



# The Scroll

## The Menorah is Our Eternal “Bat Signal”

BY RABBI DAVID M. GLICKMAN



The Menorah is one of the most ancient and recognizable symbols for the Jewish people. The first Menorah is in the Tabernacle (Mishkan) as the Israelites wandered the desert, and it was large and prominent in the Temple (*Beit Hamikdash*) constructed by King Solomon in Jerusalem. The Biblical Menorah is a seven branched candelabra, and the Hanukkah Menorah – known also as a *Hanukkiyah* – has nine branches (one candle for each night plus the shamash).

I heard a beautiful teaching years ago from Rabbi Ed Feinstein about how the Menorah as the eternal image of the Jewish people dates back much further than the Hanukkah Menorah or even the Menorah in the Temple.

When God exiles Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, Genesis 4:24 reads:

*God drove the man out, and stationed east of the garden of Eden the cherubim and the fiery ever-turning sword, to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Imagine, if you will, the image of an angel holding a fiery sword protecting the entrance of a garden with a tree in the center. It will look like a tree that is aflame.

In Exodus, when God describes how to construct the Menorah (Ex. 25:33), the instructions read:

*On one branch there shall be three cups shaped like almond-blossoms, each with calyx and petals, and on the next branch there shall be three cups shaped like almond-blossoms, each with calyx and petals; so for all six branches issuing from the lampstand.*

The original Menorah was not a lampstand – it was a sculpture of an almond tree in full bloom. When lit for the tabernacle (or later, the Temple) it was a sculpture of a tree that is aflame.

And, when it was time for our people to be redeemed from slavery, this is the image that God used to tell Moses it was time for him to ascend to leadership (Ex. 3:2-3): *An angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed. Moses said, “I must turn aside to look*

*at this marvelous sight; why doesn’t the bush burn up?”*

A living tree with flames burning in its branches is the eternal symbol of the Jewish people.

The Menorah – the image of a living tree aflame – is the “Bat Signal” for the Jewish people. In the Batman comics and films, the Bat Signal was shone brightly against the clouds to tell Batman it was time to show himself and save Gotham City. On Hanukkah, we place our Hanukkah Menorah in the window to tell the world of the miracles that exist in the universe.

This year, though, we can send a Bat Signal to other Jews who might be afraid of outward expressions of Judaism. Those of us who are able to, have an even greater responsibility to light our menorah brightly and publicly. Whether your Menorah is lit proudly in your window or worn on a tacky, ironically ugly Hanukkah sweater – the Menorah is an eternal Jewish symbol that tells our fellow Jews that they are not alone and that the Bat Signal is shining for all of us to see.

## HANUKKAH HAPPENINGS

Visit [bethshalomkc.org](http://bethshalomkc.org) to register for these events!

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
Adult Paint & Sip  
Pinot's Palette  
6 pm

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
Beth Shalom Kids' Hanukkah Carnival!  
5:30 - 7 pm

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
Services & Hanukkah Dinner  
Hanukkah Lighting 4:30 pm  
Services 4:45 pm

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
RFEC Havdalah Pajama Jam  
6:15 pm

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
Supper Club White Elephant Hanukkah Party for 20s & 30s  
Home-hosted with limited spots.  
Please email [cutler.addie@gmail.com](mailto:cutler.addie@gmail.com) for more information.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
Havdalah & Hanukkah Candle lighting at the home of Hazzan Ben-Yehuda and Luke McGlynn 6:15 pm



# The Only Kid in Town Without A Christmas Tree

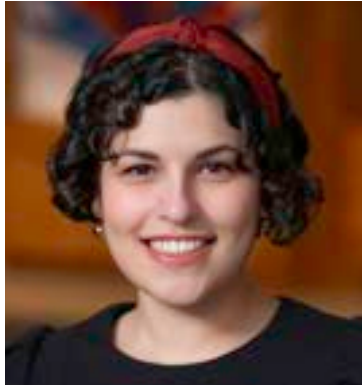
BY RABBI TALIA KAPLAN

Adam Sandler's 1990s hit captured something deeper than just the lack of Hanukkah songs on the radio: the pride a minority culture feels when seeing people like themselves in public life. He sang, "So when you feel like the only kid in town without a Christmas tree / Here's a list of people who are Jewish / Just like you and me."

