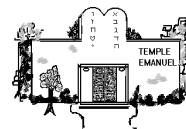


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Chanukah History

Dear Friends,

We start celebrating Chanukah this year by lighting the first candle on Sunday night, December 14. The traditional story of this holiday recounts events that took place almost 2,200 years ago when a few Jews fought the mighty Syrian Greek army and won. The reasons for the Jewish revolt were not political or economic, but religious. The Maccabees fought a **religious war**. They were fighting for religious independence and spiritual freedom.

Amazingly enough, even now that we are at the height of the Modern Era, the 21st century, this message of respect and tolerance for different religions is still very much needed. In the past two years, Israel has fought on seven fronts.

1. **Gaza (Hamas)** – The core of the conflict after October 7. Israel launched a massive ground and air campaign beginning in late 2023.
2. **Lebanon (Hezbollah)** – Joined the war shortly after, launching about **7,500 rockets** and **200 drones** by August 2024.
3. **Yemen (Houthi)** – Fired roughly **200 missiles** and **170 drones** toward Israel and ships in the Red Sea.
4. **Iran (Direct attacks)** – Two large-scale assaults: April (hundreds of drones/missiles) and October (180 ballistic missiles).
5. **Iraq (Iran-backed militias)** – Launched drone attacks on Israel and U.S. forces; killed three Americans in January 2024.
6. **Syria** – Iranian forces and remnants of the Assad regime targeted Israel; Israel struck back heavily, especially after December 8.
7. **West Bank** – Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad cells attempted to open a new front; Israel launched major counter-terror raids.

The Seven Fronts War, in its core, has many religious elements; these are all Muslim countries/terrorist organizations, and common to all is the religious call for Jihad, a holy war against the infidels (the Jews).

I want to share with you the original story of Chanukah as it appears in The First Book of Maccabees.

The anonymous author describes the Jews' struggle for religious, cultural, and political independence against the Seleucid king Antiochus IV Epiphanes and his successors, who were Greeks and sympathized with the Hellenization of Judah. I found the description of King Antiochus's atrocities horrifyingly similar to what Hamas did on October 7.

Please read selections from this historical book and judge for yourself.

Chapter 1: "When Antiochus saw that his kingdom was established, he determined to become king of the land of Egypt, that he might reign over both kingdoms. So he invaded Egypt with a strong force, with chariots, elephants, cavalry, and a large fleet. [Autumn 169 BCE] After subduing Egypt, Antiochus returned in the one hundred and forty-third year. He went up against Israel and came to Jerusalem with a strong force. He arrogantly entered the sanctuary and took the golden altar, the lampstand for the light, and all its utensils. He also took the table for the Bread of the Presence, the cups for drink offerings, the bowls, the golden censers, the curtain, the crowns, and the gold decoration on the front of the temple; he stripped it all off. He took the silver and the gold, and the costly vessels; he took also the hidden treasures which he found. Taking them all, he departed for his own land. He committed deeds of murder and spoke with great arrogance. Israel mourned deeply in every community, rulers and elders groaned, maidens and young men became faint,

and the beauty of women faded. [167 BCE] Two years later, the king sent to the cities of Judah a chief collector of tribute, and he came to Jerusalem with a large force. Deceitfully, he spoke peaceable words to them, and they believed him; but he suddenly fell upon the city, dealt it a severe blow, and destroyed many people of Israel. He plundered the city, burned it with fire, and tore down its houses and its surrounding walls. And they took captive the women and children, and seized the cattle.

Then they fortified the city of David with a great strong wall and strong towers, and it became their citadel. And they stationed there a sinful people, lawless men. These strengthened their position; they stored up arms and food, and collecting the spoils of Jerusalem, they stored them there, and became a great snare.

It became an ambush against the sanctuary, an evil adversary of Israel continually. On every side of the sanctuary, they shed innocent blood; they even defiled the sanctuary. Because of them the residents of Jerusalem fled; she became a dwelling of strangers; she became strange to her offspring, and her children forsook her. Her sanctuary became desolate as a desert; her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into a reproach, her honor into contempt. Her dishonor now grew as great as her glory; her exaltation was turned into mourning.

Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people, and that each should give up his customs. All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the Sabbath. And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary, to profane sabbaths and feasts, to defile the sanctuary and the priests, to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane, so that they should forget the law and change all the ordinances. "And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die."

In such words he wrote to his whole kingdom. And he appointed inspectors over all the people and commanded the cities of Judah to offer sacrifice, city by city. Many of the people, everyone who forsook the law, joined them, and they did evil in the land; they drove Israel into hiding in every place of refuge they had.

