

# CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

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Augusta's First Jewish Congregation



November - December 2013 Kislev - Tevet 5774

## LIFE LONG JEWISH LEARNING

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 PM

Discussion of Reform Judaism Magazine  
Winter 2013 edition

Monday, November 18, 7:00 PM

Chai Mitzvah Discussion

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 PM

All Congregation Children of Israel members  
have been sent a letter in the mail  
about this important meeting.

## TRI-FAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 17, 7:30 PM

Service to be held this year at the  
Islamic Community Center of Augusta  
465 Old Evans Rd, Martinez, GA 30907

Leading the service will be:

**Rabbi Robert Klensin**

Representing the Jewish Faith

**Imam Dr. Mohamad Jamal Daoudi**

of the Islamic Community Center of Augusta,  
Representing the Islamic Faith

**Father John West**

of the Church of Our Savior, Episcopal  
Representing the Christian Faith

This Service of Thanksgiving will include readings  
from the Holy Writings of each faith represented,  
along with prayers and music.

Members of the three congregations  
and the general public are invited to attend.

Please bring a non-perishable food item  
for Golden Harvest Food Bank

Refreshments will follow the service.



## Congregation Children of Israel Chanukah Dinner

Sunday night, Dec. 1, at 6:00 PM

**Meatloaf—Latkes—Vegetables—Dessert**

Members: \$5 per adult and  
children 6—12 years old

Nonmembers: \$10

No charge for children under 6



Reservations are required by

November 25

Contact the Temple Office to make your reservations  
office@craigaugusta.org 706-736-83140



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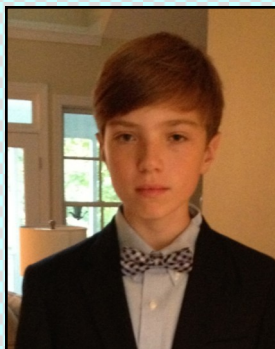
We continue to be very busy!! Our Membership is growing, Sisterhood had a very successful dinner program, the Brotherhood sponsored putting up and taking down the Sukkah, Religious School is progressing well, House Activities has been hard at work on several significant projects, and Religious Practices is working hard to insure all our Holiday preparations have their 'I's' dotted and 't's' crossed!! As always, I ask that you become involved if you aren't already!! There is plenty for you to choose from, we need your skills and ideas, so give us a chance to help you find a match!!

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are just around the corner. Lend a hand at the Brotherhood Latke Making Party, it's really fun!! And then there is the Temple Clean-Up Day, scheduled for 10 November. We need all the help we can muster – there will be lots of jobs needing a diverse skill set. Please join us making your Temple shine!

I am also happy to announce that we are getting close to calling a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the Rabbi's Contract. We have been hard at work negotiating terms and the Rabbi has been an excellent partner showing that he truly understands the current needs and limitations of the Congregation. Rachel Ray and I have exchanged many emails and met a number of times with the Rabbi. We are ready to discuss specifics with the Board at our next meeting. It is our goal that the Board will develop a recommendation for the Congregation with respect to the Rabbi's Contract and an official communication with respect to the Special Meeting will be forth coming. I anticipate this Special Meeting being called the second or third week of November.

Jack Goldenberg

*Jack P. Goldenberg*  
 President



Please join us  
**Saturday, November 23**  
**At 10:00 AM**  
 Shabbat Morning Service

**John Noah Rigg**  
 Son of Danielle and Jack Rigg

will be called to the Torah as a **Bar Mitzvah**.

This is a Congregational event.  
 All are welcome and invited to attend.

## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



What is the correct way to spell the name of the Jewish holiday that begins this year on the eve of Thanksgiving? *Chanukah? Chanukkah? Channukah? Channukkah?* Or maybe it is one of those spellings, but without the “h” at the end. Or should you spell it with an “H” (*Hanukah*) instead of “Ch” at the beginning so people will not pronounce it beginning with “ch” as in the English words “chop” or “chair.” Actually the correct spelling is using the Hebrew letters: *chet, nun, kaf, hey*. As for the English spelling, it really does not matter how you spell it.

