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Temple Or Elohim serves the surrounding communities of Jericho, Syosset, the North Shore and beyond.

Temple Or Elohim
Jericho, NY 11753
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Rabbi Kail's Installation Service



The Temple Or Elohim family came together on Friday night November 17th for Rabbi Cassi Kail's Installation Service. It was just about standing room only as Rabbi Kail was warmly welcomed into our congregation and Temple. In attendance were our Cantor Katz, members of our congregation and her family. There were also some special guests - our very own Rabbis Emeritus - Rabbi Harvey Abramowitz and Rabbi Marvin Antosofsky. Also in attendance was Rabbi Kail's mentor Rabbi Bamberger.

It was very poignant when Rabbi Kail and Cantor Katz sang together. Her angelic voice combined with Cantor Katz's rich dulcet tone created a calming and inspirational moment. One of the most emotional parts of the Installation Service was when one of our Torahs was passed from Rabbi Antosofsky to Rabbi Abramowitz to Rabbi Kail. Everyone watching was touched by this ceremony.

It was wonderful to experience the camaraderie and good wishes of our Temple family. This was truly an evening that will be remembered.



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Director of Education's Formal Office Hours (She is always available by appointment, as needed):
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\$10 shipping and handling charge on all orders. Gold or Silver imprint is free on orders of 5 dozen or more. If more than one color is ordered, or if orders are less than 5 dozen, there is an additional fee.

Please call Susan Bloomberg at (516)932-7112.

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Catering Information:

Our expanded and redecorated Temple can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties.

Please contact Hasson Caterers to consider having your simcha at Temple Or Elohim.

Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family.

Hasson Caterers: (516)937-0120 or 0121

Editorial Corner:

We encourage our members to submit articles, photos, and simchas for us to include in future issues. We also welcome suggestions for future issues. Please contact Esther Reich at: (917)922-4993 or Shofar@templeorlohim.com.

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A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Sponsorship is not only for Bar/Bat Mitzvah families. You can celebrate an anniversary, birthday, aufruf, bris, special birthday, graduation, becoming grandparents or anything else.

The price for an oneg following a traditional Friday night service with an event attached to it is \$300 with fruit and \$250 without fruit. An oneg following a Friday night service without an event may be available at a reduced rate. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and will be announced from the Bimah.

You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family, but will be helping out your Temple as well.

Please call Deena Yaris at (516)433-0771.

Rabbi Requests Information:

We commemorate the lives of those we have loved and lost. It is also appropriate to commemorate events in the lives of those we love in the here-and-now. We'd like to announce special events in your lives. Please forward all such information to:

Rabbi Kail rabbikail@gmail.com (516) 433-9888 Ext. 11.

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Services Schedule:			
Fri.	Dec. 1	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec. 2	Shabbat Service Honoring Rabbi Harvey & Cantor Joan Abramowitz	10:00 AM
Fri.	Dec. 8	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec. 9	Bagels & Torah	8:45 AM
Fri.	Dec. 15	Erev Shabbat Service featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec. 16	Bagels & Torah Shabbat Service Bar Mitzvah Aaron Samuelson	8:45 AM 10:00 AM
Fri.	Dec. 22	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec. 23	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Dec. 29	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Dec. 30	Shabbat Shalom	

Thoughts & Prayers:

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Kail, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee with any requests that you may have.

Honor the Occasion:

Honor the occasion of your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah, Birth, Anniversary, Wedding, Special Birthday, etc. by gifting a "Leaf" on the **Tree of Life** located in the Temple's Lobby.

To Order, call the Temple's Office at (516)433-9888 Ext.14.

Order Memorial Plaques:

Bronze Yahrzeit plaques, to be mounted on the Memorial Tablet in the Sanctuary, are available by order.

These plaques are offered to memorialize the names of our departed loved ones.

Each year, upon the anniversary of their passing, as well as at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service, the light beside the name is kindled.

To Order, call the Temple's Office at (516)433-9888 Ext.14.

Keep Handy for Reference:

(If God forbid, there is a death or illness in the family)
CALL AND TELL US

Daytime – Call
Temple Office (516)433-9888

Otherwise - Call
Rabbi Kail at (718)869-6673
Cantor at (516)849-1332

Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY TEMPLE FOR MEMBERS:

- Shiva services at a home for up to 3 evenings.
- E-mail notice sent to membership informing of the loss, if requested.
- Whenever Kaddish is said during services:
 - Temple Members' names read for 11 months.
 - Close relatives of Members' names read for 30 days.

