehsh
 Beya-deinu ohr va'esh
 Kol echad hu ohr katan
 V'chu-lanu ohr eitan
 Surah cho-shech hal-ah sh'chor
 Surah mipnei haor

BANU CHOSHECH

Though the night is cold and dark.
 In our soul, there lies a spark.
 Each of us, is one small light.
 All together, we shine bright.
 Do a Mitzvah – light your spark.
 Let your glow shine through the dark.
 Do a Mitzvah – light your spark.
 Let your soul shine through the dark

DON'T LET THE LIGHT GO OUT

Music Written by: Peter, Paul and Mary

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
 With thanks that their light didn't die
 Light one candle for the pain they endured
 When their right to exist was denied
 Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
 Justice and freedom demand
 But light one candle for the wisdom to know
 When the peacemaker's time is at hand

Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our love and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need
 To never become our own foe
 And light one candle for those who are suffering
 Pain we learned so long ago
 Light one candle for all we believe in
 That anger not tear us apart
 And light one candle to bind us together
 With peace as the song in our hearts

Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our love and our tears.

What is the memory that's valued so highly
 That we keep it alive in that flame?
 What's the commitment to those who have died
 That we cry out they've not died in vain?
 We have come this far always believing
 That justice would somehow prevail
 This is the burden, this is the promise
 This is why we will not fail!

Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our love and our tears.

Don't let the light go out!
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Don't let the light go out!

LOTS OF LATKES

Music: based on English folk song "Chumbara"

Lots of latkes, lots of latkes, lots of latkes, Let's all eat 'em up!
 S'vi-von sov sov, s'vi-von sov sov, s'vi-von sov sov, s'vi-von sov sov
 Maccabee, maccabee, maccabee, maccabee, maccabee, maccabee



2023 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a donation made directly from your IRA to the JCOH!

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Support the JCOH while also taking advantage of the tax benefits of an IRA.

To make your Qualified Charitable Donation to the JCOH, contact your 401K Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Diane Wiener at development@jcoh.org



1. Which do we light first, Shabbat candles or Chanukah candles?

We light the Chanukah candles first. We do not light anything else after the Shabbat candles are lit.

2. What is the difference between an American and an Israeli Dreidel?

The American Dreidel has the letters: Nun, Gimel, Hay, Shin
“A Great Miracle Happened There”

נ ג ה ש

The Israeli Dreidel has the letters: Nun, Gimel, Hay, Pay
“A Great Miracle Happened Here”

נ ג ה פ

3. When does Chanukah begin?

Chanukah begins in the Hebrew month of Kislev and ends in the month of Tevet.

4. Why is the story of Chanukah not mentioned in the Torah?

The events that led up to the holiday happened after the Torah period in 164 B.C.E.

5. How many candles does it take to observe all the nights of Chanukah?

It takes 44 candles all together to observe all the nights of Chanukah.

MENORAH

The symbol of Israel and has 7 branches.
The menorah was used in the Temple.

**CHANUKAH**

Is used on Chanukah and has 9 branches.



The story takes place in Judea under the ruler Antiochus Epiphanes. He set laws and restrictions on the Jewish people, preventing them from practicing Judaism and forcing them to recognize Greek idols as gods. The Jewish community disagreed about what to do under this ruler. Some felt they should become “Hellenized” (like the Greeks) in order to preserve life, while others felt their rights were being denied and they had to fight against these restrictions. This caused a civil war among the Jewish community that created much strife.

In the neighboring town of Modin, Mattathias, the father of five sons, took action. He publicly refused to eat pork in the town square and bow down to idols. This started a rebellion, and he and his sons led a small band of Jews fighting for their rights. They hid in the mountains and defied the army of Antiochus. The fighting went on for three years, during which time Antiochus’ army took over the Temple in Jerusalem and defiled its sacred holiness.

The legend goes, eventually the small band of farmers overcame the strong army and were able to return to Jerusalem to reclaim their holy Temple. That good can overcome evil with perseverance and belief in God, is one of the most memorable lessons of Chanukah. When the Jews went back to the Temple, however, they were horrified to find that it had been desecrated and was in shambles. Their first task was to clean and reestablish this holy site and bring it back to its sacred state. It was during this time that the menorah was to be lit, but there was not enough oil. Miraculously, the tiny bit of oil they were able to find lasted an entire week. That was very convenient because that’s about how long it took to process a new batch of oil from the olive crop. The oil lasting for eight nights is the reason for the lighting of the Chanukah menorah today.



What would Chanukah be without an exhilarating game of dreidel? Grab your friends, your family, your dreidel and the tokens of your choice, roll up your sleeves and get ready for some dreidel fun!





What you'll need:

- ✧ A dreidel
- ✧ Tokens (pennies, raisins, candy or peanuts, for example)
- ✧ A flat playing surface (floor or table)

How to play:

1. Sit around the table or in a circle on the floor.
2. Everyone starts with the same number of tokens.
3. Each player puts one token in the center of the playing area (the pot).
4. Players take turns spinning the dreidel.

Use the chart below to determine what to do:

-  **NUN** – Player does nothing.
-  **GIMMEL** – Player takes all of the tokens in the pot.
-  **HEY** – Player takes half of the tokens in the pot.
-  **SHIN** – Player adds one token to the pot.

