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CHANUKAH

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

December 12 -19

Light First Candle

Evening of December 11th



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The mission of the Federation is to support and further the common interest of the Jewish Community through Jewish Education, Social Services and Support of Israel.

President's Report

As we approach Chanukah and the secular New Year, 2009, it is hard to believe that a second full Federation Year has come and gone, bringing me to the end of my term as President. As in the past years we have had some successes and some failures, but we continue to try to provide support for the Jewish Community in Brevard and Indian River Counties. This year's economic conditions have made our job harder than ever, but we enter the new calendar year in the black and ready to continue to fulfill our mission.

Among our successes I include the establishment of the PJ Library Project and the holding of the First Annual Casino Night to fund the PJ Library, the Israeli student visit again, the Jewish Festival, and the restarting of a BBYO chapter in Brevard. Our failures lie more in the programs we did not make happen.

Among the successes we must include the raising of \$70,000 this year compared to \$90,000 last year. I call it a success only because of the economic conditions we have been faced with. A recession worse than any since 1982-83, the highest unemployment in 24 years and the steepest stock market fall since the great depression. We have operated in the black all year and my thanks to our Treasurer, Marvin Goldberg, First Vice President and Budget chair, Dave Stoller, allocation chair, Marty Stern, Scholarship chair, Jeff Marcus, Major Gifts Chair, Craig Deligdish, Campaign Chairs Scott Seigel and Kick-off Chair Jerry Trachtman. Stay tuned for more information about the Kickoff in January 2010 and Super Sunday in February 2010.

It is also time for the Federation annual meeting, December 17, 2009. We will elect a new Executive Committee and new three year term members of the Board of Directors. The official notice for the meeting appears elsewhere in this Connection. You will note that I am not running for re-election. After 30 plus years in the community, Sue and I have decided to open a business in the Clearwater/Largo area of Florida, where our grandsons live with our daughter and son-in-law. We have enjoyed our time in Brevard immensely and are sad at leaving so many friends behind. We also want to thank everyone for everything that has happened over the years. I especially want to thank the Jewish Community for the opportunities afforded me to serve, and the honors that have been granted me by the community. We hope our commitment to the community has made it a better place to live and encourage everybody we know to contribute what they can to a better life for all.

Remember, you are a member of the Federation if you have contributed \$36.00 to the Federation in 2009, and you have a vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you made a 2009 pledge and have not fulfilled it, now is the time to do so, especially if you want the 2009 IRS charitable donation deduction for your gift.

Shalom,
Howard Rothman

Did you know that January is Florida Jewish History Month?
Find Fun Facts throughout this newsletter and also next month.

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The Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 210 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne. The next meetings will be December 17, 2009. All Federation members are welcome to attend. For more information please call 321-951-1836.

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The front page of the CONNECTION is generally limited to coverage of past Federation events or future events within our community (both federation or otherwise.) The Federation does not guarantee publication of all material that is submitted.

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Please send any information or stories that you would like us to consider placing in the Connection to Connection@Bellsouth.net

The deadline for the next issue is

Dec 25, 2009.

and will cover the period of

Jan 16—Feb 28, 2010

All decisions remain subject to discretion of the Jewish Federation of Brevard and Indian River Counties.

CHANUKAH OUTREACH:



There are currently 22 Jewish families that could use some help during Chanukah with gift cards and children's gifts. There are 15 children as follows:

Girls: Age 6; Age 10; Age 10; Age 12; Age 13; Age 16

Boys: Age 2; Age 6; Age 7; Age 8; Age 9; Age 10; Age 12; Age 13; Age 16

Please purchase a Chanukah gift for one of the above children and bring it to the Federation Office

By December 7th so we have time to wrap and distribute before Chanukah.

Cash donations and gift cards are also appreciated. Thank you for all your help during these trying times.

Contact Lisa at the Federation office, 951-1836, jewishfederation@bellsouth.net, for further details.

