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## Cantor's Notes

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Hanukkah is quickly approaching. The first candle will be lit Saturday night, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Julie Wiener, managing editor of My Jewish Learning, posted 9 things about Hanukkah that some of us may or may not be aware of. Some of them I knew, and some I didn't. How many do you know?

1. Gelt as we know it is a relatively new tradition — and no one knows who invented it.

While coins — "gelt" is Yiddish for coins, or money — have been part of Hanukkah observance for centuries, chocolate gelt is considerably younger. In her book *On the Chocolate Trail*, Rabbi Deborah Prinz writes that "opinions differ" concerning the origins of chocolate gelt. Some credit America's Loft Candy Company with creating it in the 1920s, while others suggest there were European versions earlier that inspired Israel's Elite Candy Company. Prinz notes, as well, that chocolate gelt resembles a European Christmas tradition of exchanging gold-covered chocolate coins "commemorating the miracles of St. Nicholas."

2. The first Hanukkah celebration was actually a delayed Sukkot observance.

The second book of Maccabees quotes from a letter sent circa 125 BCE from the Hasmoneans (the Macabees' descendants) to the leaders of Egyptian Jewry, describing the holiday as "the festival of Sukkot celebrated in the month of Kislev rather than Tishrei." Since the Jews were still in caves fighting as guerrillas on Tishrei, 164 BCE, they had been unable to honor the eight-day holiday of Sukkot, which required visiting the Jerusalem Temple; hence it was postponed until after the recapture of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Temple. Many scholars believe it is this — and not the Talmudic legend of the cruse of oil that lasted eight days — explains why Hanukkah is eight days long.

3. The books of Maccabees, which tell the story of Hanukkah, aren't included in the Hebrew Bible — but they are in the Catholic Bible.

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## Prez's Menschen-ings

Thanksgiving has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. November was a quiet month for Ner Tamid as we did not have any major holidays to celebrate. We did, of course, have services on Friday and Torah study on Saturday each week.

Thank you to everyone who has made the trip to The Legacy at Willow Bend on the second Saturday (each month) to share our study of Torah with Hilda Pritsker and other residents. They really appreciate our coming to them. If anyone would like to attend, but doesn't want to make the drive, please contact me as we will be happy to meet and do the driving. Our next time at The Legacy will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we enjoyed the opportunity to learn some new Israeli/International Folk Dances on the fourth Saturday of the month. We appreciate the wonderful teachers who have been providing their time to us, our own Shelly Allison as well as Laura Hanson, a co-worker of Michael Bergel. In November we had the pleasure of meeting Laura's twin sister, Lynda, who was visiting with Laura from Michigan.

Chanukah arrives on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>! Our Annual Chanukah Celebration will be during Friday Night services on December 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have Meat Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by the Chanukiah Lighting at 7:30 PM, a short service and then our traditional Chanukah Sing-A-Long! Don't forget to bring your Chanukiah, candles and pot luck food. Please check with Kathy on food items as she will coordinate that.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for our (now) Annual New Year's Day late lunch at 2:00 PM. The details are still being put together. Watch your emails for details, and RSVP's will be necessary.

Now is a great time to think about making an additional donation to the Congregation. With the end of the year fast approaching, a donation will not only help the Congregation, but it also can help you with a deduction for your taxes. There are a

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### Educational & Upcoming Events

- ☆ Torah Study, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM, at Legacy Willow Bend
- ☆ Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, Pot Luck (Meat) Dinner, Chanukah Celebration (Bring your Chanukiah & candles)
- ☆ Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Late Lunch, Details to Follow!

- ☆ Every Shabbat, 7:30 PM, Friday Night Services.
- ☆ Every Shabbat 10:00 AM, Shabbat Morning Service, 10:45 AM Torah Study.

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## Wanted!

- Stories
- Anecdotes
- Poems
- Quotes



Share your interests and points of view with the rest of us that we all may grow.