But the more important question is, what does it mean? The word Chanukah means “dedication,” celebrating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem which had been desecrated by the Syrian Greeks. These Hellenists wanted to put an end to the Jewish faith and practice, forcing us to worship the Greek gods and to accept Hellenistic culture. We celebrate not only the rededication of the Temple, but even more importantly, the victory of the Maccabees and their followers over the Syrian Greeks and over those Jews who were eager to replace their Judaism with Hellenism. But the dedication also refers to the commitment of Mattathias, his sons and their followers, to God and Torah, to Jewish practice and Jewish values.

What is most important is that we also rededicate ourselves to our Judaism. The recent Pew Research Center study of the American Jews raises concerns about the increasing number of Jews who say they have “no religion,” but are Jewish by ancestry, ethnicity, or culture.

While the numbers are important, whether it be the number of Jews in the United States, in the world, or right here in the CSRA, what is more important is the quality of our Judaism, our dedication to Judaism, its practice and values. Fortunately we are not living in a time where we have to risk our lives to practice and to perpetuate Judaism. But the future of Judaism depends on our commitment to Jewish learning, to Jewish practice, to our involvement in the our synagogue and the Jewish community, and to living a life guided by Jewish values.

I urge you to consider taking part in the opportunities below and elsewhere in this Newsletter to enrich your Judaism.

*Rabbi Robert Klensin*

### Chai Mitzvah: An Innovative Initiative for Adults

Chai Mitzvah encourages adults to take some time to reflect on where they are Jewishly and what they would like to achieve. This program is based on the idea that Being Jewish means you learn all your life. There’s always something new to learn, do, explore, apply. Most of us were taught about Judaism as children, but as adults we need to explore and develop our own Jewish lives. Chai Mitzvah has five basic components in a nine-month program: 1. **Group study** once each month, 2. **Personal study**, 3. **Adopt a ritual/spiritual practice** 4. **Take part in a social action** commitment, and 5. **Celebrate the achievement!** Wherever you are in your Jewish life, Chai Mitzvah will provide a path toward deciding how you want to live your adult Jewish life. Find out more about Chai Mitzvah at [www.chaimitzvah.org](http://www.chaimitzvah.org). Join us on **Monday evening, November 18 at 7:00 PM**. To register for the Chai Mitzvah program, or if you have any questions, please contact Rabbi Klensin at 706-736-3140 or [rabbi@cciaugusta.org](mailto:rabbi@cciaugusta.org)

### Understanding the Siddur and Jewish Prayer

Training for those who would like to learn how to lead parts of the service when the rabbi is away, as well as others who would just like to learn more about the meaning and order of our prayers. For more information, contact Rabbi Klensin. Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM.

### Reform Judaism Magazine Discussion

All members of our congregation should recently have received the Winter 2013 edition of Reform Judaism Magazine. This issue contains articles on Religion and Science, Greatest Jewish Myths, Ethics & Eating: The Diet Trap, and more. On **Thursday, November 14, at 7:00 PM** we will come together to discuss some of the articles. We hope you will join us for this discussion.

### Hebrew Vocabulary

Have you learned the Hebrew words from last month’s newsletter and made them part of your vocabulary? Let’s add: **Chanukiyah** (Chanukah Menorah), **Minhag** (custom), **ahavah** (love), **emunah** (faith), **B’Tselem Elohim** (in the image of God), **ketubah** (marriage contract), **sh’lom bayit** (peace in the home), **hagbah** (lifting, as in lifting of the Torah), **gelilah** (rolling, as in rolling closed and covering the Torah.)

### Learning to Read and Chant the Blessings

From the Reform Judaism website

#### Chanukah Blessings:

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/light-virtual-hanukkiyah-menorah>

#### Prayers in the Shabbat Service

<http://www.reformjudaism.org/shabbat-worship-services>

Congregation Children of Israel  
would like to  
extend a warm welcome  
to our newest members:  
**Ben Mazer & Megan Vice**  
**Terri Levy**

**First Friday Shabbat Dinner at  
Congregation Children of Israel**

Our next Congregational Shabbat Dinner  
will be held on Friday, January 3.  
6:00 PM Intergenerational Service  
7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner

In December, be sure to join us for our  
Chanukah Dinner  
on Sunday, December 1

## Hanukkah Open House



*The Judaica Collection*  
(At Congregation Children of Israel)...