Now on the fifteenth day of Kislev, in the one hundred and forty-fifth year [SE; 6 December 167 BCE], they erected a desolating sacrilege upon the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding cities of Judah and burned incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. The books of the law which they found, they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Where the book of the covenant was found in the possession of anyone, or if anyone adhered to the law, the decree of the king condemned him to death. They kept using violence against Israel, against those found month after month in the cities.

And on the twenty-fifth day of the month, they offered sacrifice on the altar which was upon the altar of burnt offering. According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised, and their families and those who circumcised them; and they hung the infants from their mothers' necks.

But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food. They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant, and they did die. And very great wrath came upon Israel. "

In the following chapters, we read the description of the Military actions by Judas the Maccabean ('battle hammer'): after 166 BCE, he defeats the Seleucid armies three times and liberates Jerusalem, where the temple is purified. "

When reading these chapters of our history, we realize how miraculous our people's survival is. Against the mighty Greek army, the Jews endured, and the Greek empire vanished.

Am Yisrael Chai - The Nation of Israel lives."

Mira and I want to wish you and your family Hag Hanukkah Sameach

—Rabbi Avi Perets

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This is our meeting id number & passcode:

647 090 3997 , passcode: 7777



If you are planning to be at Saturday services and would like an Aliyah, please contact me as early as possible with the information, and PLEASE be on time.

-Alvin Weinerman



Help us extend our Temple Emanu-El Family!

If you hear of prospective members, please call the Membership Committee.

Main contact number is:

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Megan & Saul Shavitz	11
Mindy & Jeff Ribyat	20
Joyce & Allen Aaronson	22
Nancy & Samuel Bernstein	29
Gayle & Mark Sloan	30

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Carol-Lee Kantor	1
Ashley Leder	1
Charlene Winger	3
Joey Benezra	5
David Epstein	6
Allison Flynn	6
Jane Bernstein	7
Gabrielle Schecker	10
Sandra Stamer	11
Daniel Rosner	11
Sarah Flynn	11
Renwick Goldberg	13
Larry Kopelman	14
Alvin Weinerman	16
Eileen Gorelick	16
Dolores Anschel	17
Lyle Wolinsky	17
Allen Aaronson	19
Gary Hayes	21
Marianne Levenson	22
Miriam Hurwitz	23
Amy Elder	24
Mitchell Norris	24
Terry Levenson	27
Mira Perets	27
Allen Rivkin	28
Susan Cohen	29
Mary Ann Allgood	31
Ian Glaser	31

**DECEMBER YAHRZEITS:**

Sol Siegelwax	10	KISLEV
Benno Frank	11	21
David Shapiro	11	21
Wallace Leinwand	12	22
Philip Schecker	12	22
Bella Melnick	12	22
Samuel Roth	12	22
Ralph Wolinsky	12	22
Regina Smolarz	13	23
Morton Lerner	13	23
Samuel Welkis	14	24
Harriet Kalisky	15	25
Aaron Soffer	15	25
Sarah Soffer Greenberg	16	26
Stanley Levitz	17	27
Randy Yarchever	17	27
Solomon Mann	17	27
Mary Kohn	17	27
Samuel Leventhal	19	29
Curtis Sloan	19	29
Sarah Miller	19	29
Harriet Moskowitz	19	29
Al Solomon	19	29
Benjamin Horowitz	21	TEVET
Morris Gordon	21	1
Blanche Wishkoff	21	1
Mollie Lipsky	21	1
Bessie Pollack	22	2
Norman Kretchmar	22	2
Beatrice Turner	22	2
Birdie Kaye	22	2
Jack Pfeffer	23	3
Reuben Osterneck	23	3
Abraham Horn	24	4
Solomon Feldman	25	5
Malcolm Johnson	25	5
Lawrence Friedman	26	6
Stewart Kahn	26	6
Ida Mendoik Cohen	26	6
Samuel Cohan	26	6
Henry Goldowsky	26	6
Ella Yorish	26	6
Helen Siegelwax	26	6
Dorothy Gottlieb Solomon	26	6
Leonard Reisman	28	8
William Markel	28	8
Eric Linder	29	9
Shirley Krause	29	9
Rachel Cockle	29	9
Myron Streizant	29	9
Sheila Emmi	30	10
Jacob Levenson	30	10
Alvin Greenberg	30	10
Art Redstone	30	10
Harold Brockman	31	11
Alfred Hayes	31	11
Lena Birnbaum	31	11
Maurice Braunstein	31	11
Charlotte Weinberger	31	11

