

# B'NAI ISRAEL BULLETIN



## **B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE**

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## **HAPPY CHANUKAH**

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTINGS  
ASSISTED LIVING VISITS  
CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY  
SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH GIFT CARD EXCHANGE  
HANUKKAH SHABBAT DINNER

# Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

It's December! And so, it is natural that we look forward to our next holiday, Hanukkah. It's a time of family, songs, miracles, victories, and for some, presents.

Historically, Hanukkah retells the story of Jews caught in a political and cultural struggle. There were the Hellenists, Jews and Greeks who embraced Greek culture, and the Maccabees, who sought to preserve a pure Judaism untainted by outside influences. The Maccabees resisted the spread of Hellenism and clashed with those who supported it. To complicate matters, Antiochus IV, the Seleucid king of Hellenistic Syria, imposed harsh restrictions on Jewish practice, desecrated the Temple, and forbade Jewish rituals. In response, the Maccabees revolted and, against all odds, triumphed. You might notice that nowhere in the original tale was there mention of a vial of oil. That came later when rabbinic texts added the story of the miraculous vial of oil that lasted eight nights.



The internal divisions among Jews are often left out of the Hanukkah story. We tend to focus on the military victory, and later, on the miracle of the oil. But this year, it is the infighting that resonates with me. Because this year, I have watched Jews across the world hold almost too tightly to their views about Israel concerning the war, morality, and leadership. One very recent example involved statements issued from different groups of Rabbis and Jews regarding their support or opposition to the recent Mayor-elect of NYC because of comments that he made about Israel. Every topic even remotely related to Israel has become binary; you agree with us, or you are against us. There is no room for nuance, no room for discussion.

Historically, we have been known for our diversity of thought. I've often joked about "2 Jews....three or more opinions." It saddens me that these differences have become wedges between us. I deeply understand the importance of Israel in our tradition, its central place in our rituals, calendar, and symbols. I also love that Israel serves as both a homeland and a powerful symbol for the Jewish people. Yet, I also understand those who question or criticize its actions. Israel is led by human beings, who, like all of us, are imperfect. Its critics, too, are imperfect. The topic is emotional, I empathize, but it is also dividing us on a national scale and within each denomination beyond reconciliation.

It has become so polarizing that we are scared to discuss it for fear of retaliation, whether physical or emotional. I hope that we might be able to find our way to advocating for what we believe in while refraining from condemning others for their views. Perhaps that's too much to ask for such an emotionally charged topic. But if we could learn to disagree with compassion, I believe we would emerge stronger as a community and as a people. If we can't, we risk repeating the same inner conflict that plagued our ancestors. Already, I've heard stories of synagogues where debates over Israel have escalated to acts of hostility against one another.

I believe the path forward begins with curiosity, with a genuine interest in why someone feels the way they do. You might even be surprised by what you hear. At the end of the day, our people are united by care, passion, and a shared sense of justice. Even when we see things differently, these values are part of our Jewish DNA.

Perhaps that's why, this year, I am especially looking forward to a beautiful moment of unity. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, our usual shabbat service will be transformed into Hanukkah Pajamica Shabbatica Dinner. Everyone is invited to bring their hanukkiah, and we'll all light them together in the social hall, each from our own seats, with the lights dimmed. There's something magical about bringing a bit of our home traditions into our shared sacred space. When the hanukkiot glow all around the room, it's as if a sky of stars is shining indoors, each family's light adding to the collective brilliance. Moments like these remind us that even in the darkest of times, our shared heritage, our light and our hope unite us.

For me, this is Hanukkah at its best. More than a public lighting or ceremony, this is the true heart of our community. I love the joy that each family brings and the reflection of love and wonder in every face lit by candlelight.

There will be many opportunities to gather and celebrate Hanukkah together this year. I hope you'll join in those that speak to you and remember, as you do, that there is far more that binds us together than separates us. Happy Hanukkah to all!