...Sundays,  
November 3 & November 10  
10am-1pm

**Large selection of gifts for all ages**  
**Many items 20-50% off**

*Your one-stop 'holiday' shopping place*  
Menorahs, dreidels, jewelry, toys and more...

**EXTRA**

**\$5.00 off**

**Total purchase of \$30 or more with this coupon**

**One time use only 11/3 or 11/10**

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood had their opening paid up membership dinner on Wednesday, October 16 with a very interesting and informative presentation by speaker, Helen Blocker-Adams. Our turnout was good. We had a raffle with five ladies receiving the lovely plant centerpieces. The ladies were also able to shop in the Judaica Collection using some discount coupons.

On Sunday, November 3 and November 10 the Judaica Collection will be having a Chanukah open house. We have many new items including jewelry, menorahs, decorative boxes, and tallit clips.

Coming in mid-January, Sisterhood will be the hostesses for the Joint Meeting with the AYS Sisterhood. We will be serving dessert and we'll be entertained by the Miracle Theater Workshop Kids.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be helping with a temple clean-up day on Sunday, November 10 from 10am-3pm. Bring a couple of jugs of Clorox and gloves.

Remember to visit the Judaica Collection.

Jeanie Brody  
Sisterhood President



## TOI SHABBAT

Getting Ready for Chanukah

Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 AM





**Children,**  
 Please bring your parents  
 and join us for our  
**First Pajama Havdalah!!**  
**Saturday, November 9, 6:30P**



**PJ Havdalah introduces you to the brief, but beautiful, Service marking the ending of Shabbat. At the end of the Shabbat day, when three stars appear, it is time for the brief ceremony of *Havdalah*, at which time we take leave of Shabbat. We take a cup of wine, a box of spices, and a beautiful braided Havdalah candle, and we sing the blessings.**

**Following the Havdalah Service, there will be a craft, a story about Chanukah and refreshments.**

**You don't have to wear pajamas to come but they are acceptable attire for the kids.**

**Please let us know if you are coming by calling Ila Abramovitz or Steve Nathan 706-738-5734**

## Membership Committee

The Membership Committee hosted a New Member/Newcomer brunch on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ten new members and newcomers to the area attended as well as members of the Board. A good time was had by all! On October 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the congregation that had joined since August 2012 were officially welcomed to the congregation during a special Shabbat Service. Ben Mazer and Megan Vice became our newest members that evening!

If you are not yet a member and would like to become one, please don't hesitate to contact Gail Erlitz at [gderlitz@comcast.net](mailto:gderlitz@comcast.net) or call the Temple office for the membership form.

## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

We had a small but very enthusiastic gathering for our monthly meeting on the morning of Sunday, October 20. Vigorous discussion ensued in regards to planning activities for our organization. I truly appreciate the dedication and donation of time from our Brothers who were in attendance. Please note that on **Tuesday, November 26, beginning at 6 PM at CCI in the kitchen**, we have an activity that is very important to our congregation. As hopefully everyone is aware, our CCI Chanukah dinner this year is scheduled for Sunday, 12/1/13. The Brotherhood has for the past several years prepared the latkes for the dinner. I am asking please that any men in our congregation who are available come out to assist us with preparing the latkes on that Tuesday evening. We are looking forward to having assistance from our CCI Temple Youth Group if they are available to help. Finally, beginning in January, I will be unable to chair monthly meetings on Sunday mornings at our traditional meeting time of 10 AM. This is due to my commitment to the AJCSS and to our move for the semester from CCI to AYS. I am recommending that we continue to meet on Sundays but that we move our meeting times to 2 PM. Please contact me by e-mail at [gbdawg422@aol.com](mailto:gbdawg422@aol.com) if you have thoughts or comments as to this plan.

Michael Scharff





Your Augusta Jewish Community Sunday School (AJCSS) has been extremely busy! Each class is being inspired by dedicated teachers, caring rabbis, and supportive Madrichim (aides). We have had an Open House, and Parent's Meeting with Warren Umansky presenting ideas to reinforce a positive Jewish identity. Here are some highlights by class.

**Bagels and Blox** The class meets 8 times during the year with our next class on November 17<sup>th</sup>. It has been our fastest growing class with 8 students currently attending.