When we are surrounded by people celebrating Christmas, how do we tap into that Jewish pride? Here are some suggestions for this winter season:

**Validate Feelings About Being Different** When your child (or you!) feels left out, acknowledge those feelings. Being different can feel hard, and that's okay to name. Reflect together on who else might feel similarly and what makes you feel proud of your Jewish identity right now.

**Build Jewish Identity Year-Round, Not Just in December** If Hanukkah is the only Jewish experience children have all year, they may feel disappointed compared to elaborate Christmas celebrations around them. But when Hanukkah is one part of a rich Jewish life—weekly Shabbat, Passover seders, Purim costumes, Sukkot—the stakes are lowered come December.



**Connect with Jewish Community—Especially Now** This is a wonderful time to participate in holiday programming at Beth Shalom.

**For Interfaith Families: Have Honest Conversations** Approach non-Jewish family members' feelings and beliefs with curiosity and an open mind. Differences don't invalidate your experience or theirs.

Create clear, loving boundaries, for example, visiting but not celebrating --

"We're visiting Grandma while she celebrates her holiday. We love her, but this isn't our holiday." Proactively communicate with extended family about how you're raising your children and what you are—and aren't—comfortable with them doing or observing.

**Navigate School Environments Thoughtfully** Talk with teachers before December about your family's religious identity. Then discuss with your child whether they'd be comfortable teaching classmates about Hanukkah—not every child wants that spotlight. If interested, help them prepare what they might say.

Patrick and I wish you and your loved ones a Chag Urim Sameach – Happy Festival of Lights!

## Notice About Contract Renewal

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# Hope, Peace, and Blessing

BY HAZZAN TAHL BEN-YEHUDA

In the last several days, the first week of November, I have sat with my grandmother as she was dying, and I want to share some of my thoughts.

Folks have asked me, how is your grandmother? And I want to say, she is GREAT! Not that she is getting better, but rather, that she is on a journey that every one of us will one day take, and that she has the *z'chut*, the honor/privilege, to die comfortably in her old age. And I have the *z'chut* to sit with her during this last journey.

Many of us are lucky enough to sit with our loved ones as they embark on life's last journey. We have time to talk with them and with other loved ones about the wonderful as well as the challenging times that we remember. We are lucky enough to hold their hand and tell them over and over again that we love them, that we will never forget them, and that their memory will live on. We shed tears because we know we won't be able to look at them and hold them and that all the great memories we hold are well and truly in the past. We shed tears because we know that time marches unrelentingly on, and there is nothing we can do to slow it down, as we are swept along with it.

But in these moments, hearing the clock tick as



we wait for the death of a loved one, when we are acutely aware of how time stretches out before us as well as behind us, we can revel in the gift of memory to ease our sadness. We connect with others and tell stories and realize that the connection between us is not only linear, in time, but also horizontal – that there are connections between people in which the moments live on as memory as long as we continue to know the stories and to share the stories.

My grandmother would have loved to have met every single one of you. Shul was the center of her life, and being part of the davening and hearing words of Torah gave her so much joy. I am who I am in no small part because she was who she was.

As we enter the darker, colder season, as we begin to think about Hanukkah and all the joy it brings, I invite you to invite friends over, make some comfort food and pour some warm drinks and tell stories to each other about your loved ones. Share with friends about parents, grandparents, siblings, spouses, children and friends whom you remember. Consider invoking their memory, bringing their light to your Shabbat table, to your Hanukkah celebrations, and let your tears mingle loss with joy. Wishing you a very happy Hanukkah!