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## Congregation Ner Tamid's CARE COMMITTEE



Congregation Ner Tamid's CARE COMMITTEE brings a "neighbor helping neighbor" approach to providing aid and support to congregants who need help during difficult times. We offer help with cooking because of illness or accidents; and provide assistance to families in mourning or with other special needs.

If you know of an individual, or family, in the C-N-T community who can use our assistance, or if you want to join our team, please e-mail: KAThy Friedberg at: [KAT@CongregationNerTamid.org](mailto:KAT@CongregationNerTamid.org)

## ONEG SHABBAT GUIDELINES

☆ If you are unable to provide Oneg on your assigned date, please find a replacement for yourself or feel free to send in a donation or drop items off beforehand. Thank you!

When providing Oneg, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- An inexpensive, small centerpiece would be appreciated. Vases will be provided for flowers.
- Oneg suggestions include a sheet cake or two dozen cookies as well as fruit, nuts, trail mix or vegetables.
- Juice and wine will be provided.
- Paper products and silverware will be provided.
- Set up should be done before Services, but, if necessary, can be done quietly during Services.
- Clean up includes emptying trash cans, sweeping and mopping floors, washing and putting away all items used, and wiping down countertops.

If you are aware of a special occasion [anniversary, birthday, graduation, etc.] and would like to provide Oneg on a date not scheduled for yourself, please feel free to contact the Oneg provider scheduled and make arrangements with them. [Kat@CongregationNerTamid.org](mailto:Kat@CongregationNerTamid.org)



The Harlan S. Friedberg Memorial Yahrzeit Plaque is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones who have departed from us but will never be forgotten.

Memorial Plates, each with a light to be illuminated for the Yahrzeit, are available that can be inscribed with up to three lines of personal engraving which may include the departed's name, Hebrew name, if desired, and the Hebrew and Gregorian dates.

The cost of each Memorial Plate is \$180.00. The ten times Chai will provide for the continued funding of additional Memorial Yahrzeit Plaques, as they become necessary, as well as the cost of the individual Memorial Plates and engraving.

If you have someone's name that you would like to have placed on the Yahrzeit Plaque, please contact Randy Friedberg or any member of the Board. Much as the Mourner's Kaddish is a spiritual reaffirmation to the goodness of life, so shall these Memorial Plates be a visual reaffirmation and tribute to the goodness of our loved one's lives.



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### Roasted Red Pepper Dip (Muhummara)

AKA that spicy red dip from Rosh Hashanah  
Adapted by Brittni Coe from a recipe by Aarti Sequiera



#### Ingredients:

1 jar roasted red peppers + 2 tbsp of juice  
(look for a jar that has lots of charred bits, this is where the flavor is)

OR

2 Medium Red Bell Peppers

4 1/2 gloves Minced Garlic

4 1/2 tbsp. pomegranate molasses (this can be found in the international aisle of most supermarkets, or you can make your own)

2 tsp ground cumin

4 tsp Smoked Spanish paprika (or to taste)

3 tsp red pepper flakes (or to taste)

4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

Optional: 1 1/2 C raw walnut halves and pieces

Step 1: If using fresh bell peppers follow steps below, if not skip ahead to step 2 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Roast the red peppers. Place each bell pepper over the open flame of a gas burner or grill, cooking until the skin blackens and blisters. Rotate the peppers and blacken all the way around, about 15 minutes. Alternatively, you can roast the peppers in the oven by placing the bell peppers on a baking sheet and placing under the broiler, turning frequently, until the peppers are blackened and blistered all over. Put the blackened peppers in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and set aside to steam. Peel the red peppers using a paring knife. Discard the peels, stem and seeds. You won't always get all of the seeds but that's ok because they will be ground up by the food processor.

Step 2: Throw the roasted red peppers, walnuts, garlic, paprika, cumin,

red pepper flakes, lemon juice, pomegranate molasses and olive oil into a food processor with a teaspoon of salt, and run until the dip is smooth. Season again for taste, cool and serve.