From Our Rabbi:

The Jewish people have been celebrating Hanukkah for over two thousand years. We gather together with family and friends, light the Hanukkah candles, enjoy holiday songs, open presents and eat way too many latkas. We may retell the Hanukkah story and perhaps even play a game or two of dreidel. But the Hanukkah of today is not necessarily the Hanukkah of the past.



A rabbi of the Talmud asked “What is Hanukkah?” The Rabbis explain that the eight-days of Hanukkah begin on the twenty-fifth of Kislev. When the Greeks took over the temple, they defiled the oils inside. When the Maccabees defeated them and rededicated the temple, they found only one pure bottle of oil—with only one day’s worth of light. This light lasted for eight days. The next year they began celebrating Hanukkah as the holiday of Thanksgiving. It was a miracle that the oil lasted for eight days (Bavli Shabbat 21b).

It is surprising that a rabbi of the Talmud would ask such a basic question. Why did he want other rabbis to explain the holiday for him? Didn’t he know about and celebrate the holiday? In order to answer these questions, let’s begin by exploring the history of this Festival of Lights.

Before the Seleucid Greek reign of Antiochus IV, the Israelites lived an autonomous life. Their capital, Jerusalem, was home to the second Temple. They practiced religion, business and trade without much Greek intervention. That all changed when Antiochus IV came to power. Some Jews wished to assimilate into Greek culture. Their status as Jews meant that they had to undergo catastrophes. They preferred to take on the Greek way of life. These Jews contacted the King, in hopes of setting up cooperative Hellenization of the Jewish people. King Antiochus backed their efforts to create a gymnasium and other Greek institutions in Jerusalem. They joined forces against the many Jews who resisted Hellenization.

By 167 BCE, Antiochus vandalized the Temple, massacred Jews, erected an idol on the alter and decreed that studying Torah, observing Shabbat and circumcising Jewish boys were acts punishable by death. He sent overseers to Judea to enforce these laws and force Jews to participate in idol worship. Still, many refused. They wanted to remain separate from the Greeks. Mattiathus led a group, later called *the Maccabees* into a combination civil war/war against the Greeks in hopes of holding on to their Jewish heritage. Over the course of three years, the Maccabees were miraculously able to work their way back and take repossession of the Temple. While fighting, they had been unable to celebrate one of their favorite holidays—Sukkot. Sukkot was a harvest holiday celebrated for eight days. As part of the festivities, a seven-pronged Menorah was lit at the Temple. They celebrated the Temple’s rededication with an eight-day festival reminiscent of Sukkot but with new meaning. The Maccabees miraculously defeated the better equipped Greek army. They were liberated—an achievement celebrated with the new Festival of Lights.

So, what about the miracle of the oil? While light served as a meaningful metaphor for Hanukkah, symbolizing freedom, order and the presence of G-d, this miracle was not mentioned until the Talmud and its commentary (Gemara) were compiled. By this time, the Temple had been destroyed and the Jewish people were ruled by the Romans. The Romans would not exactly appreciate the celebration of a revolt and military victory. One rabbi asked “what is Hanukkah?” He knew that Rabbis needed to define it in a new light. Both the Maccabees and the rabbis believed that something miraculous had occurred. The Maccabees’ miracle was their victory despite overwhelming odds. The rabbis taught a miracle not of physical might but spiritual might. Upon the Temple’s rededication they found just one tiny bottle of pure oil—and that oil lasted for eight long days.

So, as the Talmud asked, “What is Hanukkah?” For me, the miracle of Hanukkah is that we can ask this question. We have survived for thousands of years, despite overwhelming odds against us—both physical, military challenges and spiritual ones. Each year we gather with family and friends—people we don’t spend enough quality time with throughout the year—to celebrate the miracles of our ancestors, the people who miraculously continue to work towards their religious freedom and the miracles we witness each day. The question is “What is the miracle of Hanukkah for you?”

Bivracha, with blessings,

Rabbi Cassi Kail

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From Our Cantor:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and fulfilling Thanksgiving and that you were able to enjoy your time with your family, as well as recall all the things you are grateful for in your life. I always enjoy reminding myself of how much I have and how lucky I am. Now we have another month to look forward to, December. December brings us into another fun filled holiday as well. You guessed it, Chanukah!