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Herbert Kalmeyer  
Helen Farbman

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Shirley Herer Feldman  
Malamut  
Jeffrey & Carol Katz

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Daniel & Vivien  
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Bornstein  
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*In Memory of*  
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Jeanette & Max Dubin  
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*In Memory of*  
Rose Ellis  
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Sheldon Fleschman  
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Helen & Norman  
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Ida Katzman  
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Gary Lee  
Rochelle Bell  
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*In Memory of*  
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Ida Schlozman  
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*In Honor of*  
Maxine Grossman's  
100th birthday  
Kenneth & Sandra Lerner

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*In Memory of*  
Eleanor Abrams  
Lisa & Mitch Hamburg  
*In Memory of*  
Jerry Abrams  
Lisa & Mitch Hamburg  
*In Memory of*  
Hanan & Dolores  
Wedlan  
Susan Wedlan  
*In Memory of*  
Sam Wedlan  
Lisa & Mitch Hamburg

## HAZZAN BEN-YEHUDA'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

*For the speedy recovery of*  
Naomi Silverman  
Hanan Steinzeig  
& Rita Brown  
*In Honor of*  
The wedding of Larry  
& Sally Gordon's  
grandson  
Hanan Steinzeig  
& Rita Brown  
*In Memory of*  
Shirley Herer  
Feldman Malamut  
Brian & Karen Cole  
Robert & Cindy Daniels  
David Gale  
& Gina Kaiser  
Kurt & Stephanie  
Kavanaugh  
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Allan & Nancy Reichman  
Jimmy & Sunni  
Rosenbloom  
Steven Schorr  
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*In Honor of*  
Max Finnigan's  
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Bill Shapiro's 80th  
birthday  
Ernest & Susan  
Rosenthal  
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Todd Clauer  
Ernest & Susan  
Rosenthal

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*In Appreciation of*  
Marsha Krinsky for a  
wonderful evening  
Erwin & Phyllis Abrams  
Allan & Marilyn Kaufman  
Harold & Linda  
Schlozman  
*In Honor of*  
Our 50th wedding  
anniversary  
Sheldon & Joan Turetsky  
*In Honor of*  
Harold Schlozman's  
85th birthday  
Erwin & Phyllis Abrams  
*In Honor of*  
The anniversary of the  
Bar Mitzvahs of Lloyd  
Stahl and Rabbi Scott  
White  
Lloyd & Jacqueline Stahl  
*In Memory of*  
Nat Silverman  
Mike & Naomi Silverman

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*In Honor of*  
Harold Schlozman's  
85th birthday  
William & Joyce Shapiro  
*In Memory of*  
Our beloved family  
& friends  
Kenneth & Sandra Lerner  
*In Memory of*  
Ida Krug  
Robert & Cindy Daniels  
*In Memory of*  
Shirley Herer  
Feldman Malamut  
Jerald Enslein  
& Hannah Harris  
*In Memory of*  
Albert Silverman  
Jimmy & Sunni  
Rosenbloom

## OHEV SHOLOM- ENID/SHALON OFFENBACH FUND IN SUPPORT OF PASSPORT TO ISRAEL

*In Memory of*  
Heather Fagin Douglas  
Marcia Fagin

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Joel Levine for receiving  
the honor of Hatan  
Torah  
David & Fran Kanter

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Rabbi David Glickman  
Arthur & Diane  
Federman  
Deborah Rosenberg  
*In Memory of*  
Yehudah Pesach  
Alpersen  
David & Carol Porter  
*In Memory of*  
Ed Porter  
David & Carol Porter  
*In Memory of*  
Albert Silverman  
David & Carol Porter  
*In Memory of*  
Harry Winer  
Clarence & Alice Winer

## ROSE S. LEVINE & DORIS L. FLAM ARTS & EDUCATION FUND

*In Memory of*  
Edwin Levine  
Carla Klausner  
*In Memory of*  
May Shapiro  
Carla Klausner