2025  
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2026

# Torah Study & Adult Education

## CLASS SCHEDULE

10:00 am Torah Study

11:00 am Adult Education

December 20

January 10, 24

February 28 (online only)

March 7, 21

April 18

May 9, 16

May 30 (online only)

Off

Off



Schedule is subject to change and are hybrid unless noted otherwise. Please watch the weekly email, bulletin, and online calendar for updates.

## CONTACT

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Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal

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[rabbi@bnai-israel.org](mailto:rabbi@bnai-israel.org)



The Fundraising Committee Presents...

# ADULTS DANCE PARTY

Saturday, December 6, 2025

7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Live Music

Dancing

Refreshments

## DETAILS

\$10.00 per person  
paid in advance

[CLICK HERE To RSVP](#)

\$15.00 at the door with ID

Coffee, Soft Drinks and dessert will  
be provided. Adults (18 and over)



contact [fundraising@bnai-israel.org](mailto:fundraising@bnai-israel.org) with any questions



# President's Message

Dear Temple Community,

As we transition into December, we will continue to experience shorter days, colder temperatures, and busy days that can sometimes be demanding—with decisions to make and activities to plan.

I find myself thinking about a range of everyday things: like what outer wear to choose (my less warm coat or my really heavy one); when to put up my seasonal decorations (and do I need or want some new ones); when to schedule visits with friends; and when my family will find a date to gather and celebrate our holidays and birthdays.

I also think about how chaotic the world is these days, even frightening at times. Then it becomes really important to me to look for the joy and peace we can feel in December as we share holiday experiences, whether it is Christmas, Kwanza, Chanukah, or New Year's Eve. I look forward to eating special foods (latkes—some with sour cream and some with applesauce), lighting menorah candles, spinning dreidels, and sharing traditions with family. It is also a time to support and donate to outreach activities in the community. And, it is a time to seek and share kindness as we connect during the holiday season.

Our temple is a place for connecting. I know where I will be Friday nights—at temple to share Shabbat services with you. I am particularly looking forward to our community Menorah lightings on Dec. 14th, and our Chanukah Shabbat dinner and service on December 19th.

As we transition into December, I hope we all find time to “hit pause” and enjoy warmth, smiles, and caring connections.

Wishing you all a meaningful and peaceful holiday season.

Warmly, Fran



## Outreach Committee - Alice Lambert

As we're looking forward to Chanukah with all the family get-togethers, menorah lightings, and latke eating, I'm also thinking about 2026 just around the corner. With the arrival of winter and cold weather, there are many people in our congregation and local communities who are suffering; fuel prices are very high, rents are being raised, and food prices are high.

With SNAP benefits being withheld there are people who are literally going without food for themselves and their families and many people have lost their jobs.

Your donations to the “Outreach Fund” enable us to help others as requests come in. Sometimes it is an individual family that needs our help, and sometimes it is another organization that is reaching out to us, because we have been able to help them in the past.

As always, donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items are greatly appreciated. Whenever you come to Temple or Religious School, your donations can be put into the brown bins in the Temple or school lobby. If you are unable to carry heavy bags of groceries, gift cards to supermarkets or pharmacies are extremely helpful.

If you, or someone you know within our congregational community, needs our help, please contact me and we'll see what we can do. All requests and records are kept strictly confidential.

Thank you. I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

A BRAND NEW FUNDRAISER

# HANDCRAFTED WOODEN SUNCATCHERS

ORDER NOW

**ORDER DEADLINE 12/19**

We are selling hand crafted wood **SUNCATCHERS** in 2 sizes in time for the December holidays. The laser cut wood pictures are backed with coordinated, colorful/patterned backgrounds that let the sun shine in!

You may purchase **SUNCATCHERS** in a **wide variety of themes** including Chanukah, Christmas, Love, Winter, Sports, and Teachers. Each **SUNCATCHER** comes in its own cellophane bag with a suction cup, ready for display.