For optional crunch spread walnuts on parchment lined baking sheet and pop into the oven after the peppers, until light golden in color and aromatic. This takes between 10-15 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool completely before adding the walnuts to the food processor.

#### Pomegranate Molasses

You'll pay upwards of \$7 to buy this stuff in the store, why do that when you can make your own – and in larger quantities – for basically the same price? Most of us have these ingredients already on hand.

#### Ingredients:

4 C pomegranate juice

1/2 C white sugar

1 Tbsp. lemon juice

For Molasses: Place the pomegranate juice, sugar and lemon juice in a 4-quart saucepan set over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sugar has completely dissolved. Once the sugar has dissolved, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until the mixture has reduced to 1 cup, approximately 70 minutes. It should be the consistency of thick syrup. Remove from the heat and allow to cool in the saucepan for 30 minutes. Transfer to a glass jar and allow to cool completely before covering and storing in the refrigerator for up to 6 months.

(With thanks to Brittni for this month's column!)

Bête Avon, Shuli

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There are different theories explaining why the first-century rabbis who canonized the scriptures omitted the Maccabees, ranging from the text's relative newness at the time to fears of alienating the Roman leadership in control of Jerusalem at the time.

4. Marilyn Monroe owned a music-playing Hanukkah menorah (the Marilyn Monroah?).

When the Hollywood star

converted to Judaism before marrying Jewish playwright Arthur Miller, her future mother-in-law gave her a menorah as a conversion gift. The Hanukkah lamp, which the menorah's current owner says Mrs. Miller brought back from Jerusalem, has a wind-up music box in its base that plays Hatikvah, Israel's national anthem. It's featured in the Jewish Museum in New York City's exhibit "Becoming Jewish: Warhol's Liz and Marilyn," but sadly you can't wind it up. 5. The game of dreidel was inspired by a German game played at Christmas time, which is itself an imitation of an English and Irish one.

Our Eastern European game of dreidel (including the letters nun, gimmel, hey, shin) is directly based on the German equivalent of the British totum game: N = Nichts = nothing; G = Ganz = all; H = Halb = half; and S = Stell ein = put in. In German, the spinning top was called a "torrel" or "trudl."

6. Oily food (think latkes and sufganiyot) isn't Hanukkah's only culinary tradition.

Traditionally, Hanukkah has included foods with cheese in recognition of Judith, whose liberal use of the salty treat facilitated a victory for the Maccabees.

7. On Hanukkah, we celebrate a grisly murder.

The aforementioned Judith had an ulterior motive for plying Assyrian general Holofernes with salty cheese:

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# Weekly Parshas

## Toldot

### Genesis 25:19 - 28:9

Returning one day from the hunt, a famished Esau traded his birthright (status as a firstborn) to Jacob for a bowl of lentil stew.

Isaac and Rebecca seek relief from famine in Gerar. Isaac presents Rebecca as his sister, just as Abraham had done with Sarah on two previous occasions. This time, however, the truth about their relationship does not lead to expulsion. They are allowed to remain in Gerar and Isaac becomes quite wealthy. His success arouses the enmity of the locals, and their king, Avimelech, requests that they depart.

Esau brings grief to his parents by marrying two Hittite women.

Years later Isaac requests that Esau prepare a special meal for him after which he will confirm his older son's position as first born. Rebecca overhears her husband's conversation, and conspires to disguise Jacob as his older brother. While Isaac has some uncertainty as to whom he is blessing, the ruse works because Isaac has become blind in his old age. Jacob receives a blessing for inheriting a fertile land and ruling over nations.

When Esau returns, the plot is revealed. An enraged Esau vows to kill his brother upon their father's death. Rebecca and Isaac encourage Jacob to leave home and to go to Haran to live with Rebecca's brother, Laban.

In an effort to appease his parents for marrying Hittite women, Esau also married a daughter of Ishmael.