They focus on a creative Jewish learning experience using crafts, music, and storytelling. It is a chance for the parent and child to experience the beginning of fun Jewish learning. I think the parents enjoyed the stories as much as the kids. Kara Deaner – teacher, Savannah Mariano and Mathew Guy – Madrichim (alternating)

**PreK and K** This semester we have been talking about the creation of the world. We also learned all about Shabbat such as a full service to include prayers, and customs. Several of the bible stories have been discussed. Our students have begun learning Hebrew. Jennifer Shoenholz – teacher and Rachel Helling – Madricha

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** We started the year learning a deeper understanding of Judaism. We are reading a lot of stories to learn about the holidays including Shabbat. The students in our class enjoy art and crafts and really enjoyed making edible Sukkahs. Jan Bledsoe – teacher and Dani Kronowski – Madricha

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** We learned about the fall Holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. The Torah stories come alive in this class such as Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah, Tower of Babel, etc. The students are picking up the material and enjoying their study of G-d. Michael Scharff – teacher and Michael Bruno – Madrich

**5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup>** This semester we are learning about the Tanach and reasons why it is relevant in our modern times. We are being creative and working on a play on Hanukkah that will be presented to the school and parents on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cards were created by our students that will be sent to both American and Israeli soldiers letting them know how we appreciate their work. Our class will also be going to the Soup Kitchen, a mitzvah of feeding the hungry. Peter Goldberg – teacher and Jaclyn Zibman – Madricha

Our AJCSS is fortunate to have such dedicated teachers along with creative Music support in Joanne Green and Sarah Sirull (also Hebrew). Rabbi Robert Klensin (1<sup>st</sup> semester Tefillah and Hebrew leader) and Rabbi David Sirull (2<sup>nd</sup> semester Tefillah and music director) add the right connection back to each congregation and provide the knowledge to challenge our students. Jacob Scharff working with Hope Goad and Sarabeth Budenstein work on special projects and are extremely helpful in the organization of our school. Our goal is to make Jewish learning fun and rewarding.

Shalom,

Elliot Price  
AJCSS Principal  
706 339-3798



## FIRST FRIDAY : STUDENT PARTICIPATION

On the first Friday night of each month we have an Intergenerational Service, beginning at 6:00 PM. During these services, we invite our Sunday School age children to participate by opening the ark, uncovering or covering the Torah or reading one of the prayers. If you would like your children to participate, contact Rabbi Klensin.

## **Save the Date:**

Chanukah Tot Shabbat will be **Saturday, November 16**

Adult Education, Understanding Jewish Worship: **Thursday, December 5**

(Contact Rabbi Klensin to register)

Chinese Dinner : **Tuesday, December 24** (watch for details)

Shabbat Dinner: **Friday, January 3**

Purim Megillah Reading, Spiel and Celebration: **Saturday, March 15**

Congregational Seder: **Tuesday, April 15**

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## "Mishegoss!" Puppet Show at AJCC

Sunday, December 8, 2013, at 2:00pm  
 Free to AJCC Members  
 Guests: Adults \$10, children under 12 \$5  
 For tickets, call 706-228-3636.  
**Made possible by the Adam Dunn Fund.**



## "DUMMIES" COME TO THE JCC!

The Augusta Jewish Community Center is eagerly anticipating the arrival of a gang of dummies. Assisted by renowned ventriloquist Jonathan Geffner, these madcap meshugeneh puppets will perform their highly acclaimed show, "Mishegoss!" on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM. Children and adults from ages three through a hundred and three are invited to enjoy this uniquely mesmerizing performance by one of the world's most amazingly skilled ventriloquists. Audience members are forewarned that Fantastic Fun awaits them as Jonathan and his wacky, whimsical wooden sidekicks perform this hilarious show.

For tickets, call 706-228-3636.

## 92Y Live™

Programs broadcast live via satellite

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### Howard Gardner: On the App Generation

Mon., Dec. 9, 8:15 PM

Are you baffled by how younger people live in a digital world? Are you living in that world and don't see what the fuss is about? Either way, you'll want to hear from Harvard professor Howard Gardner.

In his new book, *The App Generation*, Gardner looks at what's different for today's adolescents. Apps can either stunt or spur creativity, limit or encourage personal connections. We can choose to be "app-dependent" or "app-enabled." Find out how.