**Here are  
some  
samples.  
More to  
choose from  
online!**

## **As a reminder...**

B'nai Israel members should be aware that in the event of a medical emergency at the Temple, Automatic Electronic Defibrillators, (AED's,) are available for use in both buildings. In the school building an AED is mounted on the lobby wall adjacent to the Cantor's office. A second AED is mounted between the Rabbi's office and the sanctuary in the Temple building. In addition, first aid kits are located across the lobby from the AED in the school and immediately adjacent to the AED outside the Rabbi's office.

The Temple has a service contract in place to ensure that both AED devices are maintained on a routine basis and kept in good working order in the event they are needed in an emergency.

Although the AED's provide step by step verbal instructions while in use, the majority of our B'nai Israel Security Volunteers were recently trained and are certified in the administration of CPR and AED use if needed.

## **Insurance Expertise Wanted**

I am looking for one or more Temple members with commercial insurance knowledge to assist me in reviewing and renewing the Temple's policies and coverages.

We need to ensure that the Temple has adequate policies and coverage, but are not looking to change our carriers or agents at this time.

If you can volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact me.

Paul Fink   [paulfink505@icloud.com](mailto:paulfink505@icloud.com)

Thank you!

## **(Another) "Emergency" Blood Drive... and FREE Islander Tickets!**

In what has become almost an annual ritual, the Long Island Blood Center is back to us once again asking if we could schedule an end-of-year blood drive at B'nai Israel on New Years Eve Day, 12/31, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. The somewhat unusual day and time was termed "critical" by them, more so even than the days or week before, as they anticipate the increased demand for blood over the remaining days of the winter break when donations are typically scarce.

As we do each year, we agreed, and committed to do the best we could. As an incentive, the Blood Center will offer a voucher to every donor, good for two tickets to an upcoming Islanders hockey game! (See the accompanying flyer.)

Now we ask every eligible member of the Temple community to step up and make plans to help us meet that commitment. As our Congregation ages there are fewer of our long-time "regulars" able to participate, so please reach out to any former or first-time potential donors: relatives, neighbors, kids home from school, visitors from out-of-town. Temple membership is NOT required. Donors can be as young as 17 with written parental permission. Beginning at age 75 seniors need one-time written medical clearance. All donors must have a picture ID. Repeat donors can expedite check-in if they bring their donor card. Online appointments are helpful, but if not, walk-ins will be welcome as well.

One last opportunity for a mitzvah in 2025!

Thank you.



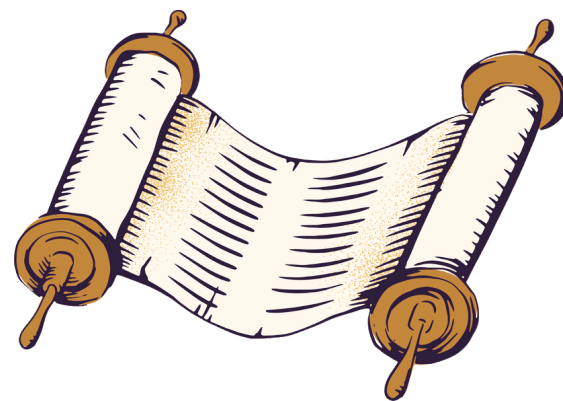
## Torah & Haftarah Readings

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Genesis ch. 32 vs. 4 through ch. 36 vs. 43  
Hosea ch. 11 vs. 7 through ch. 12 vs. 12

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Genesis h. 37 vs. 1 through ch. 40 vs. 23  
Amos ch. 2 vs. 6 through ch. 3 vs. 8

December 20<sup>th</sup>: Genesis ch. 41 vs. 1 through ch. 44 vs. 17  
Zechariah ch. 4 vss. 1 through 7

December 27<sup>th</sup>: Genesis ch. 44 vs. 18 through ch. 47 vs. 27  
Ezekiel ch. 37 vss. 15 through 28