## Vayetzei

### Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

On route to his uncle's home in Haran, Jacob encamps in the open air near the city of Luz. That night he has a vision of angels ascending and descending a ladder from heaven. God appears to him and promises protection to Jacob, and the land to his descendants. In the morning Jacob erects a stele on the site, renames the place Beth El, and vows that if he returns home unharmed he will dedicate a tenth of his possessions to God.

On the outskirts of Haran, Jacob encounters his cousin Rachel, a shepherdess, at the local well. He is so taken with her that he single-handedly removes the stone covering the well and waters her flock. Jacob is welcomed cordially into his uncle Laban's household, and he agrees to work for seven years as a shepherd in order to gain his cousin Rachel's hand in marriage. Laban

deceives him and he is wedded to Leah, Rachel's older sister. Jacob must now work an additional seven years to marry Rachel.

During the years in Haran, Leah and Rachel - and their handmaidens, Bilhah and Zilpah - bear Jacob eleven sons and one daughter. (Benjamin, the 12th son, will be born near Bethlehem.)

Jacob works an additional six years for Laban in exchange for all the streaked and spotted animals born into the flock. Without any detriment to Laban's pure black and white animals, Jacob's flock becomes exceedingly numerous, arousing envy and hostility in Laban and his sons. Jacob decides that it is time to return home with his family and flock. He departs while Laban is away; Laban overtakes him and they have a brief confrontation before concluding a covenant of peace with each other. The journey home is resumed.

## Vayishlach

### Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Jacob prepares for the worst as he anticipates having to confront his brother Esau upon his return home. He divides his household into two groups so that if Esau and his troops set upon one, the other might escape. He also sends a succession of valuable gifts to Esau in the hope of appeasing him.

The night before their "reunion" Jacob wrestles with a man (actually an angel) and defeats him. This stranger blesses him with a new name, Israel, the meaning of which is "he who prevails with God".

Jacob's fears regarding his brother turn out to be unfounded. Esau embraces him with affection and offers to escort Jacob's family. Jacob declines the offer; Esau returns to Seir, and Jacob eventually settles in Shechem, a town named by its chieftain, Hamor, in honor of his son.

Jacob's only daughter, Dinah is seduced by Shechem. The only circumstance under which Dinah's brothers will allow them to marry is if all the Shechemite men undergo circumcision. Surprisingly, they agree. While they are recuperating, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, slay them all to avenge their sister's dishonor.

Jacob departs Shechem, journeying to Beth El, the site of his vision of the heavenly staircase. God's promise to him is reiterated and his name Israel is re-confirmed. Rachel dies near the city of Bethlehem while giving birth to Benjamin. Jacob reunites with his father, Isaac. Isaac dies at the age of 180, and is buried by his



Photo by Cary H. Miller

two sons in the Cave of Machpelah.

The sidra ends with a genealogical listing of the descendants of Esau.

## Vayeshev











### Genesis 37:1 - 40:23









Jacob's favorite among his twelve sons is Joseph. The favoritism is so blatant that it causes resentment among the brothers - a resentment that is only exacerbated by Joseph's dreams of grandeur. Joseph gets his comeuppance when his brothers strip him of the multi-colored coat given to him by his father, and throw him into a pit. He is subsequently sold by his brothers to Ishmaelites and winds up in servitude in Egypt. The brothers dip Joseph's coat in blood, leading Jacob to believe that Joseph had been killed by a beast.

The narrative of Joseph's life is interrupted by the story of Judah and his sons. Judah's eldest son married Tamar, but this son soon died. In accordance with the custom of levirate marriage, the next son, Onan, was to marry Tamar in order to produce a male heir for his deceased brother. Onan refused to be a party to this, and he too died. Judah fearing that Tamar was the cause of both sons' deaths was reluctant to let his youngest son marry her. Disguising herself as a cultic harlot, Tamar seduced her father-in-law, Judah, and bore twins. Judah admitted his error in not requiring his youngest son to enter in levirate marriage with Tamar.

