



# The Scroll

## Congregation Shaarey Israel

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**W**e all know the story: the Greeks wished to force the Jewish people to take on Greek ways, and even sacrifice to the Greek gods. But our people resisted! The Maccabees inspired the Jewish people to revolt against the mighty Greeks, and with G-d at their side and the Maccabees as their heroes we won a victory to be remembered for the ages!

It is said that history is written by the victors, but in this case our Chanukah history has been written by the losers. Rabbinic Judaism, which by the second century of the common era (c.e.) had a near monopoly on Jewish life, needed to reframe an old story for their times. The old story basically goes as follows. With Greek rulers controlling the middle east, and the Syrian Greeks controlling the land of Israel, elements among the Jewish people who wish to benefit economically from participation in the international system of trade needed to show that they were a modern society. They founded modern Greek institutions such as the gymnasium on the Temple Mount, and in many other ways began to assimilate. Meanwhile the common folk who had no economic stake in the Empire continued to cleave to the religion of their fathers. This led to a Civil War, and through a series of events mostly engineered by the secular elements within the Jewish society Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Syria was drawn into the conflict and applied military coercion to the project of assimilation. This Jewish-backed oppression, led by Jews, was resisted by the Maccabees. Taking advantage of their knowledge of the terrain and guerrilla warfare tactics the

Maccabees were able, over a five-year period, to drive the Syrian Greeks from the land of Israel and to reestablish the Temple worship of their fathers. It was a great military victory celebrated with torch-light rallies until the Roman occupation, when the holiday was marked henceforth with a home-based ceremony that has evolved into what we know as lighting the candles for eight nights. As for the Maccabees, they soon fell out of favor with the

rabbinic establishment as they claimed for themselves not only the priesthood but the kingship as well. This was a sharp break with the past and a violation of the Torah's political structure. With the double military catastrophes of the revolts of 67-73 c.e. and the Bar Kokhba rebellion, the rabbis

needed to shift the emphasis away from military resistance and towards something that would be perfectly consistent with the Judaism of their time. Hence the celebration now revolves almost entirely around the miracle of the oil, with the military victories relegated to a mere mention until the modern Zionist era.

No holiday simultaneously reveals the divisions among the Jewish people as well as its most powerful unifying elements. Conflicts between movements and political parties within the Jewish people gave way to military conquest and political and subsequent religious unity.

Again this year let us thank G-d for the miracles done in those times and pray that we see a political and religious unification of the Jewish people in ours.

**Respectfully Yours...**

**from the desk of**

**Rabbi Weinbach**

**A Not-So-Simple Chanukah Tale**



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                 *Candles*      *Ends*

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15	4:26	5:31
22	4:29	5:34
29	4:33	5:38

**HAPPY CHANUKAH!**

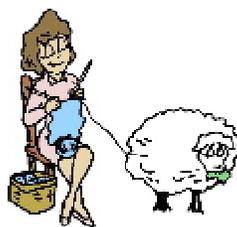


## From the Editor's Desk...

**S**isterhood did it again! The Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner was a huge success. The dinner, catered by Evergreen, was delicious; the gift shop was open and had many lovely items for sale; the company of the women in attendance was wonderful; and the skit introducing Sisterhood's Woman of the Year was done in an enjoyable manner. We were all sitting on the edge of our seats waiting for the announcement of the recipient. We were so happy to learn that Yocheved, our rebbitzin, was chosen for this prestigious title. We were happy but she was shocked! We had a most enjoyable evening. (See page 12 for pictures).

CSI Sisterhood and Men's Club work hard at organizing events for your pleasure and as a means of fundraising for our shul. There is something for everyone. Please participate and you too can have a super time at CSI.

*Happy Chanukah  
from our house to yours!*



**SHALOM**

*Roberta*



Submissions for the January issue are due by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please *promptly* send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

**B**'Shana Haba B'Yerushalayim! We say this at the end of the Seder, at the end of the Yom Kippur Service. For me it is truly an oath.

As I write this I am staring at a beautiful sunny sky on the Mediterranean looking out at the beach of Tel Aviv but the last two days I have been in Jerusalem. Whether one is in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, Eilat the entire country is holy and holds a special place in our hearts. Yet, being in Jerusalem is a different experience all together whether it be for the first time or the 100th time. Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving was a bit overcast and chilly but as I approached the Kotel and touched the stones the sun was shining on my back and a feeling of overwhelming warmth came over me. Just two months ago I wasn't sure I would see the Kotel with two eyes yet there I stood to give thanks to Hashem for bringing me back to this holy place and restoring my vision.