Teaching Children the Chanukah Blessings

by Jessica Burde

Chanukah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a holiday of remembrance. It is celebrated in memory of the miracles that took place during and immediately after the Maccabees revolt in the second century B.C.E. Especially because it is a holiday of remembrance, it is important that children learn the story, prayers and traditions, so they can remember and teach their children in turn, and the miracles will not be forgotten.

Children, especially young children, learn quickly and easily, as long as they are interested in what they are learning. However, even the most observant adults frequently need to use prayer books to remember all the prayers and blessing associated with the holidays, and expecting children to remember the Hanukkah blessings from one year to the next is a bit much.

Instead of teaching them to memorize the blessings, teach them the meaning of the blessings, how to say them, and, if your family says the blessings in Hebrew, how to pronounce the Hebrew. A wonderful way to do this is to help children make their own prayer books as a crafts project. Making a mini book for this is very simple - take four pieces of paper, fold them in half, and staple them together in the crease. Help the children to decorate the cover.

For children still learning how to write, write out the prayers yourself, or print them out and paste them into the booklet. If the children can write easily and clearly, let them write out the prayer themselves. Here are the three prayers said when lighting the Menorah. The last prayer is said only on the first night of Chanukah:

Baruch Atah Adonai Elohaynu melech ha'olam
asher kid'd-shannu bemitzvotav ve'tzi-vanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah
Praised are You, our G-d, Sovereign of the Universe,
who has made us holy with Your mitzvot and commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam
she'a-sah nisim lavotaynu baya-mim hahaym baz-man hazeh.
Praised are You, our G-d, Sovereign of the Universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days

Baruch Atah Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam
she-he-cheyanu v'kiy-manu vehigiyanu laz-man hazeh.
Praised are You, our G-d, Sovereign of the Universe,
Who has given us life, sustained us and helped us to reach this day.

As you or the children write the prayers, discuss what they mean, and invite the children to ask questions. This is also a good time to review what the mitvot are. Point out how all the prayers start the same way, practice the Hebrew pronunciations together, and ask how they think the prayers relate to the Chanukah story. The children can decorate their prayer booklets with pictures from the Chanukah story while you talk together.

Notice to parents and students of Brevard Public Schools

By Shlomo Fleischmann

We received complaints from parents that their children had problems because of their school absence during the holidays.

On the 10th of November 2009 I met with Dr. Brian Bingelli, Superintendent of schools. Dr. Bingelli agreed and confirmed the understanding that was reached with the previous superintendents regarding this matter.

Jewish children have the right to be absent during the following holidays:

Yom Kippur	1 day
Rosh Hashanah	2 days
Pesach	2 days (First and last Day.)
Shavuoth	1 day
Sukkoth	2 days (First and last)

Tests given during these days (not including State-tests) may be made up.

We also discussed Holocaust teaching and it was agreed to continue them as they were done before.

JEWISH FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION DECEMBER 17, 2009 at 7:00 PM

At the Federation Office, 210 E Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne

Proposed Executive Committee:

President:	Dave Stoller
1st Vice President:	Jerry Trachtman
2nd Vice President:	Rick Kneapler
Secretary:	Mike Slotkin
Treasurer:	Marvin Goldberg

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We will accept donations by contacting the Federation office and scheduling a time to receive the material and process the same. We will even make house calls to receive donations. Please contact our office and help Federation help the Jewish community by donating your scrap gold to a good cause.

Day School News

Congratulations to Temple Beth Sholom and the Jewish community of Brevard County!

The only Jewish Day School in the area, despite a very small Jewish community, has won high praise from The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a national accreditation organization (SACS),

“We knew we had a good school, but to be recognized by SACS inspires us to continue our mission.”
Bea Fowler, Brevard Jewish Community School board member. .

Excerpts from the SACS Report:

- Judaic themes are integrated, and instill a love and understanding of Judaism among all students.
 - Students maintain high scores on the SAT 10 Achievement Test
 - The school is faithful to its mission, vision and beliefs..
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- ...Learn!
- ...Develop academically, physically and socially!
- ...Grow emotionally and spiritually!