Back in Egypt, Joseph had become the most trusted and favored servant of Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials. Joseph comes to the attention of his mistress; repeatedly rejecting her advances, she exacts revenge by accusing him of attempted rape. Joseph is imprisoned. He wins the favor of his jailer, who gives him a position of responsibility. Joseph correctly interprets the dreams of two of Pharaoh's jailed servants: the baker who will be executed,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 KISLEV 1 <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b> ראש חודש כסלו	2 KISLEV 2 7:30 PM Services: <b>Cantor Patti Turner</b> Oneg: <b>Dr. Suzy Smith</b>  5:02 PM	3 KISLEV 3 Parshat: <b>Toldot תולדות</b> Genesis 25:19 - 28:9 10:00 AM <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:45 AM <b>Torah Study</b> 12:00 PM <b>Board Meeting</b>  5:38 PM (18 min)
4 KISLEV 4	5 KISLEV 5	6 KISLEV 6	7 KISLEV 7	8 KISLEV 8	9 KISLEV 9 7:30 PM Services: <b>Brittini Coe</b> Oneg: <b>Renée &amp; Larry Spritzer</b>  5:03 PM	10 KISLEV 10 Parshat: <b>VaYetzei ויצא</b> Genesis 28:10 - 32:3 10:00 AM <b>Torah Study - At Legacy Willow Bend, 6101 Ohio Dr, Plano Bldg B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>  5:39 PM (18 min)
11 KISLEV 11	12 KISLEV 12	13 KISLEV 13	14 KISLEV 14	15 KISLEV 15	16 KISLEV 16 7:30 PM Services: <b>Cantor Patti Turner</b> Oneg: <b>Cantor Patti &amp; Ray Turner</b>  5:005 PM	17 KISLEV 17 Parshat: <b>VaYishlack וישלח</b> Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 10:00 AM <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:45 AM <b>Torah Study</b>  5:41 PM (18 min)
18 KISLEV 18	19 KISLEV 19	20 KISLEV 20	21 KISLEV 21 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22 KISLEV 22	23 KISLEV 23 7:30 PM Services: <b>Cantor Patti Turner</b> Oneg: <b>Shelley Allison</b>  5:08 PM	24 KISLEV 24 Parshat: <b>VaYeshev וישב</b> Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 10:00 AM <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:45 AM <b>Torah Study</b> <b>Erev Chanukah</b> (1 light)  5:45 PM (18 min)
25 KISLEV 25 <b>Chanukah</b> (2 lights)	26 KISLEV 26 <b>Chanukah</b> (3 lights)	27 KISLEV 27 <b>Chanukah</b> (4 lights)	28 KISLEV 28 <b>Chanukah</b> (5 lights)	29 KISLEV 29 <b>Chanukah</b> (6 lights)	30 TEVET 1 6:30 PM <b>Pot Luck Meat Dinner</b> 7:30 PM Services: <b>Cantor Patti Turner</b> Oneg: <b>Kathy &amp; Randy Friedberg</b> <b>Chanukah Service</b> (7 lights) <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b> ראש חודש טבת  5:13 PM	31 TEVET 2 Parshat: <b>Miketz מוקץ</b> Genesis 41:1 - 44:17 10:00 AM <b>Shabbat Service</b> 10:45 AM <b>Torah Study</b> <b>Chanukah</b> (8 lights)  5:50 PM (18 min)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 TEVET 3</p> <p><b><u>New Year's Day</u></b></p> <p>2:00 PM <u>New Year's Day Lunch</u> – Location TBA</p>	<p>2 TEVET 4</p>	<p>3 TEVET 5</p>	<p>4 TEVET 6</p>	<p>5 TEVET 7</p>	<p>6 TEVET 8</p> <p>7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: Mara &amp; Michael Bergel</p> <p> 5:18 PM</p>	<p>7 TEVET 9</p> <p>Parshat: <u>VaYigash</u> פרשת ויגש Genesis 44:18 - 47:27</p> <p>10:00 AM <u>Shabbat Service</u> 10:45 AM <u>Torah Study</u> 12:00 PM <u>Board Meeting</u></p> <p> 5:55 PM (18 min)</p>
<p>8 TEVET 10</p>	<p>9 TEVET 11</p>	<p>10 TEVET 12</p>	<p>11 TEVET 13</p>	<p>12 TEVET 14</p>	<p>13 TEVET 15</p> <p>7:30 PM Services: <u>Randy Friedberg</u> Oneg: Brittni Coe</p> <p> 5:24 PM</p>	<p>14 TEVET 16</p> <p>Parshat: <u>VaYechi</u> פרשת ויחי Genesis 47:28 - 50:26</p> <p>10:00 AM <u>Torah Service</u> 12:00 PM <u>Light Kiddush</u></p> <p> 6:01 PM (18 min)</p>
<p>15 TEVET 17</p>	<p>16 TEVET 18</p> <p><b><u>Martin Luther King, Jr.</u></b></p>	<p>17 TEVET 19</p>	<p>18 TEVET 20</p> <p><b><u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u></b></p>	<p>19 TEVET 21</p>	<p>20 TEVET 22</p> <p>7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: Shuli French</p> <p> 5:31 PM</p>	<p>21 TEVET 23</p> <p>Parshat: <u>Shemot</u> פרשת שמות Exodus 1:1 - 6:1</p> <p>10:00 AM <u>Shabbat Service</u> 10:45 AM <u>Torah Study</u></p> <p> 6:08 PM (18 min)</p>
<p>22 TEVET 24</p>	<p>23 TEVET 25</p>	<p>24 TEVET 26</p>	<p>25 TEVET 27</p>	<p>26 TEVET 28</p>	<p>27 TEVET 29</p> <p>7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Kathy &amp; Randy Friedberg</u></p> <p> 5:37 PM</p>	<p>28 SHEVAT 1</p> <p><b><u>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</u></b> ראש חודש שבט</p> <p>Parshat: <u>Vaera</u> פרשת וארא Exodus 6:2 - 9:35</p> <p>5:30 PM <u>Torah Study, Havdalah</u> 6:30 PM <u>Bring Your Own Dairy Dinner</u> 7:30 PM <u>Israeli/International Folk Dancing</u></p> <p> 6:14 PM (18 min)</p>
<p>29 SHEVAT 2</p>	<p>30 SHEVAT 3</p>	<p>31 SHEVAT 4</p>				