Please know that the entire Congregation Shaarey Israel family was with me at the moment and has been with me in my mind from the moment the plane approached the coast of Israel as we prepared to land at Ben Gurion. I have spent many days now driving the country from north to south and east (nowhere to go west except to the beach). It is a remarkable place to visit on many levels both physically and spiritually and what this trip has done as any trip to Israel does for me is "recharge the batteries." As always it allows me to reconfirm my commitment to the State of Israel, the Jewish people, my family and my Congregation which I am proud to lead.

As you read this we approach Chanukah. We have many exciting opportunities to be together as a Congregation. We will have Sisterhood and Men's Club programs. We will have our Annual Chinese and a Movie and before that, a large Congregation Chanukah celebration.

The cold dark days of winter may be approaching but there is a warmth at 18 Montebello Road. Being together and doing things together will allow us to keep out the cold. It may be cold and dark in the morning and at night but I encourage all to come to a minyan. This single event which occurs twice a day, seven days a week is the best way to experience the warmth of our shul.

As I finish up this writing, Shabbat is approaching. Even in Tel Aviv there is a certain calm that is starting to descend over the city that truly is 24/7. I will be in shul here, a shul where I celebrated my Bar Mitzvah more than 30 years ago and where a memorial plaque stands for my father and my grandparents. Yet I will be thinking about the Shabbat that I will miss in our shul and the warmth that is there to be had. Being here for Shabbat though is the ultimate fuel. I will come back in a few days to be with my Congregation, thinking of Israel and all its wonders and what has been accomplished here and hoping to bring the same level of commitment and faith to our community.

It is tough to leave Israel, I always look out the window after taking off from Ben Gurion and stare back at the coast until there is nothing left to see. Yet I'm never really sad anymore when I leave because I know I'll be back for sure.

*B' Shana Haba B'Yerushalayim!!!*



## THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Balanced Living



DER CHAZZAN'S  
CH' MAREH

Chana and I enjoyed a nice long weekend. We took advantage of an opportunity provided by my office which was closed two days for a conference and took a five-day holiday in Montreal, Quebec. Chana has family there and Montreal boasts something I have not seen anywhere else: A glatt kosher hotel that is actually affordably priced. While we missed everyone in the Congregation, we had a great weekend.

On our way to Montreal, we stopped at Ausable Chasm which is in the Lake Placid area. We were there for two hours, walking in the forest, seeing the waterfalls, the chasm and enjoying nature's beauty. I remarked that this was just what I needed. It was almost like I had plugged my spirit into nature and I could feel it recharge with every step. The sight of the turning leaves, the bite of the cool fall air, the roaring sound of the river as it raced over the falls were all a tonic to my soul. We walked, talked, laughed and spent a truly glorious (if a little cold) couple of hours.

I have to admit that I believe myself to be very blessed. During the week I get to work doing something I truly enjoy. Maybe programming computers, working with data and managing people don't excite you but to me it's a chance to make a difference. Every program I write, every idea I bring to the table, and every step forward is another step to making things better for staff and students of my school district. If I can save some money by making the right purchasing choice, by saving time with a judiciously designed and written program, or by making things more efficient with a procedural change, those are savings that can accrue to the classroom. Better data, better and cheaper processes make a difference and that means a lot to me.

My evenings are filled with activities. I serve on my town's Zoning Board of Adjustment, I tutor

five times a week.

Sundays? Well, as often as we can those belong to the grandchildren.

I wouldn't trade this life for anything. It's interesting, challenging, fulfilling and, most times, fun. But it is awfully busy. Thank G-d for Shabbat.

Shabbat is a weekly change of pace. It's almost like Chana and I live two different lives: one during the week and one on Shabbat. That's not to say that Shabbat is not a busy time. It is. But it's a different kind of busy. To begin with, Shabbat is a time when we disconnect from our technological umbilical chords. The phones, computers, tablets, etc. are turned off and stored for 25 hours. During that time, our focus changes from what to whom. It's a day that we fill with people, not tasks. That change in focus makes a huge difference. Sure, there are things to do on Shabbat: there are candles to be lit, prayers to be said, services to be led, meals to be eaten, and more, but these tasks really don't work without people. Let me illustrate with some examples.