5. When there are fewer than two tokens in the pot, each player puts one more token in the pot.
6. Play continues until someone has all the tokens.

DREIDEL ORIGIN

The dreidel reminds us of the miracle of Chanukah when a few drops of oil miraculously burned for eight days and nights after the Holy Temple was recaptured in 165 BCE.

The letters on the dreidel stand for the Hebrew words:

Nes Gadol Hayah Sham

“A great miracle happened here.”



CHARLOTTE'S GRAVLAX

Ingredients:

- 2 x 1 lb. pieces center cut salmon, skin on
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Diamond Crystal kosher salt
- 1/4 cup black peppercorns- lightly smashed
- 1/8 cup whole coriander- lightly smashed
- 1 large bunch dill chopped
- 1/8 cup aquavit(optional- can substitute gin, citrus or pepper flavored vodka)

Directions:

1. Combine sugar, salt, peppercorns and coriander. Rub all over both of the fleshy sides of salmon. Place one side, skin side down in bottom of container. Sprinkle aquavit or other alcohol on both sides. Put dill on top of first side. Put other side on top of first side, flesh side down. Cover with plastic wrap. Put another container on top. Place heavy cans on top container to weigh down fish. Refrigerate for 2- 3 days. Flip fish daily. Make sure to reapply wrap and heavy cans.
2. Brush off most of seasoning. Slice thin horizontal pieces almost parallel to the skin. You can swirl the fish in the liquid pooled on the container for extra flavor.

Optional Mustard Sauce Recipe:

Equal parts honey mustard and coarse mustard thinned by a small amount of white wine vinegar and a small amount of mild flavored oil such as canola or avocado plus some chopped fresh dill and freshly ground pepper.

CHARLOTTE'S POTATO LATKES

Ingredients:

- 7 baking potatoes, peeled and shredded
- 2 large onions, finely chopped
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 2 egg whites, beaten
- ½ cup to 1 cup flour
- salt and pepper
- oil for frying (I like an olive oil/canola blend)

Directions:

1. Squeeze out any excess water from potatoes and from onions after shredded and chopped.
2. Combine potatoes, onions, eggs and egg whites, flour, salt and pepper. Squeeze again as you form latkes.
3. Fry in sizzling oil until golden on each side.
4. Drain on newspaper.

Makes 40-50 Small Latkes.

Serving suggestion: Serve with applesauce, sour cream, yogurt, etc.

Enjoy!

Recipes courtesy of Charlotte Sasso, member of JCOH and Secretary on our Board of Trustees.



APPLESAUCE

Ingredients:

- 6 apples (2 Golden Delicious, 2 McIntosh, 2 Granny Smith), peeled and cut into wedges
- Juice of half of 1 lemon
- 1 cup apple cider
- 2 Tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp. brown sugar

Directions:

1. Place all ingredients into a saucepan.
2. Bring to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes or until soft.
3. Remove the pan from the heat.
4. Mash the mixture with a fork and leave chunky.

Serving suggestion: Allow to cool, then serve with your potato latkes.



SUFGANIYOT (ISRAELI JELLY DOUGHNUTS)

Adapted from Joan Nathan's "The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen"

Ingredients:

- 1 packet dry yeast (1 tablespoon)
- 4 Tbsp. sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup lukewarm milk or water
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 pinch of salt
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, softened
- Preserves or jelly of your choice
- Canola oil for frying
- Extra sugar for coating

Directions:

1. Combine yeast, 2 tablespoons of sugar and the milk. Let sit to make sure it bubbles. Then, sift the flour and mix it with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar, salt, cinnamon, egg yolks and yeast mixture.
2. Knead the dough until it forms a ball. Add butter until well absorbed. Cover with a towel and allow dough to rise overnight in the refrigerator. Roll out the dough to a thickness of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.
3. Cut out the dough into 24 rounds with a glass or bowl. Place $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of preserves in the center of half the rounds. Top with a round of dough (as if to make mini sandwiches). Close the edges with egg white, crimping firmly to seal. Let rise for 30 minutes.
4. Heat about 2 inches of oil to about 375° F, frying about 5 doughnuts at a time. Drain on paper towels. Roll fresh doughnuts in sugar.

Makes 12 Sufganiyot.





LET'S DINE TOGETHER!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 6:30PM

Join us as we gather to support one another through the winter months. On each of these dates, we will meet at an East Hampton restaurant for dinner and sisterhood. Each participant is responsible for their own tab. The restaurant to be determined by how many will be joining. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so please send your response no later than JANUARY 9 to cantor@jcoh.org

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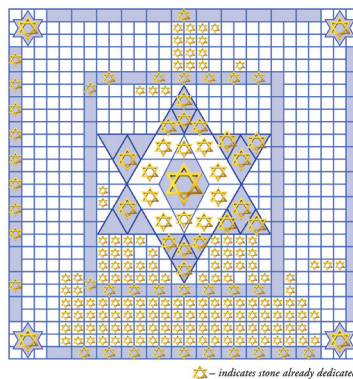
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Help us raise needed funds to support our yearly operating budget. This project will be ongoing for years to come, allowing future generations the opportunity to participate.

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