Congregation Mateh Chaim

by Marilyn Schiff

Many events have taken place at Mateh Chaim these past few months starting with our annual Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner. Prior to Shabbat Services on December 11, a dinner will be held. All attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and are treated to Harriet's delicious Potato Latkes. Each family brings their Menorahs, the first candles are lit, songs are sung and joy fills the air as we retell the story of Hanukkah. Rabbi Natkin leads the congregation in prayer, then following services the first night of Hanukkah is over. Thanks to all for their food, family time, and holiday celebrations. Special thanks to Harriet for the Latkes and the Board for the Oneg Shabbat.

Members also brought canned food and non perishable items for the Riviera Church's Food Pantry.

The following Shabbat is the last night of Hanukkah so once again members bring their Menorahs and every candle is lit setting the sanctuary aglow throughout services ending with singing "Who can Retell", "Oh Hanukkah" and "Rock of Ages". Another memorable holiday for members of Mateh Chaim.

We at Mateh Chaim hope our fellow Jews in Indian River and Brevard counties have a wonderful Hanukkah with their congregations and families. We also wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2010!

The ladies of Sisterhood will hold their own Hanukkah celebration Sunday, December 13th. Harriet once again will make her delicious Potato Latkes, oh what her house will smell like for days, and attendees will bring dessert. A Hanukkah tradition for Sisterhood is exchanging White Elephant gifts. The ladies are like spinning dreidles as they danced around until they stopped to open the next called numbers package. Oh what fun spinning, stopping and shopping!

Thanks once again to Harriet for her Latkes and to all for attending.

The Sisterhood ladies also gathered on December 4, along with Rabbi Natkin and members of Mateh Chaim, as Hadassah planted a tree at the Riviera United Church in honor of their Go Green Campaign. Many members also purchased trees to be planted in Israel. The donated tree was planted at the Church we hold our services at. Thanks to Lois Felder and Hadassah for their great campaign.

Mateh Chaim holds Shabbat Services on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month under the leadership of Rabbi Fred Natkin and lay leader Harriet May.

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Temple Beth Sholom Happenings

www.BethSholomBrevard.com

With the cooler weather attempting to make an appearance, the calendar of events at Temple Beth Sholom continues to heat up. Here are just some of the activities keeping us busy during these early winter months.

Thin-A-Thon: (thru March 29, 2010)

The congregation continues to shrink, due to participation in the Thin-A-Thon. Want to lose too? Contact the TBS office.



Movie Night Sunday December 6, 2009 7:00 pm:



The Men's Club and Sisterhood will be showing Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi. This gem of a story revolves around a 16 year old boy in a dysfunctional Israeli family. This comedy is a coming of age story of compassion and growth. It is a must see movie! It is free to all TBS members and their guests. Wine and cheese will be served both before and after the movie.

Mitzvah Day & Chanukah Party Sunday December 13, 2009:

A fun-filled day of Good Deeds and Good Food. See Alan's article or the TBS website for details. Then join us in making the world a better place.



Sisterhood Shabbat Saturday January 9, 2010:



The Sisterhood has begun preparations for their annual Sisterhood Shabbat, coming in January. All TBS Sisterhood members are welcome and encouraged to participate. Whether you want to read Torah, Haftorah, lead a song or do a reading, a position is available for you! Come join your sisters in joyous worship.

Sisterhood Book Club: (every 4th Wednesday at 2pm)

This ongoing club decides on a book, and then meets each month to discuss the selection. All are welcome – whether your reading assignment is current or not!

The Crown at the Crowne Saturday February 6, 2010:

Preparations are in full swing for the first Crown of the Good Name Gala since 2004. Temple Beth Sholom will honor Ronni Minsky, Mickey Lane and Captain Joe Steckler for their work in our community. Everyone is invited. Call the office to order tickets.

Minyan: Weekly minyans are held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 10am. Participants share breakfast and Rabbi Margolis teaches passages from classical Jewish texts.