## Donations & Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their contributions to B'nai Israel Reform Temple:

### Ethan William Snair Memorial Fund

Marilyn Kabalkin - In Loving Memory of my Beloved Grandson Ethan William  
Grandma - In Loving Memory of my Beloved Grandson Ethan William Snair

### Help-a-Family Fund

Rochelle & Gerald Slochevsky  
Jerry & Sheila Kessler - In memory of Anna Kessler  
Jerry & Sheila Kessler - In memory of Anita Naomi Leibowitz  
Myra Mandel - In loving memory of Melvin Mandel  
The Wednesday Night Mah Jongg Mavens - In honor of Ileana Neckameyer's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

### General Fund

Martha Kahan  
Alice & Mike Lambert - In Memory of Sherry Herzfeld  
Trish & Rich Lindner - In honor of the birth of our first granddaughter, Dawson Reese, on 10/30/2025  
Wednesday Night Mah Jongg Mavens - In memory of Leonard Samuel Horn  
Amy Abrams - In memory of Gerald H. Abrams  
Mary & Paul Fink - In memory of Leonard Samuel Horn  
Mary & Michael Levine

### Outreach

Bonnie Glenn

### Music Fund

Don Johnson - On the occasion of the High Holidays

### Yahrzeit Fund

Nadine & Asa Singer - In memory of Joseph Singer  
Nadine & Asa Singer - In memory of Abraham Sloane  
Ellen Rothfeld - In memory of Burt Siegel  
Joel Silverman - In memory of Eliot Olshan  
Eve & Steve Taitz - In memory of Arthur Taitz  
Ellen & Charles Fishman - In memory of Murray Fishman  
Suzanne & Eric Bukzin - In memory of Paul Bukzin  
Sharon Inkeles & Mark Gudesblatt - In memory of David Inkeles, Miriam Gudesblatt, Milton Gudesblatt  
Roberta Saraceni - In memory of Larry Snair  
Leah & Jack Goodman - In memory of Morton Goodman  
Barbara & Willard Sprague - In memory of Mary Sprague  
Barbara & Willard Sprague - In memory of Morris Friedman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ehrlich-Herzfeld Families - In memory of Sherry Herzfeld



To make a donation online please  
visit [www.bnai-israel.org/donations](http://www.bnai-israel.org/donations)



# Membership Matters

## Table to Temple: A Night of Connection and Community

Our recent Table to Temple progressive dinner, sponsored by the Membership Committee, was a wonderful evening of food, friendship, and community! With five gracious host homes welcoming 26 participants, the night was filled with laughter, conversation, and new connections. Many attendees shared how meaningful it was to truly get to know one another beyond temple walls—and that they hope we make this a regular tradition!

A heartfelt thank you to Rabbi Rosenthal for her warm presence, music and guidance, and all she did to make the evening so special, and to the Membership Committee for organizing such a memorable event. Nights like these remind us how lucky we are to share such a vibrant and caring community.

Stay tuned for the next Membership event ...or better yet, join us at the next Membership Meeting scheduled for December 9th at 7:00 PM at the Temple. Remember, Membership Matters!

Shalom,  
Suzanne Wittenberg, Membership Chair

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**The Leisurely Singles group** will be celebrating Chanukah on December 7, 2025 at Fran Leiboff's house at 1 PM. Please call Fran if you plan to attend. Her number is 1 (516) 445-2618. We will be eating latkes and lunch at her home.

We are asking everyone to make a Chanukah donation to Outreach. Hope to see you at Fran's.

On January 9, 2026, we will meet at Saviano's for dinner. We will attend services at 7:15 at the Temple. Please let Barbara know if you will meet us for dinner.