Chanukah is our time to recall once again, how grateful we are but in a different way. This is a deeper sense of being grateful. We realize how we would not even be here if it weren't for Judah Maccabee and his small but dedicated army. Judah Maccabee was truly the first Jewish warrior who decided there would not be anyone who would oppress and enslave the Jewish people. It is because of Judah Maccabee's strength, courage and commitment to his people, that we are able to be a people today.

Realizing how free we are and how lucky we are to be here today and celebrate our own holidays is truly a gift. Beyond the celebrations and presents we receive lies a truly special holiday reminding us to continue to be grateful.

In addition, at temple we have our own very special Chanukah celebration, our Chanukah service. This year our Chanukah service is on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 pm. The band will be playing for the service putting us in the Shabbat AND Chanukah mood.

Everyone is encouraged to bring their own menorah. Then we light all the menorahs at the candle lighting of the service and let them shine throughout the service. If you have never seen this, it is something you do not want to miss. I really hope you and your family can make it to this fabulous service.

We in the Katz family all wish you a very wonderful Chanukah and a Happy New Year!

B'shalom,
Cantor David Katz
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Religious School:

Shalom Friends,

December promises to be an exciting month of learning, fun and celebration. During the Chanukah week, we will bring The Festival of Lights alive with drumming, rhythm and creativity.

Our Religious School is also collecting NEW toys for the John Theissen Children's Foundation, a not -for -profit foundation for Sick and Under Privileged Children. All toys can be dropped off at the main office during regular office hours.



On December 17, 2017, please join us, your TOE family for our annual Chanukah party. The Religious School and Men's Club have been working hard to once again give our community a fun-filled celebration. Magic Jeff, DJ, a Bounce House and more will entertain our children! Bring your family and friends. Don't miss the fun from 11-1:00PM.

As our 7th graders begin to prepare for their upcoming SIMCHAS, a Bat Mitzvah or Bar Mitzvah, they will make their own Yad's, Torah Pointers to be used during their Torah readings.

Our educational program is built on experiential learning. While our children are studying Judaism, by participating in hands-on activities, their understanding of Judaism will become more prevalent. Last month, we began having monthly T'fillah (Prayer) services led by Rabbi Kail. Children through practice and worship, will learn about the meanings of various prayers. They will gain insight to their meanings, forming their own thoughts/feelings about their own Jewish identity. Our prayers, found in the Mishkan T'fillah Prayer Book, teach us about love, gratitude, creating peace and holiness. Our services will create a great source of conversation for you to have with your children. Ask your kids about what they learned, what prayer meant to them. Maybe something good happened at school or perhaps your child experienced something that made him/her happy. The topic of prayer is a terrific gateway to engage your child(ren) and promote a meaningful conversation.

(Religious School Continued)

As we begin to light the candles on the Hanukkiah or menorah and eat the delicious latkes (potato pancakes) and celebrate the liberation from oppression, we continue to think of all those not as fortunate. From my family to yours, I wish all of you a joyous Happy Chanukah. May 2018 be a good year for all of you.

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education
 (516)433-9888 Ext. 15

President's Message:

Dear Congregational Families and Friends,

Greetings to all our Congregants, temple friends and valued members. Here we are in December 2017. We have successfully installed our new Rabbi Cassi Kail. The installation Erev Shabbat service was one of the most hartzig services I have had the privilege of attending. Rabbi Abramowitz and Rabbi Antosofsky's presence was a crowning moment in the annals of Or Elohim history, as we watched to fruition the inauguration of Rabbi Cassi.



Our Bnei Mitzvah services during November and December are another testament to our Hebrew school and the commitment of our teachers and our director of education Deborah Tract. The services by these Bnei mitzvah were led with an air of sophistication and Judaic knowledge making us all proud to be surrounded by our beautiful stained glass windows.

The retirement gala for Rabbi Harvey and Joan was a total blast filled with friends and stories of our beloved Harvey throughout his years at our Temple Or Elohim. May Rabbi Harvey and Rebbetzin Joan enjoy their retirement and shep nachas for the years of religious splendor that they have laid the foundation for at Or Elohim.

We look forward to a Familyhood event followed by our 12/15/17 Chanukiot lighting for Erev Shabbat services. We will rock the house as we fill the Chanukah Friday night service with flaming Chanukiot, that will beautifully light up our Sanctuary. Our Sunday Chanukah celebration on 12/17/17 will be the icing on the cake for our Chanukah weekend, as potato latkes and apple sauce will surely be the culinary event of the month... mmm..delicious...can't wait.