## Chanukah Humor

### What you may not know.

by Tova Lebovits

- Judah Macabee (Jud-dah MacCabe) was an Irish Taxi driver.
- Hanukkah (Honu-caw) is a Chinese duck call (dating back to the Hon Dynasty).
- Antiyohus (Anti-yahoos ) are revolutionaries who aim to end yahoo's monopoly.
- Mod'in (Modi-Inn )-for a futuristic getaway with that personal touch...
- Dreidil (Dray-dill) : is a manual spinner that dries your dill. (like a lettuce spinner)
- Latkes (Lot-kuzz ) The people of Sodom's nickname for Abraham.
- Menora (Men-hora): The miraculous discovery of a can of oil in the Temple by Judah and his men, inspired this new dance, the Men-hora.

### The Eight Days of Hanukkah

**On the first night of Hanukkah**  
my true love gave to me:

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the second night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me:

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the third night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the fourth night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me

4 potato latkes

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the fifth night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me

5 bowls of chicken soup

4 potato latkes

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the sixth night of Hanukkah,**

my true love gave to me

6 pickled herrings

5 bowls of chicken soup

4 potato latkes

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the seventh night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me

7 noodle kugels

6 pickled herrings

5 bowls of chicken soup

4 potato latkes

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**On the eighth night of Hanukkah,**  
my true love gave to me