Hadassah

We have many events being planned for the month in connection with our theme "Hadassah Goes Green Month." We are participating in Temple Israel's festival on December 6 with many activities being planned, especially for children. At our General meeting on Tuesday, December 15, our speaker will be Joshua Lehmann from East Coast Hydroponics.

There are over twenty tree planting ceremonies planned for the month, as well, with a complete listing of times and dates as well as copies of all proclamations issued by county mayors and commissioners at our web site www.hadassahbrevard.org. We would like as many people to participate as possible in this community wide celebration.

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

FEDERATION KICK-OFF EVENT

Mark your Calendar for:

Jewish Heritage Festival 2010

Sunday March 21, 2010

at the Melbourne Auditorium

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Sunday, December 6th
1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Temple Israel

NEED A CHANUKAH OR OTHER GIFT? The Judaica shop will be open; and there will be other items available from participating vendors.

Hungry? Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Are you an interested vendor? For more information, call MICHELLE PIVAR, President, Women of Temple Israel, 253-5874

BONUS ATTRACTION...FOR YOUNG AND OLD (BUT, MOSTLY YOUNG)

Hadassah Goes Green! Hadassah is sponsoring some special events, including games and prizes, and a snake exhibit presented by the Brevard Zoo.

YOU ARE INVITED:

Brandeis National Committee
—Space Coast Chapter


requests the pleasure of your company at its
 Annual Author Luncheon
 to be held at the

Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 100 Datura Drive, Satellite Beach,
Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 11: 30 a.m.

Our guest Author is Dr. Gordon Patterson,
 Director for the Center for Florida Studies at Florida Tech.

For additional information, including reservations,
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Friday Night Live! A Contemporary style service of music, dance and reflections, Friday Night Live is a warm and inviting way to spend Shabbat. The service includes the Temple's Band and Choir and is held the third Friday of every month at 7:30 pm. The concept is simple – our prayers are music and dance. The music is a patchwork quilt of our new and old melodies. As Reb Nachman of Breslov used to say, “Get into the habit of singing a tune. It will give you new life and fill you with joy.

Our resident Senior group Temple Talkers continues to meet here at Temple Israel on the third Monday of every month. They meet at 11:30 AM for a brown bag lunch and from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM they discuss a stimulating topic that the moderator presents. Call 726-0660 for more information.

Mazel tov to:

- Kayley Lew & Kesley Woodard on their Bat Mitzvah
Temple Israel Board Member, Lisa Nemeroff, her husband Brian and their children Alex & Jason on the new addition to their family, Logan.
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Congregation Beth El celebrates first Bar Mitzvah in 25 years

On Saturday, November 14th, Eric Campbell, son of Cheryl Campbell, and Grandson of Michael and Ruth Kushner, was called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah. Eric studied for his Bar Mitzvah with lay leader and president of Beth El, Dr. Eric Smitt, for the past five months. This was a milestone for Beth El, having been the first Bar Mitzvah in over 25 years. This accomplishment for Eric Campbell has increased his awareness of his Jewish roots, and is just the start of his Jewish life. Several other Bar and Bat Mitzvah's will be scheduled over the next year.

On Saturday, November 28th, Teo James Demenkow, son of Jeffrey and Julia Demenkow, and grandson of Roberta Demenkow was given his Hebrew name during Shabbat Service.

The Congregation will be holding the December General Meeting on Sunday December 6th at 4 PM. Congregation Beth El will participate along with the Universalist Unitarian Congregation in the Hadassah sponsored “tree planting” to be held December 13th at 9 AM at the Congregation, 2185 Meadowlane Avenue, in West Melbourne.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING Winter Session: Jan 10 - March 28

Every Sunday Afternoon except January 31st.

