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Hanukah How-To

By Gail Nalven

Hanukah is Sunday 12/21 through Monday 12/29.

Sunday evening 12/21 is the first night of Hanukah and Sunday evening 12/28 is the last night of Hanukah.

On each night we light a helper candle, the *shamash*. The *shamash* is used to light the other candles. We add new candles from the right side of the *Hanukkiah* (menorah) and light them from left to right so that the newest candle is lit first.

On Friday night, Be sure to light your *Hanukah* candles BEFORE you light Shabbat candles

**Got questions? Contact SFTA
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Educator's Report

Gail F. Nalven

Our Hebrew School is off to a great start! We have increased enrollment in all classes and welcomed several new families to our community. Many of these new families were present at the High Holiday Family services that I was pleased to lead for the third year with Patricia Rudden. Attendance at the services more than doubled from our previous years.

Thanks to the Michael and Scott Goldstein's Boys Scout's troop, we have newly painted bookcases in our classes. They even built some new ones from scratch. Thanks so much! It's so great to see our graduates come back and help the school.

Thanks to Erika and Ashley Sevier for leading our Tot program on *Rosh HaShannah* and *Yom Kippur*. They will continue with their monthly service for Tots on 11/8 and 12/13.



Schtiklach – Tidbits from around the Shul

Eagle Scouts at SFTA

Michael and Scott Goldstein, the twin sons of Anna and Sandy, have been both dedicated Boy Scouts and young members of the synagogue for many years.

Recently they combined these themes by performing their Eagle Scout projects on behalf of the congregation. Bringing their troop with them, they renovated and built a new set of bookcases for one of our classrooms and then they completely restored the wooden frame around the sanctuary stage!

As a result we believe that they will be the only eagle scouts from our community in its 70-year history.

CCS JOO CROO

Two big developments over the summer have changed the dynamics of the youth group. Firstly our coordinator Yehudis Glass now attends High School in Silver Spring, Maryland so leadership will have to come from another source – anyone interested? This is a great opportunity to make new friends and build leadership skills.

Secondly, our bowling pro David Chu is temporarily inactive so our traditional first activity will have to be altered. We wish him a speedy return to the lanes.

Fortunately one of our new people, Tatyana Svechin, accounts executive at Z100 FM, has offered to give us a tour of the station for our first activity. We will meet for pizza Monday evening November 17th at 6:00pm in combination with our post Bnai Mitvah Program (see below) and go on to the station. Many more activities are being planned and we hope to resume regular communication with all the young people shortly.

Post Bnai Mitvah Program

On Monday evening September 15th we began a new initiative in Jewish Education for our youth. Approximately once a month, students from 8th Grade and up will gather for pizza and discuss current issues that dovetail with their Jewish identity. Our first session dealt with the integrity of the body and included talking about tattoos and body piercings. The second session will take place Monday November 3rd and the third session on November 17th in conjunction with the Youth Group.

New Light Foundation

Our member, Michael Somoroff, has brought classes and scholars to the synagogue beginning with *Shabbat Shuva*. We were graced with the scholarship of Rabbi Simcha Weinberg throughout that Shabbat and with his classes since then. In addition, on Sunday evenings at 7pm, Michael will be teaching an introduction to *Kaballah*. He is also organizing a visit of the great Rabbi Avraham Brandwein for the *Shabbat* of November 7/8. Services will be held that Friday night a 4:40pm and a sponsored dinner will be held at 5:45pm. At 7pm Rabbi Brandwein will make a presentation. Please RSVP to the shul.

For more information about other upcoming events please contact the synagogue office and check your weekly e-newsletter.

President's Message High Holiday Highlights

Kol Nidrei was a galvanizing event in my life, but also a turning point in our synagogue.

At that time I gave my first address to the congregation but also, with the help of Ken Meeker, our executive vice president, we appealed to you for support of our next critical project in improving the physical plant. I am happy to report that Martin Rothman and the Feffer family have already responded in a major way. Other responders include Sandy and Anna Goldstein, The Meeker Family and David Rheingold. Shortly a letter will be sent to all of you as king to consider a \$360 pledge per family as a way to include the entire community in this project.