When Chana lights candles on Friday night, it takes her several minutes. Does it take that long to light five candles and recite a single blessing? No. But, when a woman lights Shabbat candles, she has, at that moment, a hot line straight to Hashem himself. Many woman, Chana included, use it as a time to recite prayers on behalf of family, loved ones, friends and community. Many is the time that Chana has asked me not to interrupt her because she was about to light candles and needed a few minutes of solitude to recite her prayers.

Services are a great example too. You can't have a full service without a minyan; you can't have

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services without people.

For me, it's even better. You see, one hour before services on every Shabbat and Yom Tov morning (at 7:40am), I get to spend a fascinating and fun filled hour with some of our Congregants in a Talmud study group. During that hour we learn, discuss, laugh and explore this thing we call Yiddishkeit in the most incredible ways. And don't even get me started on the Kiddush, when we get to be with all of you in an unstructured social setting.

Still, there is kind of a problem. When your "change of pace" is the same every week, that can become routine too. Sometimes you need a change of pace from the change of pace. Fortunately, our Jewish Calendar takes that into account as well.

With Channuka coming this month, we have a great opportunity to change that pace again. Channuka is one time of year when I will not work late. I want to come home and light candles and sing with my family. I look forward to special get togethers, giving gifts (I prefer Channuka Gelt but Chana bought a slew of gifts for the grandchildren this year... and there was no way I was going to tell her no!), playing games and more. Channuka comes after the longest dry spell in the Jewish Calendar. (It's over 8 weeks from Simchat Torah to Channuka, 1 week from Channuka to Asarah B'Tevet, 4 weeks from Asarah B'Tevet to Tu Bishvat, 4 weeks from Tu Bishvat to Purim, 4 weeks from Purim to Pesach, 6 weeks from Pesach to Shavuot, 5 weeks from Shavuot to Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, 3 weeks from Shiva Asar B'Tammuz to Tisha B'Av and 7 weeks from Tisha B'Av to the High Holidays). For over 8 weeks, all we have is routine. Channuka is a welcome break from that routine. It gives us time to spend with our families, change our schedules and even sing the Hallel together (about 9:25am on Shabbat Channuka morning).

We should all strive to balance our lives between our professional obligations, those that we love, and ourselves. Sometimes it is difficult to achieve that balance. But, even if we do, we all need to recharge now and again.

There are different kinds of recharge. Sometimes it is getting together with friends and family; sometimes, it is going away and spending some time alone; and still other times it can be just changing the pace and doing something different.

The Jewish Calendar seems to have all this built in. Let's take advantage of it. Let's enjoy each and every Shabbat with each other. Let's make that one day a week more about us and less about it. Let's try to take advantage of opportunities like Channuka to take a step outside of our normal routine and shake it up with friends, family, gifts, excitement and laughter. Always remember that this thing we call Judaism is exceedingly family and community centered. If you share gifts, that's great. But never forget that the gifts you share are not about what you are giving but whom you are giving it to.

Experience the light of joy and freedom that are the Channuka lamps and let the love of each other that is the central theme of all we believe recharge your spirit.

Chana and I wish you a truly Happy Channuka!

**Note:** *The opinions expressed in this article are mine and mine alone. Have a comment? Disagree with me? Please let me know. You can email me at [njChazzan@gmail.com](mailto:njChazzan@gmail.com).*

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## SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

### Latke Wars

Julie Feldman, President

**J**m not a winter-type person, but Chanukah has always been a high point of the season. It's bright and festive. It's a holiday celebrated primarily with the family. And it involves food... good, warm, fatty food.

Both my late husband and I were products of "mixed marriages". We were 100% Jewish, but my husband's heritage was Russian and Polish, while mine is Hungarian and German. That's a lot of mixing up, and a lot of culinary differences. Not to mention that the Russians really looked down their noses at my Germans. I was paid a great compliment by one of my husband's uncles when he told me that I was pretty nice, "for a Yekie".

The divide was most noticeable with food. To me, comfort food is Hungarian Stuffed Cabbage. My husband agreed that it was very tasty, but completely demolished the compliment by noting, "Unfortunately, it smells like something from the sewer." On the other hand, to me, Russian-style sweet and sour Stuffed Cabbage seems like it can't make up its mind whether it wants to be an entrée or dessert.

And then there is the "Great Latke Disagreement". Which is better; crispy latkes or latkes that have a little "give" in the middle? Latkes with some egg or flour as a binder or

straight up unadulterated potato-onion-salt and pepper ones? Which topping? Sour cream? Apple sauce? In my youth, I was an apple sauce person, but I never got to like sour cream on latkes. Marty would occasionally take them with apple sauce, but really liked them with honey. Eventually, I became a maverick and either ate mine au naturel or with brown gravy. Marty was scandalized. It was a good thing that his parents had passed on by then! Who ever heard of such a thing as brown gravy on latkes? Maybe the gravy from a brisket if you were serving them together, but if you were just eating them alone? To quote from *Princess Bride*, "INCONCEIVABLE!"