From my family to yours enjoy your vacations and family get togethers. Please be careful travelling as we at the temple say a "Tefilat Haderech" (travelling prayer for the road) for the safety of all our temple family. Enjoy it all and have a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2018 New Year....Amen

Respectfully,
Michael Wilner, President
michaelwilner@danielgale.com

ESCAPE THE (CHANUKAH) ROOM Sunday, December 10th - 10:30am \$10 per family

It will be a FUN time for *all* ages. The older kids (tweens/teens) will help solve the trickier, more elaborate clues and the younger kids will help complete the easier clues. That is, if they can solve them before the time runs out!

Prizes will be given IF you escape in time.

Bagels, munchkins and other snacks will be available, too!

*** Keep checking our Familyhood Facebook group for clues that will help you escape!***
RSVP by 12/7/2017: Co-Chairs Jodi Breslin at JodiBreslin@yahoo.com or Steve Finkelstein at Steve@ProfessorPedals.com.

Sisterhood:

*Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting held on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm, offsite at Lisbon Café in Jericho. Please contact Barbara Ruvin at bearfan3@gmail.com or via cell at 516-318-6577.

*The AED/CPR class was attended by 11 who braved the poor weather conditions on Sunday, October 29th. Thank you to Sue Zichlin for this year's coordination of the class. There are still 4 spots that Sisterhood has paid for that can be taken anywhere our instructors give the class. Should you wish to be AED/CPR certified contact Sue at sueazichlin@gmail.com and she will put you in contact with Dr. Chris or Marilyn!

*Shoppers' Day was a great success thanks to the teamwork of Sue Zichlin, Susan Bloomberg and Laurel Fried. Greg's Food Truck delivered delicious treats.

*We are teaming up with Social Action and collecting the following items for our local animal shelters: blankets, sheets and towels in any condition (please make sure they are at least cleaned!). Place your donations in the bin marked Animal Shelter Donations located in the library. We are also collecting outdated prescription eyewear for the New Eyes for the Needy Program. That bin is in the temple's office. Collections end in late December.

*Mah Jongg cards are on sale: \$8 for regular print and \$9 for large print. Please fill out the forms that are in the lobby or contact Barbara Feinstein at BarbFein0616@aol.com.

*Look for future announcements about an upcoming show that Shelia Zimmerman will be planning for 2018.

*WE NEED YOU! Seeking women of all ages who have a variety of interests. We need new ideas for fundraisers/programs and volunteers who are willing to help run them. No experience necessary, just a desire to make a difference!

Happy Chanukah and New Year to all!

Social Action Committee:

Let's not forget our neighbors in need during the holiday season. We collect non-perishable food all year round and gift cards in all amounts small or large will be given to families that struggle to provide the daily needs that we often take for granted.

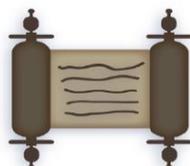
Hatzilu Rescue Organization is in need of volunteers! If you are interested and want more information reach out to Alan Levine, President of Hatzilu at alevine@photoreporter.com

Please send an email to susanlevine318@gmail.com with any ideas or suggestions you might have.

Susan Levine, Chair, Social Action Committee

**Congratulations to our
Bar Mitzvah Candidate
and his family:**

December 16, 2017
Aaron Samuelson
Son of Elisa and David



**Baskets on the Bimah
Program:**

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah. Proceeds go to assist local needy families.



Any congregant can have a basket displayed on the bimah for a non-Bar/Bat Mitzvah Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

A great way to honor any simcha you are celebrating!

Contact the Temple Office at (516)433-9888 Ext. 14.

Men's Club:

Guess who I ran into last week? Hanukkah Harry! I was stopped at the light in front of the Broadway Mall and he pulled up next to me in that old Coupe de Ville of his. You know the one – white with the blue carriage roof and the fake spare tire hanging off the rear bumper. Well, Harry honked his horn, rolled down the window, looked at me with that zeesen punim of his, and bellowed in his thick, New York Yiddishe brogue, “I heard you’ve all been good boychicks and girls over at Or Elohim! Your temple is beautiful, you have a dynamic new Rabbi who is smart and insightful and engaging, da kinder are lovin’ the Hebrew School, and you’re growing! I couldn’t be happier! I’m so happy, in fact, I’m bringing you all extra latkes and chocolate gelt!” Extra latkes and chocolate gelt? I don’t know about you but that sounds like a pretty good deal to me!