Tremendous thanks to architect Claire Weisz for her fabulous vision and Marvin Traub for his perseverance in getting us to this point. We expect to have the entryway and main office completed in less than a month. And what we will be left with is a far roomier and better appointed office as well as an elegant sitting area that will greet any comer with the ambience that is finally consistent with the rest of our building's inspiring design.

There were many other highlights of the high-holiday season and they were made possible by our other speakers: Ethan Ellenberg, Perry Parker and Avi Turkel. Also responsible was the unflagging efforts of Jackie Galory, Dolores Wine, Harriet Katz and Wendy Friedland. Additional volunteers were Scott and Michael Goldstein, the Feffer family, Ken Paskar as Gabbai and break fast donor. We benefited from auxiliary programs lead by Erika and Ashley Sevier, Freema Gottlieb scholarship and our smash hit family and learner's service lead by Educational Director Gail Nalven and Patricia Rudden. Attendance was up at all programs.

We were once again graced by Cantor Moshe Berkowitz, who, sponsored by the Berger and

Somoroff families even returned for *Sukkot*, energizing that holiday like never before. We concluded with an amazingly rousing *Simchat Torah* getting our New Year off to a great start!

Now it's time to continue the momentum by participating in our upcoming events that include scholars in residence, regular classes, youth programming and more. Make this the year you come more often on a Saturday morning and see how lovely an experience it is. Or call Rabbi Glass for some one-on-one to enrich your knowledge and skills. Please feel free to share with me how the synagogue can work better for you and I guarantee you a warm reception.

Let's make the year 5769 match its acronym: a year of *Siman Tov!*

Etan Butler

Tanach

Our class in Jonah is fast winding down, although our original intention was to finish it for *Yom Kippur*. We will make the *siyyum* on the Shabbat afternoon of the Dr. Demsky scholar-in-residence weekend. In the meantime we are open to ideas as to where we go from here. Esther for *Purim...?*

Rabbi's Lecture

Mazel tov to Rabbi Jonathan Glass who has been asked to speak as part of Adereth El's fall lecture series. He will speak on 11/19, 8pm on *Reading the Stars: A Jewish perspective in Astrology and Astronomy*. Adereth El is located on East 29th Street between Lexington and Third Avenue.
www.aderethel.org.

Gallery Space News

11/6 -12/ 7 *Into the Seasons:* Watercolors by Kim Eng Yeo. Seasonal scenes of New York and Vermont.
Opening Reception: Thursday, 11/6, 6-8 pm

11/11/08- 1/11/09 *Paintings of Israel and New York* by Brian Shapiro
Opening Reception: Thursday, 12/11, 6-8 pm

T'ai Chi

T'ai Chi returns this fall. Check your e-news for details.

In Our Family

MAZEL TOV

✧Eileen Hecht & Hugh Lippman on the birth of a daughter, Rachel
✧Jordan & Miriam Mishaan on the birth of a son

✧Eli & Yael Weiss on the birth of a daughter, Lily
✧Pauline & Steven Edwards on the birth of a daughter, Shira
✧Sylvain E. Cappell on being honored with a Silver Professorship from New York University.
✧Gordon and Dolores Wine on the marriage their son Jonah to Stephanie Mullins
✧Michael and Connie Feldman on their marriage on 10/26. Michael observed his *aufruf* at SFTA.
✧Laurie Cohen for the Bar Mitzvah of her son Sam

BARUCH DAYAN EMET

✧David Koral on the death of his mother, Janet Koral

BRUCHIM HABAYIM TO NEW MEMBERS

✧Shera Morgan
✧Daniel Gluck
✧Jed Garfunkel
✧Aaron & Sarah Rapaport
✧Ondine Harris
✧Alla & Stan Libeman
✧Anthony & Robyn Palmer
✧Bernard & Alexandra Glezerman
✧David Ebner
✧Yasmi Crystal

TODDAH RABBAH

✧Thanks to Wendy Friedland for designing this bulletin and giving us a new look.

