



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 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 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!

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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!

Do you know that Beth Shalom has many funds, both specific and general, that anyone can contribute to when they wish to make a donation to Beth Shalom? Beth Shalom members can access and request help from some of these specific funds when the need arises. One of these specific funds is the Romotsky, Price, Cortes Genetic Testing Fund. The fund was originally established to test for Tay Sachs; however, it has been expanded to include Jewish Genetic Education and Testing. Please contact Beth Shalom if you have any questions about how to access this fund.

TODAH RABAH! *Contributions through Nov. 18 are listed below. Thank you for thinking of us.*

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& Sally Gordon's

grandson

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& Rita Brown

In Memory of

The wedding of Larry

& Sally Gordon's

grandson

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& Gina Kaiser

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In Honor of

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In Honor of

Harold Schlozman's

85th birthday

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In Honor of

The anniversary of the

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85th birthday

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In Memory of

Our beloved family

& friends

Kenneth & Sandra Lerner

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Shirley Herer

Feldman Malamut

Jerald Enslein

& Hannah Harris

In Memory of

Albert Silverman

Jimmy & Sunni

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In Memory of

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In Memory of

Esther Daniels</p

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 Orellove	4
	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

BARUCH DAYAN HAEMET

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

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

DEC 3 - 13 KISLEV

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

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 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
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Julius Windmuller

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Moreen Celia Lerner
Eda Litton
Sarah Mandelbaum
Jennie Rosenberg
Goldie Hoffman Slepian
Rae Rosen Snitz
Mary Swartz
Jerome A. Weinshank

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
Elza 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 Litton
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 Trillin

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 Dwarkowitz
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 Moskowitz
David Riftmaster
Irving E. Searles
Carrie Silverman
Hy White

DEC 15 - 25 KISLEV

Sarah Edith Bernstein
Sarah Fredman
Sarah Gersh
Rose Halperin
Deborah Jacobson
Morris Kivotitch
Yetta Horowitz 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
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 Kelner
Mary Krashin
Celia Kritzler
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 Danzig
Rose Fried

Birdie Intrater
Sadie Kanter
Samuel Aaronson
Sam Bell
Rebecca Pack
Pearl Pfefer
Abe Rabinowitz
Laurel Rogovin
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
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Jacob Karol
Edna Kort
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DEC 24 - 4 TEVET

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Doris Edelman
Nathan Elijah Funk
Harry Gorman
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Chaim Litwin
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DEC 25 - 5 TEVET

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Della Lerner
Annie Levine
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DEC 26 - 6 TEVET

Judy Lapin Barash
Joseph Bernstein
Solomon Bortnick
Rebecca Friedman
Lillian Katz
Meyer Kornblum
Roy Kort
Peggy Krigel
Joseph Peltzman
Simon David Shankman
Lena Silverman
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Hanan Wedlan

DEC 27 - 7 TEVET

Rebecca Greenblot
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Praised is the True Judge

Jennie Hoffman
Samuel Kritzler
Shirley Kupper
Dora Levi
Fannea Lewis
Israel Michael Linsitz
Sam F. Miller
Louis Peltzman
Hyman Rapaport
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 Magoan
Edna Milens
Morris Rich
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DEC 29 - 9 TEVET

Mary Blanke Adelman
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Helen Cohen
Rosa Dollman
Sarah Ezralovitz
Betty J. Ginsberg
Louis Goldfinger
Bessie Goldberg
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 Gilinson
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Charlotte B. Joseph
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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.

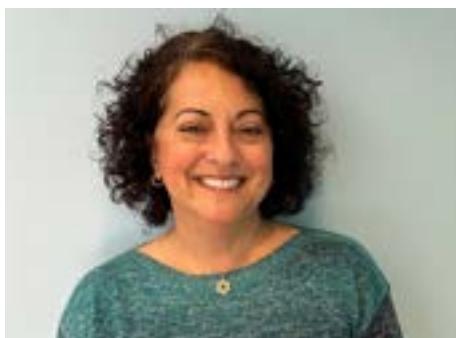
This season invites us to notice the good... and our community has given us so much good to notice. Your donations during the food drive, paired with the daily kindnesses happening throughout our school, show our children what it means to make the world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

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 Polksky 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!!!
Civia





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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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