As certifiably crazy as Harry can be at times, he is absolutely right about this. We do have a beautiful, active and loving temple which is growing. These are good times, indeed!

Enough about Harry. What’s the Men’s Club been up to? First, thanks to the refining of the Sukkah design and construction, we were able to dismantle it and store it in less than three hours – a new record. A huge thank you goes to Tilden Halpern for his game-changing gusset plates. The Sukkah is now strong enough to drive a subway train over it and the stiffness of the panels made it a breeze to put up and take down.

Our recent Movie Night was a success. The folks in attendance really enjoyed the showing of All of Me and the accompanying Mediterranean buffet. A big thanks to Larry Tract and Athenian Greek Taverna in Commack for the delicious food.

Our annual Hanukkah party will soon be upon us. Join us on December 17th!

As this year draws to an end, I find myself looking back on a very special year here at Or Elohim. We made new friends and lost some very good friends. We found new leadership while cherishing the legacy of the old and we took enormous pleasure in the knowledge that our Or Elohim is widely acknowledged to be “The Place to Be”. I can’t wait to see what the new year brings.

Until we meet again, my friends, please be kind to one another.

With Warmest Regards,

Mark Heller, Men’s Club President

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Pearl

From the roar of the ocean alone in a shell glistening with a gentle glow
 Is the beautiful white Pearl
 Elegant with a luster that slowly moved as the water swayed with the tide
 This small Pearl with all its splendor will be adorning the life of someone
 As I was given a gift of a “Pearl”
 My Pearl, my elegant Mom named Pearl, adorned the lives of those she
 touched with kindness, gentleness and an outpouring of love
 As the Pearls in the sea are strung gently to be given as a gift
 My Pearl spread her hopes and dreams into those she so dearly loved
 Yes my Pearl was genuine, the real deal and I share these thoughts
 on her birthday
 with her son, daughter, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends
 and the people whose lives she touched.

Sheila Kwitkin Zimmerman

November 4, 2017

December Birthdays

1 Colby Adams	9 Vivian Delman	17 Justin Bachman	25 Aaron Samuelson
1 Meredith Glenn	9 Stacey Dorf	17 Wendy Blidner	26 Sara Azizollahoff
1 Gayle Lashin	9 Brandon Silverman	17 Gregory Katz	26 Jeffrey Burger
1 Barbara Lubliner	10 Allison Weiss	18 Carrie Davis	26 Barbara Halpern
1 Ross Reddock	11 Lauren Allen	18 Noah Fried	26 Howard Rosenthal
1 Irwin Ross	11 Dennis Blinder	18 Jordan Oliver	26 Eric Roth
1 Jodi Weisbrod	11 Bryan Green	18 Marc Scher	27 Ashley Myrah
1 Craig Yaris	11 Edward Levine	18 Jeffrey Zichlin	27 Emily Rogove
2 Philip Peller	11 Ken Weissman	19 Eileen Flax	28 Brooke Alper
4 Michael Kellman	12 Emma Mogavero	19 Michael Greenberg	28 Joana Bekerman
5 Evan Adam Blidner	12 Michael Wilner	19 Shayna Walsh	28 Evelyn Sklar Goldman
5 Danielle Burger	14 Staci Rogove	20 Richard Baiman	28 Leah Kaufer
6 Cole Beekman	15 Warren Baine	20 Julian Saltz	28 Julie Rosenthal
6 Heather Elyse Bloomberg	15 Edward Gellender	22 Summer Ginsberg	28 Heather Weinstock
6 David Horowitz	15 Arthur Rosenberg	23 Matthew Perlmutter	29 Marianne Bock
6 Leonard Zichlin	16 Paula Cohn	23 Noreen Sperling	29 Ivy Heller
7 Abigail Damast	16 Dean Felsen	23 Dennis Weiss	29 Scott Paticoff
7 Madeline Damast	16 David Garfinkel	24 Joshua Delman	31 Melissa Lefkowitz
7 Joan Ritter	16 Yelena Markovskaya	24 Mark Osnowitz	31 Jeffrey Miller
7 Jacalyn Samuelson	16 Dennis Myrah	24 Adam Silverman	31 Stan Miller
7 Asher Weinberg	16 Alexander Weinstein	25 Jennifer Lampert	
7 Risa Weintraub	16 Michael Weinstein	25 Lana Math	
9 Karen Blinder	16 Lauren Wiener		



December Anniversaries

1	Frederic & Bonnie Oliver
6	Harlye & Jean Greenberg
8	David & Vivian Delman
10	Dennis & Joanne Myrah
14	Ronald & Michelle Finkelstein
17	Herbert & Judith Schanker
20	Philip & Linda Peller
21	Allan & Arlene Cohn
22	Joel & Karen Fazekas
24	Harvey & Deena Yaris
26	Stuart & Gale Manheim
30	David & Allison Weiss

Gala for Rabbi Harvey & Cantor Joan Abramowitz



Adult Choir Under the Direction of Cantor Katz Serenades Rabbi Abramowitz



TOE's Rabbis Emeritus: Rabbi Antosofsky & Rabbi Abramowitz



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Yahrzeits – December 2017:

Week of December 1

Anne Blick, Joseph Brodsky, Helen Kimack Doernis, Herbert Edson, Anne Feinstein, Maurice Gold, Morris Gottlieb, Nathaniel Halpern, Harold Katz, Mortimor Kaufman, Harold Kellman, Alice Leff, Mack Lubell, Robert Magdalin, David Moskowitz, Beatrice Pollack, Murray Reich, Morris Sacks, Jules Sawyer, Thomas Schatzki, Esther Shapiro, Lester Shimberg, Max Silpe, Ronald Speero, Steven Joel Sternfeld, Edward Wisotsky, Jean Wolf and Lillian Wolfson

Week of December 8

Rose Alstadter, Jack Breitman, Geraldine T. Brostoff, Josephine Cavolo, Ben Feigenbaum, Abraham L. Feldman, Mae Isserles, Sally Kipness, Beki Lawner, Herbert Lieberman, Ida Lubard, Alice Newton, Clara Padell, Virginia Ford, Quinlan, Sandra Rose, Jack Rosenthal, Linda Barbara Saslow, Jerry Saunders, Fanny Schanker, Doris Scherr, Harold Silpe, Mary Ann Slavin, Abraham Topple, Richard Unger, Violet Weinberg, Louis Welikson, Wolf Werbin and Abraham Wiener

Week of December 15

Michael Bernstein, Eva Bronstein, Max Bronstein, Perry Chafetz, Albert Cohen, Phyllis Cohen, Jack Debowsky, Jennie Eigengold, Stanley Feltman, Leonard Finkelstein, Sylvia Finkelstein, Lillian Freilich, Henry Friedman, Harry Gerschwitz, Lewis Gold, Isadore Hoffman, Irving Jacobson, Muriel Lecher, Harry Lehner, Adele Lerner, Joe Lewis, Louis Meltz, David Quint, Bessie Ratner, Dora Siegel, Sol Siegel, Sylvia Waltzer and Bernard Wengrover

Week of December 22

Vincent Bruy, Louis Cohen, Ladislav Cohn, Carey Getelman, Miriam Hochberg, Pearl Kwitkin, Anna Meltz, Ruth Raisman, Saul Rubin, Sue Seltzer, Flora Shimberg, Adela Silbiger, Anne Silverman, Yetta Spiegel, Leonard Suroff, Ellen Vader, Norman Vader and Arthur Wolfson

Week of December 29

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Torah Notes:

Dec 3-9 Vayeshev (Gen 37:1-40:3)

Joseph's life takes a strange and disturbing turn after he shares his prophetic dreams with his brothers. Jealous of the way in which their father favored him, Joseph's brothers heartlessly attack him, sell him into slavery and tell their father that he had been killed by a wild beast. Thus begins Joseph's life in the Land of Egypt. The Torah pivots back to Canaan, where Tamar educates Judah about how to treat a woman, through deception and sex. Back in Egypt, Joseph refuses his master's advances. He ends up in prison through no fault of his own. In prison, he begins to make a name for himself as an interpreter of dreams.

Dec 10-16 Miketz (Gen 41:4-44:17)

Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams and begins to rise to power. Eventually, he attains one of the highest offices in all of Egypt. He marries Asenath, and has two children: Ephraim and Meneshe. There is a great famine in all of the lands, but Joseph is prepared. From far and wide, people come to him for food, including his brothers, who are on the brink of starvation. Joseph recognizes them right away, though they do not recognize him. He tests them three separate times.

Dec 17-23 Vayigash (Gen 44:18-47:27)

Joseph sees his youngest brother Benjamin for the first time in years. After Joseph's three tests for his brothers are complete, he can hold himself back no longer. Joseph reveals his identity to them. He is delighted to find out his father is still alive, and even more delighted to see him again. Joseph and Jacob meet with Pharaoh. Joseph's family prosper in Egypt.

Dec 24-30 Vayechi (Gen 47:28-50:26)

The book of Genesis comes to a close, as Jacob's life comes to an end. Jacob blesses his grandchildren Ephraim and Menashe. Jacob offers his deathbed blessings and imparts instructions for his burial. Despite the huge rifts between them, Joseph and his brothers are able to forgive one another, and together offer Jacob the burial he deserved. Years pass, and Joseph, too, comes to the end of his days. He makes a deathbed prophecy of people Israel's future.

Tidbits from Larry Jacobs:

A Quebec company recently became the first in Canada to receive Kosher Certification for its medical marijuana. The Certification was given on Erev Rosh Hashanah. According to the Talmud, if it is used as medicine and is able to help sick people it is allowable. There is of course much discussion about this.

A Mexican industrial group has agreed to buy an 80 percent stake in Israel's largest drip irrigation company. The deal is valued at 1.89 billion dollars. The Israeli company has 17 plants in 30 countries, employing a total of 4,300 workers.

A joint venture between Cornell University and Israel's Technion Institute of Technology recently opened in NYC. The 2 billion dollar high tech campus is located on Roosevelt Island. Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg spearheaded the project while he was in office. He donated 100 million dollars towards its construction.

Monty Hall, host and co-creator of the game show Let's Make A Deal, died at the end of September. He was 96 years old. He appeared in 4,500 episodes of the show that he hosted for 23 years. During the course of his life, he helped raise over one billion dollars for charity. He was born Monte Halparin. His orthodox Jewish parents wanted him to become a doctor, but he couldn't get into medical school because of the quotas placed on Jews at the time...



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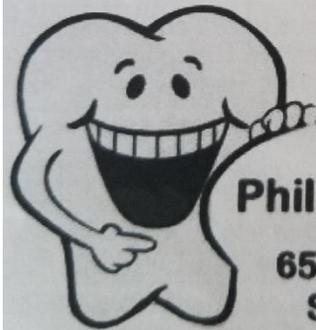
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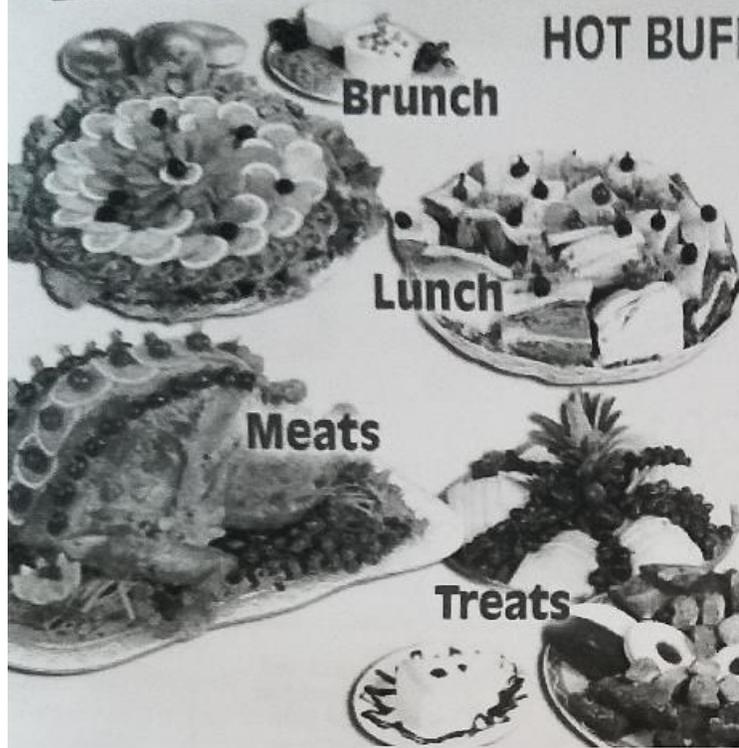
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