What's Cooking with Dolores Wine

APPLE CAKE

2 cups Sugar
1 ½ teaspoons Baking Soda
1 ½ teaspoons Salt
½ teaspoon Nutmeg
2 teaspoons Cinnamon
3 cups unsifted Flour
4 Eggs
1 ¼ cup Vegetable Oil
1 can Apple Pie Filling
2 teaspoons Vanilla
½ cup chopped Walnuts

Dump everything in large bowl and stir well.

Bake in a greased and floured 13" x 9" x 2 1/2" pan.
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour
When cake shrinks on sides of pan, cake is done.

This recipe comes from my co-worker Phillip Adamo.

ENJOY!
Dolores

Contributions

MEMORIAL FUND

From...In Memory Of

Paula & Sidney Kriegel...Blanche Gelb Knoring
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

✧Marilyn Sontag

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

✧Joel Sternfeld

BIMA FUND

✧David Rheingold
✧Karen Beck

Calendar

November

11/2 Daylight Savings Ends
11/6 Art Gallery Opening, 6-8pm
11/7 Rabbi Avraham Brandwein Lecture, 7pm
11/8 Tot Shabbat , 10:30am
11/17 Youth Group tour at Z100 FM, 6pm
11/21 & 11/22 Dr. Aaron Demsky Scholar-in-Residence
11/27 & 28 Office Closed, Thanksgiving holiday
11/28 Rosh Hodesh Kislev

December

12/10 Board Meeting
12/11 Art Gallery Opening
12/13 Tot Shabbat, 10:30am
12/19 StorahTelling Shabbat evening program and dinner with Tribeca Hebrew
12/21 Light First Hanukkah Candle
12/28 Rosh Hodesh Tevet
12/29 No Hebrew School

KIDDUSH SPONSORS

- ✧10/11 *kiddush* by Steven & Pauline Edwards in celebration of the birth of a daughter-Shira
- ✧10/18 *kiddush* by Eli & Yael Weiss in celebration of the birth of a daughter-Lily and Laurie Cohen in honor of her son Sam becoming a Bar Mitzvah
- ✧10/25 *kiddush* by Jacqueline Galory in celebration of her birthday

GALLERY FUND

- ✧Marilyn Sontag

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- ✧Thea Goodman in memory of Anna & Isidore Goodman

HIGH HOLIDAY DONATION

- ✧Margo Cates

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- ✧April & Joel Feffer
- ✧Sanford & Anna Goldstein

SIMCHA FUND

- ✧Alan Fisher
- ✧Martin Freiman
- ✧Bernard & Alexandra Glezerman

Service Times

- ✧Friday evening at candlelighting time.
- ✧Saturday morning services begin at 9am
- ✧Morning *Minyan* meets at 7:30am on T, W, F and at 7:20am on M, Th, and 7:10am on other Torah reading days
- ✧*Mincha* meets at 12:40pm M-Th.
- ✧Maariv at 5:20 pm M-Th

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At synagogueforthearts.org you can find out what's happening at SFTA, pay your dues online, register for Hebrew School, and so much more!

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Scholar In Residence Lecture Series, *Parshat Chayai Sarah*, 11/21 and 11/22 Dr. Aaron Demsky of Bar Ilan University, Biblical historian and Scholar on Jewish names

Friday, 11/21: 4:20 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv, followed by cocktails and dinner at 6pm.
7pm *Honor Your Mother: Jewish Women's Names and their Message* After dinner lecture, discussion, and Q and A on how names reflect Jewish history and beliefs.
Please RSVP for dinner, \$36, by 11/18.

Saturday, 11/22 approx. 11am (during services)
Birkat HaMazon/Grace after Meals: An Educational Medium For The Jewish Family. Jewish values of blessings I, and *Torah*, communicated around the family table

After Kiddush, approx. 2pm
Jonah the Anti-Hero of Biblical prophesy
Exploring the universal message of Biblical prophesy which continues to shape our spiritual life. The book is so central to Judaism that it is read on *Yom Kippur*, the holiest day on the Jewish Calendar.

And consistent with the themes of the closing lecture, we will hold our *siyyum* for the *Jonah* class.

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