8 Alka- Seltzer

7 noodle kugels

6 pickled herrings

5 bowls of chicken soup

4 potato latkes

3 pounds of corned beef

2 Kosher pickles and

Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

**PS:**

For the Israeli version, substitute 1 Falafel ball , 2 spoons of Hummos, 3 liters of Tehina, 4 plates of salads, 5 glasses of eshkoliot (grapefruit juice), 6 bags of pita, 7 mouthfuls of ful and 8 greps

### The top 10 movie rental over the Chanukah holiday vacation were:

- 10) Three Men And A Bubbie
- 9) A Few Hood Mentches
- 8) The Cohenheads
- 7) The Rocky Hora Picture Show
- 6) Shalom Alone
- 5) Goyz `N The Hood
- 4) A Gefilte Fish Called Wanda
- 3) The Wizard Of Oys
- 2) Who Framed Roger Rabbi?
- 1) Prelude To A Briss

Shalom,

**Hilda & Kathy**

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making him thirsty so he would drink lots of wine and pass out, enabling her to chop off his head and bring it home with her. The beheading – particularly the fact that a woman carried it out – was said to have frightened Holofernes' troops into fleeing the Maccabees.

8. The largest menorah in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records is 32 feet high and weighs 4,000 pounds.

The Shulchan Aruch stipulates that a menorah should be no taller than about 31 feet. Incidentally, Guinness lists at least three other Hanukkah-related records: most dreidels spinning simultaneously for at least 10 seconds (734), most people simultaneously lighting menorahs (834) and largest display of lit menorahs (1,000).

See you at Hanukkah celebration on Shabbat evening, December 30. This year we are having a non-dairy potluck dinner. Please be sure to respond to the e-mail to let us know what you are bringing, so we have something from each food group. In addition, remember to bring your Chanukiah, candles, and best singing voice with lots of ruach! Chag Sameach!

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and the butler, who will return to Pharaoh's service. Joseph implores the butler not to forget him upon his release, for he has been imprisoned unfairly.

### Miketz

### Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

Pharaoh dreams of cows being consumed by cows, and sheaves being replaced by sheaves. The dreams leave him puzzled and anxious. He demands to have someone interpret his dreams, but all the royal experts in such matters are at a loss as to what the dreams portend. The wine butler remembers Joseph's ability to interpret dreams from their days in prison together. Pharaoh orders that Joseph be brought into his presence immediately. Joseph explicates dreams: seven years of bounty will be followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh elevates Joseph to second in command of the whole country with the mandate to prepare for the famine while produce abounds.

During the famine, which extended beyond the borders of Egypt, ten of Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized them, but they don't recognize him. Joseph accuses them of being spies and puts them through a series of unpleasant experiences in order to get them to bring his brother Benjamin to Egypt on their next rip to obtain provisions. Despite grave misgivings, Jacob ultimately accedes to his sons' demands to have Benjamin accompany them to Egypt. There Joseph frames Benjamin for stealing his special wine goblet, and has him arrested.

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number of funds that can always benefit from your donations. Please see the list and a donation form on page 9 of the newsletter.

Remember to support our Community Service activities (see page 9). Please take advantage of the rewards programs with the Kroger Community Rewards (you need to renew your designated charity once a year!), Tom Thumb Rewards, and the Amazon Smiles

programs which help to support Ner Tamid.

**Come experience what sets Ner Tamid apart.**

**Where you are more than just a name!**

Shalom,

Randy



*We are told in Proverbs,  
"The soul of a person is the candle of God."*

## **Yahrzeits**



### **DECEMBER**

- 2 - Larry Liebmann, Cousin of Renée Spritzer
- 6 - Stanton "Duke" Isenberg, Brother of Bobbi Goodman
- 9 - Jacob Schwartz, Grandfather of Kathy Friedberg
- 10 - Ida Lou Erber, Mother of Marilyn Lepley
- 11 - Isadore Freed, Grandfather of ID Freed
- 12 - George Carter Sr., Grandfather of Brittni Coe
- 15 - Arlene Grant, Grandmother of Brittni Coe
- 15 - Isaac Isenberg Grandfather of Mark Pierce
- 22 - Reuben Werlin, Grandfather of Marilyn Freed
- 23 - Joseph Flushman, Father of Howard Flushman, H 23 Kislev
- 23 - Lorraine Wilharm, Step-Mother of Jessica Miller
- 25 - Tessie Shosid, Grandmother of Marilyn Freed
- 31 - Marilyn Freed, Wife of ID Freed