Gardner is best known in educational circles for his theory of multiple intelligences, a critique of the notion that there exists but a single human intelligence.

Moderator TBD.



## The Interfaith Fellowship of Augusta

Welcomes you to attend  
an open forum and discussion:

### Back to Basics: What is at the Foundation of your Religion?

- What is most important to teach the next generation?*
- What core question does your religion address?*
- What fundamental principle do you cherish?*
- What keeps you coming back?*
- What makes your heart sing?*
- What engages your mind?*

**Date:** Thursday November 21, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church,  
 3501 Walton Way Extension, Augusta

The Interfaith Fellowship of Augusta brings together people of different faiths to promote dialogue and understanding and mutual respect, to foster development of personal relationships, and to celebrate our common values and the diversity of our humanity.

Meet The Neighbors:  
 Faith Communities of the CSRA  
*St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church,  
 3321 Wheeler Road, Augusta, GA  
 Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. Ellen Frances Poisson, OSH*

Join us on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to welcome  
and learn from leaders of various religious communities in the Augusta area.

November 12: INTRODUCTION TO INTERFAITH DIALOGUE  
 Sr. Ellen Frances, OSH

November 19: HINDUISM  
 B. N. Roy, Hindu Temple Society of Augusta

November 26: NO MEETING TONIGHT—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

December 3: JUDAISM  
 Rabbi Robert Klensin, Congregation Children of Israel

December 10: ISLAM  
 Imam Dr. Mohamad Jamal Daoudi, Islamic Society of Augusta

December 17: CONCLUDING PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION  
 Sr. Ellen Frances, OSH

*For more information contact St. Augustine's  
 at (706) 738-6676 or staer@knology.net,  
 or visit us on the Web at www.st-augustines.org*

## Let's Get Cookin'!



**Time to get Cookin!  
We are back on track.  
Place your ad now in the CCI  
Cookbook!**

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Deadline is November 29, 2013

Please contact Lauren Jolles  
706-863-6264 with any questions.  
**Thank you for your support!**

## What's in a Name?

We are in need of a name for the CCI Cookbook?

Please e-mail your suggestions to  
[ljbpremiums@aol.com](mailto:ljbpremiums@aol.com)

If we pick your name you will receive a free copy of  
the cookbook.



Deadline is November 29, 2013

## Congregation Children of Israel **Clean Up Day!**

**November 10**

from 10 AM (Kick-off) to 1 PM

Everyone Invited

Food & Snacks for participants.

Volunteers needed

for **inside** work and **outside** tasks.



Outside volunteers please bring gloves, rakes, leaf/bags, clippers, and trimmers. Power washers (w/hoses & extensions) & blowers are appreciated.

Teenagers/children are welcome to help but we ask a parent to accompany them.

Please Call Elyse Kronowski 706 736 3140 at the Temple Office to volunteer.

Please help us fill the bins in the entrance area  
(just outside the Temple office)  
with non-perishable goods.

Imagine what we can accomplish if we all  
bring one item each time  
we come to the temple.



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Consider starting your Thanksgiving dinner with the following prayer from the *Rabbinic Cabinet of the Jewish Federations of North America*.

Modim Anachnu Lach, We give thanks to you, Oh God

On this, our nation's Day of Thanksgiving and on this festival of lights Hanukkah, we take stock of the gifts and bounty we enjoy living in this blessed country. As we sit down to our Thanksgiving meal and the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah, our tradition teaches us the importance of saying todah, of thanking You, oh God, for our lot and for the religious freedom we enjoy in America.

As you are generous to us, so may we show our appreciation for the goodness we experience by being sensitive to all and by extending our hand to those who are less fortunate. Help us to appreciate the blessings of health and the fragility of our own existence by remembering and being Your messenger to those in our community who may be without food and shelter.

Let us remember the blessings and responsibilities of the ties which bind us together as a Jewish people and as Americans. May we always show appreciation for all those around us, and let us remember to cherish the people in our lives while they are with us.

We ask You for security – for our families, our communities, our Nation, and the Jewish people. We pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters in Israel and those who serve this nation in all capacities. May we all know the blessing of peace.