Fortunately, no such partisan issues will mar our **Sisterhood Chanukah party**. I hope all the women in the congregation will join us on **Thursday evening, December 14th at 7pm**. We will have music, dancing and food. Please bring a wrapped gift for our Grab Bag. If transportation is an issue, don't let it stop you from joining us. When your RSVP to the Synagogue office, please let them know that you need a ride. We will make sure that you get to the party!

Until next month.



### Sisterhood Wishing Well



Sisterhood gathers women's toiletries for gift baskets for the Center for Safety & Change

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## THE MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE...

Mark Pfeffer

The Men's Club wishes to express their gratitude to all the individuals who came out to help at the Blood Drive on November 12, both by donating blood or by being there to help, so that other's could donate. It's greatly appreciated by the entire community.

A special thank you to Lady D, and also to the crew and their friends from The Tire Warehouse. We did very well and we all should feel very proud of the good work we did on that day.

This month I'd like to deputize all of the readers to this **Scroll** article to become honorary members of the Men's Club. Typically we do not get many members attending the Men's Club meetings, but I'm sure you all have ideas of what you would like as activities that the Men's Club should do. So here is your chance. Women, men, children, grandchildren, friends or co-workers all are invited to fill out our Satisfaction Survey saying what activities you would like to see the Men's Club get involved in. So, please, take five minutes, fill out the Survey and drop it off or mail it to Congregation Shaarey Israel attention Men's Club. Many thanks for your efforts.

One final thought. If you have been thinking of joining the Men's Club this is your last chance for 2017, and it's still not too late to join. We would love to have you come down on the first Monday evening of each month, and share your ideas, and we would be very grateful if you would please join us with your annual dues of just \$36. If you've become a member already, many thanks.



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1. Would you have interest in a 6 hour sanctioned Defensive Driving Course?  
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2. Would you have any interest in a Financial Planner talking about Retirement Options?  
YES NO
3. Would you enjoy an activity, called a "Night At The Races"? Videos of horse races are viewed, and we bet on the outcomes, and then watch the ending of the video.  
YES NO
4. We tried "Military Bridge" should we re-try to schedule this event?  
YES NO
5. Would you enjoy hearing a Cantorial Concert? YES NO  
A Klezmer Concert? YES NO
6. Would you enjoy going up to West Point to host an Oneg Shabbat, or inviting Jewish Cadets to join us at our temple for a Friday evening dinner? YES NO
7. Our Cantor has many talents & skills. Would you be interested in going to a Comedy type performance featuring our Cantor and his friends at a location away from the synagogue?  
YES NO
8. Would you be interested in a night of Card Playing, along with drinking adult beverages?  
YES NO
9. Would you be interested in listening to a music event featuring young artists?  
YES NO
10. Would you be interested in participating in an interfaith dialog, with chaplains of various faiths?  
YES NO

Would you like a call back about this survey, or to make comments you feel are important:

Yes, I want a call back.

I have additional ideas to share

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are your children coming to your house to visit with a grandchild?

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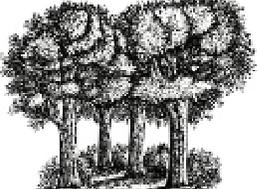
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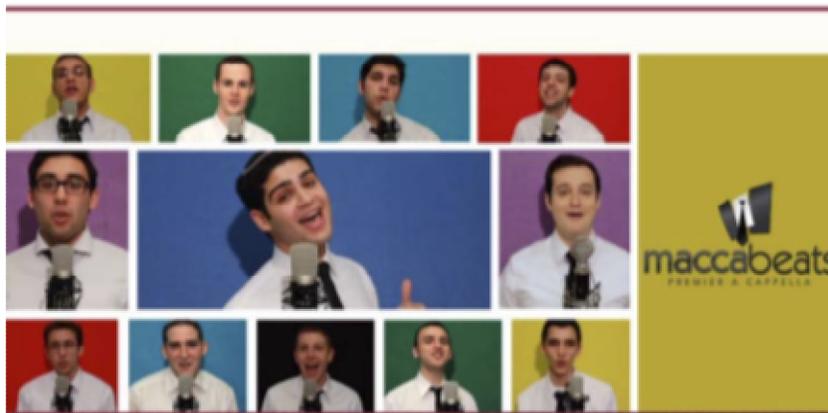
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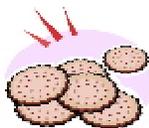
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### **RHODA BLOOM KOSHER FOOD PANTRY**



CSI is collecting cookies  
for the food pantry

Call Sandra Chaitin 845-727-4199



### **Forever Young Seniors**

meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
of each month

For information on events  
call: Barbara Kleinman  
352-0315



Sisterhood is selling  
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Great For Your Grocery Shopping!  
Handy when you don't have time  
to go to the ATM!

