

# THE VOICE

## HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

**\$5 PER PERSON.**

**PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 12**

### LIGHTS! HANUKKAH! ACTION!

**Saturday, December 16 6:30pm**

**6:30pm** Havdalah &  
Hanukkah lighting - Bring your own!

**7:00pm** Dairy dinner, Doughnut bar,  
Pot luck latkes\*

**7:45pm** Talent show & Karaoke

\*B.Y.O.L. Bring Your Own Latkes

A variety of styles and recipes are welcome.  
Please bring 20 latkes per family to share!

## HAPPY HANUKKAH!

**JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT**

Hanukkah is quite a complicated story. There is a lot of material on it, ranging from long scholarly expositions to stories in places like the Huffington Post and Ha-Aretz and even a 2009 New York Times Op-Ed piece by David Brooks. (If you search phrase "was Hanukkah a Jewish civil war" in Google, you will come up with a lot of links, all providing much more detailed information than the brief summary below.)

What seems clear about the events from almost 2,400 years ago (approximately 170-164 B.C.E.) is that the battle we know about as Hanukkah began as a civil war between Jews with the Maccabees (the Hasmoneans or observant Jews) fighting mostly against the Mityavnim, those Jews who favored assimilation and/or had already converted into the Hellenistic culture and pagan Greek belief system. It also seems clear that the conflict started when Matthaiah Maccabee, the head of a family of priests in the town of Modin, killed both a Jew who was attempting to carry out the command of King Antiochus IV to publicly offer a pagan sacrifice on the altar and the king's officer who was with him. After several years of war between the Hasmoneans (lead by the Maccabees), on one side, and the Mityavim and eventually the Seleucids, on the other, the Maccabees were victorious and reclaimed and rededicated the

Temple. The war itself, and its aftermath, which included forced circumcisions and conversions of non-Jews to Judaism (not to mention the arrival of the Romans who would ultimately destroy the Temple), raise many difficult moral questions about religious freedom and who were the "good guys" and "bad guys."

So why do we – or should we -- celebrate such a difficult era of our history? It seems generally accepted that Hanukkah – a non-biblical holiday – was celebrated for eight days because the Jews were making up for the eight days of Sukkot, which they had been forced to skip after the Temple had been seized. The holiday and its meaning continued to evolve over time and, according to some, the Hanukkah celebration we know today evolved about at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th Centuries as a result of (1) the newly emerging Zionism in Europe, which sought to emphasize military heroes in Jewish history, and/or (2) an attempt to revitalize American Judaism, which seized on the holiday's seasonal congruence with the then-increasing importance of the American Christmas holiday.

So what is one to make of this history? The Maccabean revolt

# ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Charles & Carol Abrams 51st anniversary	Mark & Shelley Gould 25th anniversary	Nissan & Carmella Pardo 37th anniversary	Gilbert Trester & Sharon Pushkin 32nd anniversary	Stuart & Suzanne Schweitzer 51st anniversary	Geoffrey & Wendy Woodhall 16th anniversary
Eugene & Dorita Gotlieb 65th anniversary	William & Orit Lippman 17th anniversary	Lauren Swerdloff & Lazaro Pedroza 1st anniversary	Phil & Kathie Rose 20th anniversary	Joel & Holly Strom 27th anniversary	Marc & Susan Yure' 43rd anniversary

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

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Jennifer Wolfberg  
Naomi Yadegar  
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(18 and Under)

Mia Bolanos  
Lila Davis Krop  
Noa Rae Krop  
Jordan Lilly Levitt  
Justin Tyler Lewin  
Liam Jacob Saven  
Skyler Ariel Steiglitz

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2017 KISLEV/TEVET 5778			1	2 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	1 4:25pm Candle Lighting 5:00pm PJ Library 6:30pm Shabbat Services	2 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
3 9:00am RS 2-7	4 7:00pm KM Mens and Womens Club 7:30pm Investment Committee Mtg	5 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	6	7 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism	8 5:45pm Shabbat B'Yachad 4:27pm Candle Lighting	9 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
10 5:30pm Westside Chai	11 11:00am Yiddish Class 7:15pm KM Choir	12 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1	13	14 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:30pm Intro to Judaism 7:00pm Challah Bake - Latkes	15 4:28pm Candle Lighting	16 9:30am Shabbat Services - Bar Mitzvah Jay Jacobs 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat 6:30pm KM Hanukkah Party
17	18	19 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	20 6:00pm Exec Board Mtg 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg	21 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	22 4:31pm Candle Lighting	23 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
24 31	25 3:00pm Chinese & a Movie	26 Winter Break - No RS Classes 7:15pm KM Choir	27	28 Winter Break - No Classes	29 4:36pm Candle Lighting	30

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does seem to have been important to the preservation of Judaism, arguably even heroically so. It is certainly fair to debate whether the ends justified the means; it is also fair, as part of that debate, to question whether we can apply the morality of today to the lives of Jews who lived so long ago in a very different time and a very different world under imperial domination of a foreign power.

In the end I think we, and the world, can all be thankful, and maybe even amazed, that Judaism has survived. As for the celebration of Hanukkah? As I have said before, this is my favorite time of year. It starts with Thanksgiving, and its deeply American spirituality that cuts across all religions and even the non-religious. It continues through Hanukkah and Christmas (with its own mythological, pagan and winter solstice underpinnings) and up to New Year's. During this time, the general mood of people just seems to be

a little sunnier, more uplifted, more energetic. Collectively, the season urges us to be thankful for what we have, to spend time with family and to share with those that are less fortunate. On balance, that is a very good thing.

So I am happy to be a creature of my times, to not judge too harshly either side in a civil war that occurred two and half millennia ago, to celebrate the wonders of Judaism, to be happy for the celebrations of other religions, and to be happy for the privilege of living in the United States, which continues to be the most welcoming land to Jews outside of, and possibly even including, Israel. That is certainly something to celebrate

With that as background, an unabashed HAPPY HANUKKAH to one and all.

### MAZEL TOV TO

Marian and Charley Goldsmith on the engagement of their daughter, Suzy Goldsmith to Kassie Rohrbach.

Sharon and Leon Janks on the birth their granddaughter, Penelope Aerin Janks born Thursday, November 23.

Sara and Baruch Rothenberg and Perla and Zvi Rothenberg, on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, Elia Corina Rothenberg, born on Tuesday, October 31.

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Howard and Elaine Behnken on the passing of Howard's mother, Theresa Behnken, on Monday, November 13.

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WED  
Jan 17  
7-9 PM

Gallery  
Opening  
with artist  
Mordechai  
Rosenstein

THU  
Jan 18  
4-6 PM

Pizza & Paint -  
Special art  
program for  
families and  
children

FRI  
Jan 19  
6:30 PM

Membership  
Open House  
Shabbat  
Potluck Dinner  
& Presentation  
from  
Mordechai

SAT  
Jan 20  
9:30 AM  
Shabbat in  
"3-D" -  
'Drash by  
Mordechai

SAT  
Jan 20  
7:30 PM  
Cabernet &  
Color - create  
your own art  
piece

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Jan 21  
Gallery  
Closing



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