- 12:30 - 1:15 **Youth:** (10 yrs +): taught by youth instructor
1:30 - 2:30 **Intermediate:** dancers with a good understanding of dance vocabulary words, and the ability to quickly implement dance steps, will learn popular Israeli dances.
2:30 - 3:30 **Beginner:** dancers will learn basic Israeli dances as they familiarize themselves with dance steps and dance vocabulary words.

Everyone is invited - Dance music available

For more details, please contact Wendy Roy at 321-723-4346 or email RoyGroup@aol.com

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(located behind Temple Beth Sholom Synagogue)



Chabad of the Space and Treasure Coasts

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

All Brevard and Indian River County Jews are invited to a Chanukah Extravaganza on Sunday, December 13 at Traxx Jungle Village in Cape Canaveral. There is no park admission charge with advance reservation. This Chanukah present is a gift from Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts to the entire Jewish Community...Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, religious or non-religious.

The Chanukah festivities for the whole family will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM with a Grand Menorah lighting at 5:00 PM and an exciting Fire Eating and Sword Swallowing show at 5:30 PM.

No park admission charge with reservations beforehand. There will be a nominal fee for food...delicious barbeque, sufganiot and, of course, latkes. Mini golf, go-kart raceway, batting cages, laser tag, rock climbing and bumper cars are just some of the exciting activities at Traxx Jungle Village that adults and children will enjoy.

Traxx Jungle Village is at 8801 Highway A1A in Cape Canaveral just north of Radisson Resort at Central Boulevard and three miles north of the 520 Causeway. That's Sunday December 13 starting at 3:00 PM at Traxx Jungle Village.

Due to overflowing crowds last year, reservations are required. Make reservations online at jewishbrevard.com or call the Chabad office at 321-777-2770.

CHANUKAH SHABBATON FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

All Jews in our community...Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox, religious or non-religious are invited to enjoy a delicious gourmet meal coupled with songs and games geared for adults and children in the spirit of the Chanukah Festival. Your entire family is invited to join us on Friday, December 18. Candle lighting is at 5:00 PM and the dinner starts at 6:00 PM. \$12 per person. \$25 per family. Make reservations online at jewishbrevard.com or call the Chabad office at 321-777-2770.

CAMP GAN ISRAEL – IN THE WINTER!

Chabad of the Space & Treasure Coasts introduces Gan Israel Winter Camp for your children and grandchildren ages three through thirteen. The children will enjoy clubs, trips, theme days, arts & crafts, Shabbaton, sports and much more. The dates are Monday, December 21 through Friday, December 25. For more information or to register call 321-777-2770 or visit campganizzy.com.

PUT THE FOLLOWING ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 12 7:00 PM – Learn 7 Techniques to Personal Growth with our guest speaker, Rabbi Avrohom Lipszyc.

Sunday, February 28 – Purim in the Wild West. Our annual Purim bash is destined to be the best ever!

SHABBAT SERVICES – SATURDAYS 11:00 AM

Join our warm and friendly weekly synagogue services just in time for Rabbi Konikov's contemporary message on the Torah portion and lively discussion. Our friendly, non-judgmental atmosphere offers a place to talk to G-d in Hebrew and English. Kids are encouraged and have a special place in our Synagogue. Membership or affiliation is never required. A delicious sit-down Kiddush follows the services at approximately 12:30 PM, a warm setting to socialize and meet new friends.

Confused about a date? Find a Jewish birthday calculator, Bar/Bat Mitzvah lookup, Yahrtzeit calculator and a general Jewish/Civil date converter at www.jewishbrevard.com.

Want to be informed of all Chabad events with no obligation or pressure? Call us at 321-777-2770.

Fun Florida Jewish History Facts:

- 1878: Temple Beth El (Pensacola) the oldest congregation in the State was founded
- 1933: David Schultz begins his term as Governor of Florida
- 1995: Jewish Museum of Florida opens
- 2004: Debbie Wasserman Schultz elected to US Congress, the first Jewish woman to represent Florida

Jewish Singles Social Club

Many exciting events coming up in the near future such as: Dinners, Movies, Thanksgiving Party, Chanukah Party, Gambling Arcade, Bowling, Ice Skating, New Year's Eve Party, Putt Putt Golf, Surfside Playhouse, just to name a few. If you are a Jewish female or Jewish male ages 40-140, then we want you to come join us. Don't be left out of all the fun.....