For ShopRite cards call:  
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Evie Maher 201-307-0346



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3 for \$10 or  
\$4.00 for Esther  
to mail one for you  
Contact

**Esther Ingber  
@354-3787**



## **Gates of Zion Cemetery**

Saddle River Road, Airmont, NY

owned and operated by  
**Congregation Shaarey Israel**

For information:

phone: (845) 352-3102  
gatesofzioncemetery@gmail.com

# Men's Club Special Program



## Networking and News



Sunday Evenings at 7:30 pm

Polite  
Political Discourse

Current Events  
/Trends

Networking

**Bud  
will  
moderate**

Healthy Delightful  
refreshments

For additional  
information Contact  
Bruce Weinfeld or  
CSI Office (845) 369-0300



**Metal folding chairs  
for sale. Contact CSI  
office for more  
information.  
845-369-0300**



PLEASE JOIN SISTERHOOD FOR THEIR

5778 CHANUKAH PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

7:30 - 9:30 PM

MUSIC, DANCING FOOD & PRESENTS!!

FREE TO ALL SISTERHOOD MEMBERS

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT FOR GRAB BAG EXCHANGE

RSVP TO THE SHUL OFFICE 845-369-0300

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU NEED A RIDE

WHEN YOU RSVP



**Celebrate Hanukah  
in a permanent way  
PURCHASE a brick or leaf  
in honor of or memory of a loved one.  
The wall of bricks and the Tree of Life  
at Congregation Shaarey Israel  
will be on sale  
for Kislev only  
they will be \$100.00  
(normally \$150.00 per brick/leaf)**

**Contact Peggy in the office for more  
information 369-0300**



**Join us for...**

**CSI Annual**

**Chinese and a Movie**

**Sunday, December 24**

**more details to follow**



**Israeli Dancing**

**led by Karin Sachs**



**Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ballroom**

**Call the office for more info:**

**845-369-0300**

Thanks to Stan Weisel for this contribution. You need only a minimum of computer knowledge to understand this which is really quite funny. Enjoy!--ED

## HOW THE INTERNET STARTED, ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE



Please do not Google or check this with Snopes. They will lie to you. Trust me!

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (**UPS**)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (**MSDOS**), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas & pictures - Hebrew to the People (**HTTP**).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or **NERDS**. And lo, the land

was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "**YAHOO**," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it **YAHOO Dot Com**.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (**GEEK**) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (**GOOGLE**).

That is how it all began. And that's the truth. I would not make up this stuff.





Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
2	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
<b>Ufruf Of Jacob Haberman</b>				
3	Private Room Rental	Multi purpose Rm	6:00 pm	Ataris
5	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
5	Israeli Dancing	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
6	Forever Young Seniors	Multi purpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
6	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
7	Sist. Board Meeting	Multi purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Julie Feldman
8	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Women's Services	Daily Sanctuary	10:00 am	Diane Leifer
10	Chanukah Pallozza			
12	Israeli Dancing	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
13	First Night Of Chanukah			
13	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
14	Sist. Chanukah Party	Multi purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Elly Egenberg
15	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
16	Private Room Rental	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 pm	Ohana
18	Budget/Finance	Room 2	7:00 pm	Joe Moskovic
18	Arc Chanukah Party	Multi purpose Rm	6:00 pm	Marsha Forman
19	H.S. Chanukah Party	Multi purpose Rm	6:00 pm	Paulette Frankel
19	Israeli Dancing	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
20	Forever Young Seniors	Multi purpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
20	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
21	Board Of Trustees	Multi purpose Rm	7:30 pm	Jack Perel
22	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
23	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
24	Private Room Rental	Multi purpose Rm		Wilan
24	Chinese & A Movie	Multi purpose Rm	9:00 pm	Paulette Frankel
26	Israeli Dancing	Multi purpose Rm	8:00 am	Karin Sachs
27	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
30	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach