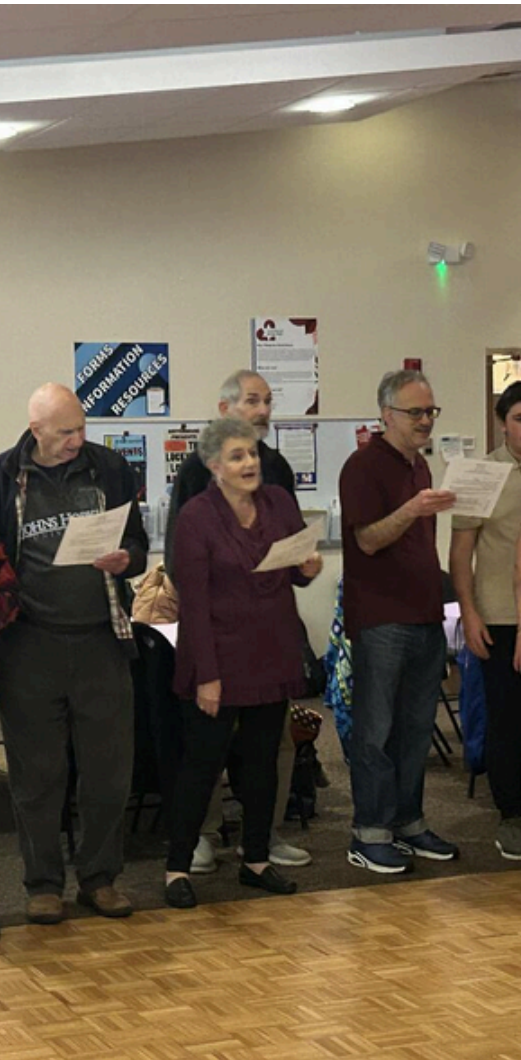
All singles are welcome. Give me a call at 631-495-7511 if you would like to be part of this group.

Barbara Abrams





# Table to Temple Photos





# SISTERHOOD

DECEMBER 2025

## Good Works






Many thanks to Lesli Vohwinkel for a moving and timely program about the **JCC Krakow/Ride for the Living**. We collected and sent a generous \$500 donation to help support the JCC's programs and services including the first Jewish preschool to open in Krakow since before World War II, support for Holocaust survivors and aid to displaced Ukrainians.

Through the end of December, Sisterhood is supporting **Sharsheret**, a nonprofit dedicated to providing support, education, and community for Jewish women and families facing breast and/or ovarian cancer. We are asking for \$10 donations which will go towards the purchase of supplies for Busy Boxes, personalized collections including resource materials as well as toys and activities to occupy children during Mom's treatment and recovery. For details see the Information Center in the Social Hall or pay online on Sisterhood page, or contact Joi G.

## Join Us Tues, Dec 16 at 7 pm

### Hanukkah Gift Card Exchange



 Hey! Since we love our sisters, we'll  give you a festive time. Spin your way to some big girl gelt (gift cards) with a game of dreidel.  none of you will be disappointed.

 Should you wish to play, bring a \$25 gift card.

(Perfect timing--Temple is having a Gift Card fundraiser.)

*Save the Date*

*Tues, Jan 20, 7 pm Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal*

*As you light the menorah, may each candle bring you hope and joy. Happy Hanukkah from my family to yours. Joi Garwin --- Sisterhood President*



**SISTERHOOD  
PRESENTS**

**THE**

**LUCKY**

WIN A  
COLLECTION  
OF 40  
SCRATCH  
OFFS !!



**LOTTERY**

**RAFFLE!**

**TICKET**

187537

**1/\$5  
5/\$20**

**DRAWING  
DEC 19 at  
HANUKKAH  
DINNER**





# CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

**PLEASE RSVP by 12/9**  
call Temple Office **631-563-1660**  
or email **[office@bnai-israel.org](mailto:office@bnai-israel.org)**