Finally, we ask you to shine the light of freedom, as it emanates from the Hanukkah menorah, into all corners of our land so that Your light of peace and protection spreads over everyone on this day of Thanksgiving bounty and Hanukkah freedom. Amen

Let us recite the traditional words of our heritage, and express gratitude for the meal we are about to partake with the words of the motzei.

Baruch ata ado-nai, elo-heynu melech ha-olam, ha-motzi lechem min ha-aretz

Blessed are You Eternal our God, ruler of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.



### CCI Youth

## Parent's Night Out

Sponsored by CITY

Children of Israel Temple Youth Group will be babysitting on Saturday night, December 7, from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Temple

Dinner is included along with games, crafts and activities

Cost is \$15 per child

Please RSVP, by November 22 to Danielle Kronowski [dkronowski15@gmail.com](mailto:dkronowski15@gmail.com)

## CITY BAKE SALE

Sunday December 8,  
12:00pm following Sunday School

## RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

The next Family Shabbat Dinner is on Friday, January 3. Remember that first Friday Family Services now start earlier, at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 7:30 PM.

The Congregational Chanukah Dinner is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. The cost will be \$5 per person. Children under 6 eat free.

Please join us at the first PJ Havdalah on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Look for our ad in this Bulletin.

Please help us fill the bins in the entrance area (just outside the office) with non-perishable goods. Just think what we can accomplish if we all bring one item each time we come to the temple.

I encourage all of you to contact me if you would like to participate on the Religious Practices Committee or with any questions/suggestions you have.

**Michael Zibman**

Chair, Religious Practices

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

(Those celebrating a birthday are invited to come forward for a special blessing on the first Friday of each month)

November 2: Robert Bissell  
 November 3: Alice Rosenthal, David Silver  
 November 4: Emily Friedman  
 November 5: Josh Smith  
 November 7: Jaclyn Zibman  
 November 12: Jeff Wolf  
 November 14: Franklin Williams  
 November 17: Victoria Bennett, Cantine Jones  
 November 19: Noah Rigg  
 November 20: Lauren Helling  
 November 21: Robert Bledsoe  
 November 23: Susan Simowitz  
 November 25: Gail Erlitz, Barbara Feldman,  
 Marc Gottlieb, Jon Simowitz  
 November 27: Risa Gay, Paige Newman  
 December 1: Corinne Bobrow-Williams, Heather Linn  
 December 5: Liz Haynie  
 December 6: Sara Bledsoe, Robert Klensin  
 December 7: Sydney Epter  
 December 8: Trevor Sorkin  
 December 9: Cliff Kirvan  
 December 13: Isaac Jolles  
 December 14: Victoria Resnick, Joshua Scharff

December 15: Danielle Rigg, Shayna Sorkin  
 December 16: Sue Richardson  
 December 18: Dana Friedman, Melody Scharff  
 December 19: Patty Ginsburg  
 December 22: SaraBeth Budenstein  
 December 23: Susan Salisbury  
 December 24: Lisa Montarbo  
 December 25: Steven Nathan, Michael Prisant  
 December 27: Helen Bissell, Alexander Korn  
 December 28: Bryce Bennett, Milton Snapperman,  
 Michael Zibman  
 December 29: Sandy Helling, Ron Jensen, Jessica Punshon

### Anniversaries

(Couples celebrating their anniversary are invited to come forward for a special blessing on the first Friday of each month)

November 6: Burt & June Kunkel  
 November 29: Robert & Francine Klensin  
 December 13: Sandy & Eric Helling  
 December 21: Jeff & Jessica Punshon  
 December 25: David & Meryl Alalof,  
 Louis & Dot Scharff  
 December 28: Mort & Boots Wittenberg

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Thank you also to those who contributed anonymously  
*We apologize if any names were omitted.*

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(Temple office)

In memory of Jacqueline Fink, by  
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## Condolences

*When cherished ties are broken, our burden of sadness is made lighter by the sympathy and comfort of friends. The congregation extends its sympathy to the families of:*

### JOSEPHINE BOERCKEL

Mother of Ralph Boerckel  
October 13, 2013

### ROBERT MAZER

Grandfather of Ben Mazer  
October 18, 2013

### LIONEL SOLURSH

Husband of Diane Solursh  
Father of Fern Glass, Susan Solursh,  
Marc Solursh, Lia Solursh & Janine Winn  
Brother of John Solursh & Gerry Solursh  
November 6, 2013

## YAHREZITS

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**November 16:** Dorothy Feinberg, Herman Selwyn, Esther Gottlieb, Charles Entin, Rose S. Harkins, Sadoc Avzaradel, Dora Burns, Elsie Ocuin, Margaret Wittenberg

**November 22:** David Rubin, Edith Steinberg, Bernard Friedman, Harvey Haas, Abram Pomerance, Rhea Siegel, Florence Stavins, Charles A. Freedman, Rae B. Silbert, Hyman Stadiem, Harry Feldman, Barbara Steiner, Lillian Hillis, Alex Shapiro, Dorothy Shapiro, Helen Juanita Lepianka

**November 29:** Harry Horowitz, Sam Simowitz, Frank Davis, Belle Siegel, Helen Ruby Brigmon, Ronnie Baker III, Rosina P. Benjamin

**December 6:** Mildred Greenberg, Morris Tad Siegel, Louis Simowitz, Julia Epstein, Elliot C. Serotta, Benjamin Hammer, Barbara Rosen, Henry Milton Simowitz, Simon Brown, Louis Shapiro, Walter Lee Brandenburg, Leon Entin

**December 13:** Risa Schneider Dreilanger, Stephen Nachman, Allan Silver, Martin Michael Prisant, Carolyn Bolton, Leonard Goldstein, Joseph Silver, Dora W. Prisant, Vanessa Abazary, Esther Baris, Paul Copenhaver, John Erlitz, Ray C. Fuerth

**December 20:** Isadore Brown, Adolph Lesser, Frederick Nevegold, Doris G. Shlaer, Sylvia Aronow, Ethel W. Lutin, Edward Siegelson, Fannie Brooks, Mitchell Barrett Gross, Helen Dolinsky Rifkin

**December 27:** Shirley Shapiro Arenstein, William Melcher, Thaddeus Joseph Stiffel, Jr., Louis Pintchuck, Leah Schrameck, Frances C. Land, Jerome Goldsmith, Moses Slusky, Rose Shapiro, Rose Kraft

**January 3:** Dorothy Brown, Rodney Brody, Jeanette Goldberg, Helen Gottlieb, Jack Klensin, Ida Gordon Margolis, Dorothy Jolles Robin, Henri Leon Schlifka, Frances Schulman, Doris Burnstein, Sara B. Dessauer, Milton Prisant

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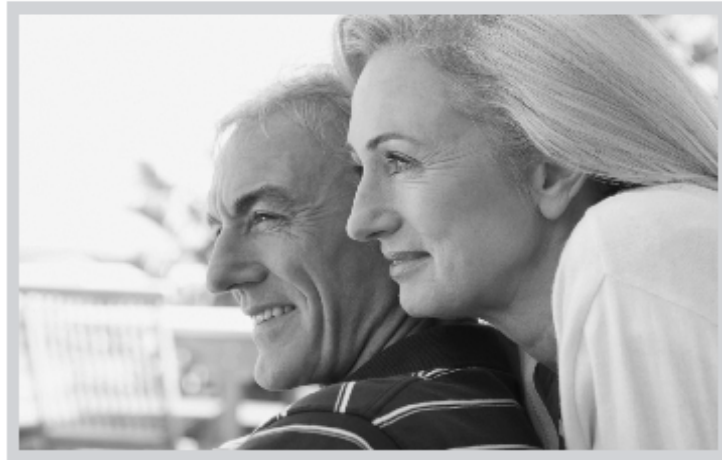
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## November - December 2013