11 Kislev – 11 Tevet	December 2025						5786
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 11 Kislev	2 12 Kislev	3 Advanced Hebrew: 12:45pm – 1:45pm Adult Education: 2:00pm – 3:00pm Hebrew School: 4:00pm – 6:00pm	4 14 Kislev	5 Services: 6pm Bimah Honors: Frank Palermo Candles: 4:48pm	6 <i>Vayishlach</i> Services: 10am Bimah Honors : Lenny Reznik Kiddush Sponsored by Carlos Carrillo in honor of his Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Ends: 5:47pm	
7 Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting 10am Rosen Center Guest Speaker: Mayor Bethune	8 18 Kislev	9 19 Kislev	10 Advanced Hebrew: 12:45pm – 1:45pm Adult Education: 2:00pm – 3:00pm Hebrew School: 4:00pm – 6:00pm	11 21 Kislev	12 Services: 6pm Bimah Honors: Richard Andrews Candles: 4:49pm	13 <i>Vayeshev</i> Services: 10am Bimah Honors: Roz Weinerman Shabbat Ends: 5:48pm	
14 First Chanukah Candle Chanukah Dinner & Talent Show 6pm  24 Kislev	15 2 nd Chanukah Candle Community Menorah Lighting Market Common 5pm  26 Kislev	16 3 rd Chanukah Candle 17 Mah-Jongg Tournament No Adult Education Advanced Hebrew: 12:45pm – 1:45pm Hebrew School: 4:00pm – 6:00pm	18 5 th Chanukah Candle 19 6 th Chanukah Candle Services: 6pm Bimah Honors: Dave Fischer Candles: 4:52pm (Light Chanukah Candles First)	20 <i>Miketz</i> 7 th Chanukah Candle Services: 10am Bimah Honors: Mary Andrews Kiddush Sponsored by Hal & Annette Gordon in memory of their parents Shabbat Ends: 5:51pm			
21 Last Chanukah Candle 1 Tevet	22 2 Tevet	23 3 Tevet	24 No Classes	25 5 Tevet	26 Services: 6pm Bimah Honors: David Epstein Candles: 4:56pm	27 <i>Vayigash</i> Services: 10am Bimah Honors: Sonia Kahn Kiddush Sponsored by Danny Winkler & Maria Dunnigan in memory of Norman Winkler Shabbat Ends: 5:55pm	
28 8 Tevet	29 9 Tevet	30 Fast of the 10 th of Tevet	31 No Classes				

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Memorials:

In loving memory of my mother, Rivka bat Tuvie: **Stella Shklyar**

In loving memory of my uncle Ehiel ben Beyla: **Stella Shklyar**

In memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Roz & Alvin Weinerman**

In memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Carol Seplow**

RDF donation in memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Sindee & Dan Wiener**

In memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Richard & Mary Andrews**

In memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Dr. Julian Koplen**

In memory of Lisa Epstein's mother, Betty Ignaszewski: **Perri Sullivan**

Haganah Fund donation in memory of Teasa Abrams: **Debby & Menachem Shoham**

Haganah Fund donation in memory of the heroic Israeli hostages who didn't survive captivity z"l:

Debby & Menachem Shoham

In memory of Rabbi Reuben Kesner: **Tim Chestnut**

In memory of Ellie Schiller: **Tim Chestnut**

In memory of Dick Rosen: **Tim Chestnut**

In memory of Michael, Raymond, & Jerrie Schild: **Tim Chestnut**

In memory of J. Lambert Schwartz & Mary Jane Schwartz: **Tim Chestnut**

In loving memory of our father, Martin Bernstein: **Sam & Nancy Bernstein**

In loving memory of my mother, Sally Kastan: **Pamela D'Ambrosio**

Haganah Fund Donations:

In honor of the release of the hostages from captivity: **Amy & Doug Elder**

In honor of the surviving Israeli hostages who are finally back home: **Debby & Menachem Shoham**

Parking Lot Donations:

Anonymous

Simone Feder

Ella Singer

Anne Peacock

Sharon Rubin

Simchas:

In honor of the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Hood, Debbie Flynn's new granddaughter: **Sonia Kahn**

In honor of Annette and Hal Gordon on their renewal of vows: **The Stauffer Family**



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund :

Paul & Pauline Sokoloff



Renewal of Vows 11/2/2025



Mah-Jongg Mondays Are Back!

Mondays at 12:30 PM, in the Rosen Center
Members of all abilities are welcome.

Contact Roz Weinerman to sign up.
Bring a set if you have one. Donation: \$1



THANK YOU TO THE CFJS AND VIVIAN STEVENS FOR THE SUPER-INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ABOUT FRAUD AND SCAMS HELD ON NOVEMBER 6



Thank you to Dr. Ron and Sue Cohn for having our carpet cleaned!

Thank you to our "holy schleppers" for moving all the chairs... Larry Kopelman, Harvey Pollack, Dave Fischer, Jeff Lipman, Mark Sloan, Seth Clark, Joe Hunt, & Rick Andrews



Please donate to our collection basket in the Rosen Center:
non-perishable foods, microwaveable foods, and hygiene items.
In need of: canned meat, pasta, pasta sauce, instant mashed potatoes, soup

*** EDUCATION CLASSES AVAILABLE***

Temple Emanu-El Education Classes Available:

Advanced Conversational Hebrew Class: For adults with excellent Hebrew skills.

Meets Wednesdays in the Rosen Center or via Zoom from 12:45 PM to 1:45 PM

Adult Education: This class consists of exploring the book "Jewish Literacy," by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, and current events with articles, videos and lively discussion.

Meets Wednesdays in the Rosen Center or via Zoom from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Hebrew School: Classes Aleph through Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Meets Wednesdays in the Rosen Center from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**** Note - Please see the calendar found in each Bulletin for exact dates of classes.**

Seniors by the Sea

This incredible program, which is funded by a grant from CFJS, provides assistance to our Temple members who are homebound. If you wish to be considered, please contact Vivian Stevens at vivichickie@verizon.net.



38th Avenue Diva Readers

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Date: Monday, December 8, 11 AM

Discussing: *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki

Where: Sandra Stamer's home

RSVP to Anne Peacock at annepeacoc@hotmail.com



Sisterhood Doings... December 2025

Mark your calendar as busy on January 25. There will be a Sisterhood **general meeting** at 10:30 AM. We are asking for everyone to bring in their favorite recipe on a sheet of paper. It'll be fun to see what others like, and maybe add a new dish to your food rotation. See flyer for more details.

Looking for a unique way to honor/remember a loved one? We have the perfect solution to your dilemma. **Light a Chanukiah** project is underway. You can purchase a virtual Chanukiah for \$18.00 and dedicate it to whomever or whatever you wish. This is fun and easy. Just fill out the form found in the Bulletin, attach a check, and mail it to the Temple by December 15. All submissions will be printed in the January Bulletin.

Vita Friedman and **Dori Schefflin** are hard at work preparing for Sisterhood's next Mah-Jongg Tournament, which will be held on Wednesday, December 17. Please see the advertisement in this Bulletin and if you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Dori.

We are still actively selling 2026 **National Mah-Jongg Cards**. Please see the advertisement in this Bulletin to place an order. This is a fundraiser, so please get your family, friends, and neighbors involved.

Dates to remember:	Due by December 15	Light a Chanukiah
	December 17, 2025	Mah-Jongg Tournament
	January 25, 2026	Sisterhood General Meeting
	February 22, 2026	Game Day
	April 19, 2026	Mystery Gift Auction



B 'Shalom,
Perri Sullivan





THE SISTERHOOD OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL'S

All Day Mah Jongg Tournament

We follow National Mah Jongg League Rules

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17, 2025

WHERE: Temple Emanu-El

406 65th Avenue North
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Doors Open at 8:45 AM, Please be here by 9:15 AM

Game starts promptly at 9:30 AM

Light Breakfast and

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Prizes every round

To register fill out this form, and enclose the all-inclusive entry fee of \$30 per person
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MAIL TO: Vita Friedman
1605 Hack Court
Surfside Beach, SC 29575

If you have any questions, please contact me at this number (843) 668-2177

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143 vitabrades@gmail.com

Cutoff date DECEMBER 10 and NO Refunds given after DECEMBER 10

***** If you find you can't make it, we will need substitutes, so *****
PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE . . .
PLEASE CONTACT Dori Schefflin (336) 402-1014

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A check **MUST** be included for your reservation and any **NEW/ADDITIONAL PLAYER(S)**

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (\$30 X _____ player/s)

BRING YOUR SET, STAY WITH IT, YOU WILL BE EAST YES _____ NO _____

I/We can bring MahJongg Set: YES _____ NO _____

I will be bringing a Table Mat YES _____ NO _____

If you want to be removed from our mailing list, please contact Vita Friedman at 143vitabrades@gmail.com

Order Mah Jongg Cards through Temple Emanu-El

Order cards for you, your friends and anyone who plays mah jongg no matter where they live. The cards will be sent to them directly from the Mah Jongg League the first week of April; earlier than ordering from the NMJL directly. Have more than one order? Simply submit a separate list with their names and the CORRECT current addresses.

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For more information, call Lynne @ 843-828-0664 (landline)

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Please inscribe as follows: In Honor/ Memory (circle one) of:

Please send an acknowledgment to: (Print clearly— Must have name, address & zip)

**PLEASE NOTE: \$18 minimum donation (per honoree) for Bulletin listing & mailed acknowledgment.
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*Yahrzeit Plaque \$360

* High Holy Day Prayer Book \$54

*Hertz Chumash \$54

*Siddur Inscription \$36



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