### **JANUARY**

- 1 - Bernard Hochman, Father of Mara Bergel
- 18 - Harry Friedberg, Grandfather of Randy Friedberg
- 23 - Abraham Goldberg, Grandfather of Kathy Friedberg
- 25 - Glenn Morrison, Father of Betsy Cook
- 28 - Fannie Schwartz, Grandmother of Kathy Friedberg
- 28 - Jack Kurzban, Father of Marcy Prager
- 30 - Gertrude Goldberg, Grandmother of Kathy Friedberg



## **Anniversaries**

### **DECEMBER**

- 21 - Rebekah & Mike James

### **JANUARY**

- 20 - Cary & Jessica Miller



## **Birthdays**

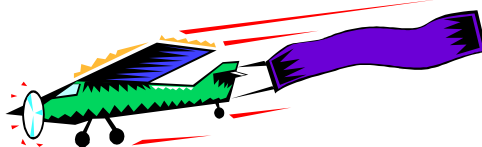
### **DECEMBER**

- 9 - Bobbi Goodman
- 9 - Jeremy Johnson
- 11 - Micah Friedman
- 12 - Aaron Turner
- 14 - Avery Andrews
- 14 - Randy Friedberg
- 18 - Jessica Archer
- 18 - Dr. Suzy Smith
- 23 - Kathy Friedberg
- 28 - Cary Miller

### **JANUARY**

- 2 - Brady Robinson
- 3 - Mark Pierce
- 7 - Dylan Sorrells
- 8 - Deborah Miller
- 10 - Rachel Davis
- 13 - Victor Putman
- 14 - Brandi Geltmeier
- 16 - Elliott Ross
- 20 - Andrew Pritsker
- 20 - Rex Thumann
- 22 - Karen Jennings Pierce
- 23 - Mardi Moon
- 28 - Mason Putman

## **Publicity**



Your assistance is needed. A Publicity Committee is being formed to help get the word out that Ner Tamid is one of the best kept secrets in the Metroplex. We don't want to be secret anymore. We need some ideas, some writing and some placement to get the word out.

Please contact:

Randy Friedberg at [randy@CongregationNerTamid.org](mailto:randy@CongregationNerTamid.org)  
if you can give us a couple of minutes of your time.



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Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☆ Please add our **Tom Thumb Rewards number, 2740**, to your rewards card and shop at Tom Thumb!
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## Community Service



Please support our on-going Community Mitzvah Projects:

- ☆ Collect staple food items, coats and blankets for Jewish Family Service (contact Randy Friedberg)
- ☆ Collect manufacturer coupons for Military bases overseas (contact Marilyn Lepley)
- ☆ Donation bottles for a variety of community & outreach service organizations.
- ☆ Donate cell phones, tablets, MP3 players to Cell Phones For Soldiers. A box is available at Temple. Check out [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

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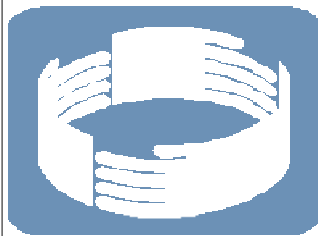
**Congregation Ner Tamid** is dedicated to preserving and strengthening Jewish values, through communal worship, education and community service. We offer an atmosphere of warm involvement and welcome all families and individuals interested in participating in the community of the congregation. We interpret and practice Judaism according to Reform principles and embrace the Reform movement's commitment to diversity, outreach, inclusiveness and social justice.

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- STUDENT
- JUNIOR
- ASSOCIATE

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