## SACRED SPACE

*In Memory of*  
Evelyn Alexander  
Edward & Cheryl  
Alexander

## SAM & ESTHER DANIELS PRAYER BOOK FUND

*In Memory of*  
Esther Daniels  
Robert & Cindy Daniels

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*In Memory of*  
Isaac Stone  
Dorothy Lapinski

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*In Memory of*  
Richard Levy  
Stewart & Esther Stein  
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Steve Sherry  
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## VERA & HERMAN HERSHMAN BAR/ BAT MITZVAH FUND

*In Honor of*  
Juliet Sosland's  
Bat Mitzvah  
Milli Hershman



# Mazel Tov to Our December Anniversaries

*Sponsor a kiddish luncheon by contacting Melisa at 913-647-7281.*

DAY		YEARS	DAY		YEARS
1	Saul & Irene Ellis . . . . .	62	28	Larry & Sally Gordon . . . . .	57
4	Bernie & Helene Fried . . . . .	48	28	Chris & Maureen Kelts . . . . .	17
5	Stewart & Linda Langer . . . . .	38	29	Ted & Jill Goldstein . . . . .	57
13	Eric & Amy Schultz . . . . .	27	30	Mark Fishman & Linda Gibian . . . . .	52
18	Ernie & Susan Rosenthal . . . . .	59	30	Jerry & Sharon Lindenbaum . . . . .	47
22	Ed Prostic & Majorie Kaplan-Prostic . . . . .	57	30	Howard & Dion Luktz . . . . .	41
22	Alan & Janice Wasserman . . . . .	52	31	Norman Kahn, Jr. & Diana Winyard . . . . .	51
26	David & Karen Berger . . . . .	43	31	Mike & Patricia Liberman . . . . .	58
27	Steven & Susan Osman . . . . .	56	31	Samuel & Hannah Orelove . . . . .	4
27	Ken & Sheila Sonnenschein . . . . .	38			

## Mazel Tov to Our Bar Mitzvah



### Jonah Antes - December 6

Jonah is the son of Jeremy and Danielle Antes of Overland Park, Kansas. He is the younger brother of Eli (14) and the older brother of Gabriella (10) and Caleb (7). He is the grandson of Carl Antes and Sue Rogers, Barbara Bernstein and Saul Erlich, and Donald and Debbie Rose. Jonah is a student at Prairie Star Middle School. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outdoors, whether fishing, riding his electric scooter, or playing Fortnite with friends and Roblox with his sister. He also loves snuggling with his two cats, Pearl and Jett. For his mitzvah project, Jonah used his creativity and technical skills to 3D print animal bookmarks, fidgets, tic-tac-toe boards, and mezuzahs, which he sold to raise money for the Heart of America Humane Society. This organization helps foster and care for cats and dogs in need.

## Lechem Committee Serves Warm Meals in KCK



*Thank you to our amazing crew who helped to prepare and serve 294 hot meals at the Soup Kitchen! Kudos to our wonderful bakers Rebecca Cutler, Cindy Daniels, Susan Krigel, Jan Present, Marcy Rydell, and Ann Tannenbaum. And many thanks to Mark Fishman for cooking the last 11 pounds of ground beef. You make working in the kitchen fun! We appreciate each and every one of you and thank you for your willingness to pitch in to do any job that needs to be done. Thanks for helping to feed those in need and for helping to perform this wonderful mitzvah! Our next serving date is Thursday, December 25th! Please watch for the email in early December to sign up to volunteer! -- Submitted by Cindy Daniels*



## PLAQUES HAVE BEEN DEDICATED *In Memory Of...*

*Yahrtzeits Join us for morning or evening minyan to say Kaddish for your loved one. Check our website for service schedule.*

### DEC 1 - 11 KISLEV

Victor Bulavsky  
Lillian Gilgus  
Ruth Gruenebaum  
Max Krasne  
Zisel Lipsitz  
Sam Singer  
Hannah Stern  
Kusele Trilinsky  
Edward Waldman

### DEC 2 - 12 KISLEV

Alta Bell  
Rose Forman  
Ida Friedman  
Rose Hyman  
Harold T. Karpin  
Joan March  
Isadore Meyer  
Natalie Kahn Neck  
Morris Roitman  
Morris Shankman  
Mary Chanan Smith  
Bess Wolfberg

### DEC 3 - 13 KISLEV

Aaron Agron  
Beverly R. Bodker  
Max Cohn  
Libby Donovitz  
Max Fleschman  
Harry Furman  
Sam Gale  
Bessie Gross  
Marlin Hipsh  
William Miller  
Sarah Ozar  
Harry Puritz  
Esther Szajnfeld  
Anna Weitzman

### DEC 4 - 14 KISLEV

Harvey Bodker  
Clara Brand  
Abraham Clayman  
Charles Hipsh  
Seymour Kornbleet  
Irwin Kotelov  
Joe Levin  
Sarah Linsitz  
Ike Miller  
Joe Pack  
Harold V. Pells  
May Shapiro  
Isadore Vile  
Julius Windmuller

### DEC 5 - 15 KISLEV

Anna Bodker  
Jeanette Dubin  
David Fleider  
Shirley Fredman  
Hyman Gordon  
Heidi Marie  
Howard-Reicher  
Harry Ommerman  
Freda Malka Polokoff  
Mary Freidel Shanberg  
Isadore Sorkin  
Morton Sunshine  
Rachel Waldman

### DEC 6 - 16 KISLEV

Eve Asner  
Joe Barash  
Rachel Fogel  
Clara Gershon  
Frances Gilgus  
Muriel Glazer  
Louis E Goldstein  
David Gorman  
Ben Katzeff

Jack J. Margolis  
Michael Parness  
Manuel Present  
Ethel Smolinsky

### DEC 7 - 17 KISLEV

Fannie Cohen  
Wolfe Cohn  
Goldie Friedman  
Rose Frischer  
Eliza Hermanson  
Joe S. Hoffman  
Florence Kaplan  
Helen Kopperman  
Frances Lerner  
Samuel Minor  
Israel Radvinsky  
Ethel Tabolsky  
Jeanette Wayne

### DEC 8 - 18 KISLEV

Morris Alpern  
Helen Baum  
Dorothy Bodker  
Goldie Bursten  
Philip Gerson  
Jacob Greenberg  
Nathan George Jagoda  
Frank Kaminsky  
Bertha Katz  
Wolf Kowalsky  
Harry Oppenheimer  
Toby Robbins  
David Rothberg  
Mary Shopmaker  
Hyman Tempofsky

### DEC 9 - 19 KISLEV

Henry Forrest  
Jake J. Greenberg  
Louis A. Grossman  
Esther Horovitz  
David House  
Moreen Celia Lerner  
Eda Lifton  
Sarah Mandelbaum  
Jennie Rosenberg  
Goldie Hoffman Slepian  
Rae Rosen Snitz  
Mary Swartz  
Jerome A. Weinshank

### DEC 10 - 20 KISLEV

Rebecca Bayles  
Florence Phyllis Berger  
Geraldine Brown  
Maureen Sue Dunn  
Ida Fabian  
Mildred K. Granoff  
Samuel Hurwitz  
Joseph Levine  
Ruth Rose  
Michael Rosenberg  
Selma Rosenthal  
Stella Schupan  
Samuel G. Toub  
Morris Trilinn

### DEC 11 - 21 KISLEV

Leah Rose Brown  
Marian Fox  
Mary Gordon  
Nedda "Shirley"  
Grollman  
Al Hoffman  
Sam Kramer  
Rose Levine  
Annette Parness  
Morris Shaw  
David Vinick  
Morris Wagner  
Edith Zwillenberg

### DEC 12 - 22 KISLEV

Emma Berlau  
Anna Cohen  
Mary Cohen  
Louis Denebeim  
Harry Dworkowitz  
Walter Eichenwald  
Jennie Fleschman  
Clara Fox  
Abe Aaron Goldberg  
Sam Kahn  
Jack Matson  
Samuel Reichman  
Sally Rosenthal  
Rebecca Schorr  
Mendle Silverman  
Margaret Smith  
Louis Werner

### DEC 13 - 23 KISLEV

Doris M. Baraban  
Clara Cohn  
Raymond Fein  
Eva R. Levey  
Esther Levin  
Meyer Lofman  
Morris Mandelbaum  
George Morgenstern  
William J. Rosenthal  
Jake Schneider  
Jacob Schoen  
Mendel Small

### DEC 14 - 24 KISLEV

Louis Allen  
Rosalie Ann Alpert  
David Eliezar Ellis  
Anna Epstein  
Kasiel Galler  
Marilyn Graubart  
Seth Paul Jaben  
Gertrude Goodman  
Magazine  
Rose Minkin  
Philip Moskovitz  
David Rittmaster  
Irving E. Searles  
Carrie Silverman  
Hy White

### DEC 15 - 25 KISLEV

Sarah Edith Bernstein  
Sarah Fredman  
Sarah Gersh  
Rose Halperin  
Deborah Jacobson  
Morris Kivovitch  
Yetta Horovitz Manne  
Ernest E. Peiser  
Fannie Polsky  
Ruth Rose  
Max J. Rotman  
Lee Shefrin  
Nathan Silverforb  
Joseph Steinberg  
Mary Wolf  
Hattie Wolff

### DEC 16 - 26 KISLEV

Jonah Bell  
Max D. Cohen  
Sedelle Glass  
Fischel Greenbaum  
Charlotte Gumowitz  
Eugene Kopitnik  
Sol Kupperstein  
Mendel Mendelsohn  
Jerome H. Naron  
Samuel Rosenstein  
Bertha Untrif  
Julius Wishna

### DEC 17 - 27 KISLEV

Samuel D. Aaronson  
Sam Bell  
Toba Corwin  
Sarah Toby Davis  
Louis Feinberg  
Louis Feld  
Michael R. Frischer  
Hyman Gordon  
Jacob Koppel  
Isadore Rich  
Israel D. Rubin  
Minna Seelig  
Hyman Shlensky  
Harold Unger  
Brett Weiner

### DEC 18 - 28 KISLEV

Rose Leah Bayzman  
Jack Bernat  
Leebert Glass  
Minnie R. Hipsh  
Frances Karpin  
Gittel Kushner  
Mark Lindy  
Jacob Maizenberg  
Lillian Weiner

### DEC 19 - 29 KISLEV

Simon Fox  
Frank Greenbaum  
Aaron Hyman  
Kent Karosen  
Mollie Kern  
Sara Ruth Krantz  
Dora Kulvin  
Isadore Penner  
Barbara Shapiro  
Sam Isadore Temsen

### DEC 20 - 30 KISLEV

Marvin Azorsky  
Marvin Dean Bordy  
George M. Bush  
Morton L. Cohn  
Harry Donovitz  
Ida Gumowitz  
Sophie Kelnor  
Mary Krashin  
Celia Kritzer  
Joseph Kurtz  
Harry Rosenstein  
Morris Seliger  
Sarah Shlensky  
Leonard Shopmaker  
Leon Silverman  
Evelyn Solsky  
Herman Supofsky  
Anna Swartz  
Joseph Woskow

### DEC 21 - 1 TEVET

Louis Durbin  
Henry Goldblatt  
Louis Kahn  
Arthur Stanley Katz  
Herschel David  
Kaufman  
Abraham Kitrick  
Lena Kleinstein  
Sol Levine  
Herman Maling  
Max L. Mendell  
Mildred Michelson  
Ruby Shanberg

### DEC 22 - 2 TEVET

Sophia Barr  
Robert Benjamin  
Berry Dantzig  
Rose Fried

Birdie Intrater  
Sadie Kanter  
Henry Markowitz  
Rebecca Pack  
Pearl Pfefer  
Abe Rabinowitz  
Laurel Rogovein  
Isadore Rosenberg  
Albert Satz  
Abraham Seiffer  
Bessie Seigel  
Lynne A. Silvers  
Fred Waldner  
Rose Yarmo

### DEC 23 - 3 TEVET

Leah Boresow  
Meyer Cohen  
Estelle Covitz  
David Denebeim  
Minnie Epstein  
Edith Glaser  
Jeannette Herowitz  
Harry Hipsh  
Jacob Karol  
Edna Kort  
Charles A. Lasky  
Morris M. Levin  
Louis Rose  
Rabbi Abraham  
David Shaw  
Sophie Taylor  
Olga Wertheim

### DEC 24 - 4 TEVET

Anne Bender  
Abe Blond  
Doris Edelman  
Nathan Elijah Funk  
Harry Gorman  
Joe Levine  
Chaim Litwin  
Esme Pape  
Wolf Peltzman  
Ruth Planzer  
Oscar Sidney Schaffer  
Shale Waldman

### DEC 25 - 5 TEVET

Helen Cohen  
Jennie Denebeim  
Pauline Fein  
Max S. Goodman  
Rabbi Gershon Hadas  
Harry Allan Kanter  
Harvey Allen Klein  
Marion Lazarus  
Della Lerner  
Annie Levine  
Jacob Lewin  
Adele S. Lipoff  
Ida Loeffler  
Morris Porin

### DEC 26 - 6 TEVET

Judy Lapin Barash  
Joseph Bernstein  
Solomon Bornick  
Rebecca Friedman  
Lillian Katz  
Meyer Kornblum  
Roy Kort  
Peggy Krigel  
Joseph Peltzman  
Simon David Shankman  
Lena Silverman  
Esther Silverstein  
Hinda "Red" Waldman  
Hanan Wedlan

### DEC 27 - 7 TEVET

Rebecca Greenblot  
Flo Harris

Jennie Hoffman  
Samuel Kritzier  
Shirley Kupper  
Dora Levi  
Fannea Lewis  
Israel Michael Linsitz  
Sam F. Miller  
Louis Peltzman  
Hyman Rappaport  
Rose C. Silverberg  
Sara Weinberg

### DEC 28 - 8 TEVET

Lena Baranor  
Charmaine Fredman  
Clarence Gershon  
Lily Adelman Ginsberg  
Ben Jacobson  
Hyman Junsberg  
Ruth Lerner  
Minnie Levine  
Ruth Litvin  
Robert Magoon  
Edna Milens  
Morris Rich  
Joe H. Rutlader

### DEC 29 - 9 TEVET

Mary Blanke Adelman  
Marjory Bergson  
Helen Cohen  
Rosa Dollman  
Sarah Ezralovitz  
Betty J. Ginsberg  
Louis Goldfinger  
Bessie Greenberg  
Paul Hoffman  
Joseph Horovitz  
Lester Kahn  
Jere Kaufman  
Sarah Levin  
Helene E. Present  
Esther Salvay  
Chana Sander  
Ida Katz Shure  
Louis Walter

### DEC 30 - 10 TEVET

Morris Abraham Cohen  
Simon Ginsburg  
Fannie Goodman  
William H. Greenberg  
Gazella Gulinson  
Eddie Jacobs  
Charlotte B. Joseph  
Anna Klein  
Theodore Mack  
Rachel Mehrer Mesuse  
Max Pollock  
Sam R. Price  
Edith Quifo  
Ann Agron Rosenblum  
Anna Rubin  
Ben Stocker  
Leah Kantor Weber

### DEC 31 - 11 TEVET

Meyer Eichenberg  
Louis Ellis  
Fanny Feingold  
Hannah Funk  
Louis Horovitz  
Jack Erik Jacobsen  
Bessie Puritz Kars  
Nathan Katz  
Samuel Katzman  
Pauline B Klein  
Celia Lieberman  
Sam Nelkin  
Jack Press  
Ida Statland  
Mordecai Taxman





# We Are The Light

BY LISA PORTER REEVES

DIRECTOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



As the days get shorter and our jackets get puffier, our preschool hallways are beginning to glow a little brighter. December is a month filled with light in every way - twinkling menorahs, shining smiles, and those exciting moments when we see the lightbulbs click on above

our students' heads as they proudly make connections and share the things they are learning.

Our RFEC light has been especially bright lately, thanks to the generosity of our preschool families during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Watching our children carry bags, cans, and boxes of food into school each morning with such purpose, determined to help make our community better, was a heartwarming reminder that even our youngest learners are capable of acts of loving kindness. Our kids may be small, but their hearts certainly are not.

In our classrooms, we've continued talking about what it

means to bring light into the world. The kids demonstrate how they do it every day: sharing a toy, waiting patiently for a turn, using kind words and gentle hands, or coloring a picture for a beloved teacher, just to name a few. Their natural instinct to give reminds us that creating happiness doesn't require anything extraordinary - just open hearts and willing hands.

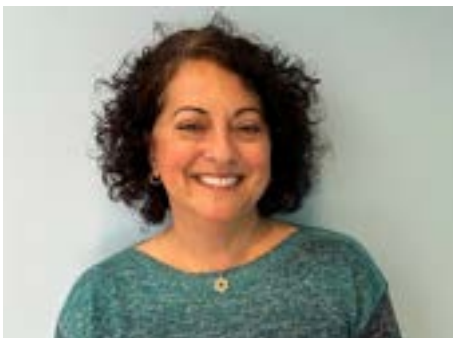
This season invites us to notice the good... and our community has given us so much good to notice. Your donations during the food drive, paired with the daily kindnesses happening throughout our school, show our children what it means to make the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

As we head into December, a month filled with light, may we all find ways, big and small, to brighten someone's day. And may the glow of our children's curiosity, kindness, and wonder carry us through December and into the new year filled with warmth, joy, and connection.

Wishing you a bright and beautiful month,  
Lisa

## PRS Students Ride the Mitzvah Bus to Mt. Carmel Cemetery

BY CIVIA WHITE  
PRS DIRECTOR



One of the missions of the Polsky Religious School is to provide opportunities for the students to perform Mitzvot in the community. On November 16, the 6th – 10th grade classes (40 students) traveled on the PRS Mitzvah Bus to Mt. Carmel Cemetery

to join over 25 adults in cleaning up the property. Dave Herbet and his Kvetch & Fetch Crew kept the students busy raking, picking up sticks, and collecting debris. Rabbi Kaplan gave a lesson on Jewish cemeteries and burial, and the participants visited the graves of family members. Thank you to the teachers and staff of PRS for turning a regular Sunday morning into an outstanding learning and giving opportunity for the youth of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Kindergarten Consecration took place on Shabbat morning, November 15. The children led the congregation in reciting the Modeh Ani and Shema Yisrael/V'ahavta. Each child was presented with a small, illustrated Torah scroll and a bag of sweets. The class and their parents stood proudly under the

chuppah as Rabbi Kaplan and Hazzan Ben-Yehuda added prayers, songs, and words of Torah. It was a joyful and important celebration for our young families and one that I know they will always remember.

The second annual Kids' Hanukkah carnival for grades Pre-K-7 (children under 2nd grade with an adult) will be held on Wednesday, December 17 from 5:30 to 7 pm in Goldsmith Hall. You won't want to miss lots of latkes, holiday manicures, lighting the Hanukkah, and collecting prize tickets. RSVP bit.ly/43Ax2xq

From my family to yours,  
Happy Hanukkah!!!  
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## Warm Up America group donates blankets



*Jill Goldstein, Joan Covitz, Susan Erenberg, Alisa Meireis, and Ann Luchen with 10 handmade blankets donated to Foster Adopt in November.*

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SUNDAY 8 AM AND 6 PM

*(Morning Minyan is in Room 108 and on Zoom.  
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