## Chesvan - Kislev - Tevet 5774

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 7:00p Board Meeting	28 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	29	30 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:00p Adult Edu: Leading Shabbat Services	31 10:30a Adult Hebrew	<b>November 1</b> 6:00p Shabbat Service 7:30p Shabbat Dinner	2 Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Talmud Study
<b>3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 10:00a Judaica Collec- tion Open House	4	5	6 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:00p Adult Edu: Leading Shabbat Services 7:30p Sisterhood Board	7 10:30a Adult Hebrew	8 7:30p Shabbat Service	9 Parashat Vayetzei Genesis 28:10 - 32:3 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Talmud Study 6:30p PJ Havdalah
10 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 10a CCI Clean Up Day 10:00a Judaica Collec- tion Open House	11 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00p Religious Practices	13 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	14 10:30a Adult Hebrew 7:00p Reform Judaism Magazine Discussion	15 7:30p Shabbat Service	16 Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4-36:43 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Torah Study 10:00 Pre Chanukah Tot Shabbat
17 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 10:00 Brotherhood Mtg 7:30p Tri-Faith Service of Thanksgiving at Islamic Center	18 7:00p Chai Mitzvah Discussion 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00p Executive Commit- tee Meeting	20 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:00p Special Congrega- tional meeting	21 10:30a Adult Hebrew	22 7:30p Shabbat Service With CCI Choir	23 Parashat Vayshev Genesis 37:1-40:23 10:00a Shabbat Morning Service. Noah Rigg, Bar Mitzvah
24 7:00p Board Meeting 5:00p CITY Meeting	25	26 6:00p Latke preparation	27 CHANUKAH 1st Candle	28 CHANUKAH 1st Candle THANKSGIVING (office closed)	29 CHANUKAH 2nd Candle 7:30p Shabbat Service (office closed)	30 CHANUKAH 3rd Candle Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1-44:17
<b>December 1</b> CHANUKAH 4th Candle 6:00p Chanukah Dinner	2 CHANUKAH 5th Candle	3 CHANUKAH 6th Candle	4 CHANUKAH 7th Candle 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	5 CHANUKAH 8th Candle 10:30a Adult Hebrew 7:00p Adult Edu: Leading Shabbat Services	6 6:00p Intergenerational Shabbat Service	7 Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18-47:27 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Talmud Study 6:00 CITY Baby Sitting
8 10:00a AJCSS at CCI 12:00p CITY Bake Sale	9	10	11 URJ Biennial 5:00p Weekday Hebrew	12 URJ Biennial	13 URJ Biennial 7:30p Shabbat Service	14 URJ Biennial
15 URJ Biennial 10:00a AJCSS at CCI	16	17 7:00 Exec Comm Meeting	18 5:00p Weekday Hebrew 7:00p Chai Mitzvah Discus- sion	19 7:00 Religious Practices	20 7:30p Shabbat Service	21 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Torah Study 10:00a Tot Shabbat 7:30p Havdalah
22 7:00p Board Meeting	23 (office closed)	24 (office closed)	25 (office closed)	26 (office closed)	27 7:30p Shabbat Service (office closed)	28
29	30 (office closed)	31 (office closed)	<b>January 1</b> (office closed)	2	3 6:00p Shabbat Service 7:30p Shabbat Dinner	4 9:30a Shabbat Service 10:00a Torah Study

*Save the Date:*

**Chanukah Dinner—Sunday Evening, December 1**



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# CHANUKAH BLESSINGS

Chanukah begins this year with the lighting of the first candle on Wednesday Evening, Nov. 27.

Candles are added to the *Hanukiyah* from right to left but are kindled from left to right. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah lights first and then the Shabbat candles.)

Light the *Shamash* - the helper candle - first using it to kindle the rest of the Chanukah lights; say or sing:

### The First Blessing

Praised are You, Adonai,  
Our God, Ruler of the universe,  
Who made us holy through Your commandments  
and commanded us  
to kindle the Hanukah lights.

ברוך אתה יהוה *Baruch atah Adonai*  
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melech ha-olam*  
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו *Asher kiddeshanu b'mitzvotav*  
וצונו *Vitzivanu*  
להדליק נר של חנוכה. *L'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

### The Second Blessing

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Ruler of the universe, Who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those ancient days at this season.

ברוך אתה יהוה *Baruch atah Adonai*  
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melech ha-olam*  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו *Sheh'asah nissim la'avoteinu*  
בימים ההם *Ba-yamin ha-heim*  
בזמן הזה. *Ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

### The Third Blessing (First Night Only)

Praised are You, Adonai, Our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has given us life and sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

ברוך אתה יהוה *Baruch atah Adonai*  
אלהינו מלך העולם *Eloheinu melech ha-olam*  
שהחיינו *shehecheyanu*  
וקיימנו *v'ki-y'manu*  
והגיענו *v'higiyanu*  
לזמן הזה. *lazman hazeh.*