For more information: Kandi (321) 432-3655 or
email: Momkandi@aol.com



MITZVAH DAY 2009 & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 9 AM through 7:00 PM

Mitzvah Day 2009 is our second congregation-wide community service day when Beth Sholom volunteers will reach out to others to make a difference. Beth Sholom members and Religious School students will join together or act individually on this special Sunday to work on service projects or help their fellow person, across our community or across our country. In many ways, we will hope to touch the lives of others! The day will culminate with our CHANUKAH CELEBRATION (for the third night of Chanukah) at the Temple, with latkes, doughnuts, dreidels and entertainment for all – and a special gift for each child who attends. Open to all in the community, but RSVP required.

Mitzvah Day 2009 Registration

OPEN TO ALL IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT RSVP REQUIRED

For questions, or ideas and suggestions for possible Mitzvot, or for early sign-up, either call the Temple and leave a message, or e-mail Natalie Hyatt, Chairperson at mnmsshlyatt@yahoo.com or contact Alan Rosenberg at 752-7900 or rosenberg@cfl.rr.com

Contrary to the popular misconception, the Hebrew word "Mitzvah" does not mean good deed. It means commandment. Mitzvot are regarded as obligations, although they can be performed not from a sense of duty, but from the heart. Where the confusion arises is that there are positive performance Mitzvot such as caring for the ill - a good deed - and negative Mitzvot such as not cheating. There also are commandments between man and G-d, such as fasting on Yom Kippur, and those between man and man, such as paying for services rendered. Jews have to follow 613 separate Mitzvot, 248 of which are positive and 365, negative.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 6– January 15, 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

MH= Matech Chaim TI=Temple Israel TBS=Temple Beth Sholom CJCC=Chabad Jewish Community Center BB=Bnai Brith		1 CJCC Women's Study 1:30 pm CJCC Torah class 7:30	2 Bnai Brith Board Mtg	3 TBS Board Mtg	4	5
6 TBS Movie Night at 7 pm Beth El Gen Mtg TI Bazaar at 1-5 BB Golf TBS Folk Dancing	7 Hadassah Tree planting at JFB 10:30 am Mateh Chaim—Board Mtg, 7pm	8 CJCC Women's Study 1:30 pm CJCC Torah class 7:30	9 Brandeis Annual Author Luncheon, 11:30 am JFB Festival Mtg	10	11 Chanukah dinner, Matech Chaim 6:15 pm Light 1st Candle	12 Chanukah—Day 1
13 TBS Mitzvah Day TBS Folk Dancing CJCC Chanukah Extravaganza, Traxx Jungle Village MH Ch. Party 2pm BB Chanukah party Chanukah—Day 2	14 Chanukah—Day 3	15 CJCC Women's Study 1:30 pm CJCC Torah class 7:30 Chanukah—Day 4	16 Chanukah—Day 5	17 Federation Annual Mtg & Election 7 pm Chanukah—Day 6	18 CJCC Chanukah dinner, 6pm Chanukah—Day 7	19 Chanukah—Day 8
20 TBS Folk Dancing TBS Mens Club Mtg	21 TI Temple Talkers at 11:30 AM	22 CJCC Women's Study 1:30 pm CJCC Torah class 7:30	23	24	25	26
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10 TBS Folk Dancing	11	12 CJCC Women's Study 1:30 pm CJCC Guest Speaker 7 pm	13	14	15 Hadassah Mtg/ speaker Joshua Lehmann 10 am	16 Federation Kick-Off Event



(MIRACLE)

For eight days the candles burned. Light triumphed over darkness, spirituality over materiality. This year and every year, as you celebrate the miracle with foods symbolic of the oil, we wish you and your family a happy and blessed Chanukah.

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