**Dec 13, 2025**  
**12:00 noon**

**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEM FOR DONATION**

latkes

prizes

games

DJ

free  
fun



# Sisterhood Winter Fundraiser



- WHO:** This year Sisterhood is supporting **Sharsheret**.
- WHAT:** **Sharsheret** is a nonprofit dedicated to providing support, education, and community for Jewish women and families facing breast and/or ovarian cancer
- WHY:** **Sharsheret** is the only national organization addressing the unique genetic and cultural concerns of Jewish women and families and these cancers. (One in 40 Ashkenazi Jews carries a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation, compared to 1 in 400 in the general population, that increases the likelihood of developing breast, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, melanoma and male breast cancer.)
- SERVING:** **Sharsheret** serves everyone who seeks help. Their programs serve women and men. More than 15% of the women who reach out to **Sharsheret** are not Jewish.
- BUSY BOXES:** These personalized collections include resource materials that aid in guiding families through the cancer journey as well as toys and activities to occupy children during Mom's treatment and recovery.
- HOW:** Sisterhood will collect donations (\$10 suggested, but we gladly take any amount) through December 22. We will then purchase items requested by the **Sharsheret** Busy Box program. Send a check to office made out to Sisterhood and note that it is for Busy Boxes or online on Sisterhood page in Fundraiser Donation section with Busy Box in comment section.



Count  
YOUR  
Blessings  
EVERYDAY



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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN HAMMER & STAIN A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**



## IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER



**DECEMBER 12: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES 7:15--**

**DECEMBER 13: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHANUKAH FESTIVAL**

**DECEMBER 13: SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH PARTY--ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN!

**DECEMBER 14: TOWN MENORAH LIGHTINGS--CHECK BULLETIN FOR DETAILS**

**DECEMBER 19: KID-DISH SHABBAT SERVICES 7:00PM--CHANUKAH PAJAMAKA**



## THINGS TO WATCH FOR



**JANUARY 10: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:15PM**

**JANUARY 17: KID-ISH SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:00AM**

**JANUARY 24: FAMILY FUN BOWLING**



### LIBRARY INFORMATION



Watch for information--  
The Religious School  
Reading Challenge is  
starting in January!



### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of emergency school closings or delayed openings announcements will be made by email.

\*(If we do not have your current email address and you have not been receiving correspondences, please email us at [school@bnai-israel.org](mailto:school@bnai-israel.org) with your current email address.\*)

**PLEASE KEEP BRINGING IN TZADKA AND/OR DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY**





# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHOUT OUTS



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FOR  
THE MONTH OF GIVING!**



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



**AARON RIDULFO  
BRODY ARONOW  
SOPHIA CASTRONOVA  
SOLOMON ROSENTHAL  
HARLOW FISHER  
JORDAN LEWIS  
LILY YABLON  
MASON MCALVIN**



**WISHING BRODY, SPENCER,  
MAYA, KATIE, ELLORA, AND  
BEAR A VERY HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**





# HANUKKAH AROUND TOWN WITH B'NAI ISRAEL

## Community Menorah Lightings

**Sunday, Dec 14, 2025**

**5:00 pm | Bayport/Bluepoint** Chamber Park  
Corner of Nicholls Rd. & Montauk Hwy.

**6:00 pm | Holbrook** Lawn of Coste Agency  
1000 Main St.

**7:00 pm | Ronkonkoma** Raynor Beach Park,  
174 Ronkonkoma Ave, Lake Ronkonkoma

**8:00 pm | Oakdale** Train Station  
Montauk Hwy. & Oakdale-Bohemia Rd.

## Assisted Living Visits

**Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025**

**10:00 am | Arbors Hauppauge**

**11:15 am | Arbors Islandia/West**

**Late Addition:** 12/15 at 2:30 pm

**Braemar Assisted Living in Medford**






Celebrate  
*Hanukkah*  
Shabbat

**FRIDAY**  
**DEC 19, 2025**

**6:30 pm**      **DINNER**

**7:45 pm**      **GROUP CANDLE LIGHTING**

**8:00 pm**      **SERVICE**



Traditions. Family. Community.  
For details see bulletin or Temple website.

# HANUKKAH SHABBAT DINNER

Friday, December 19, 2025

KINDLY  
**RSVP**  
BY DEC 8

## Catering by Uncle Giuseppe's

featuring stuffed cabbage, chicken tenders, dill salmon, mini hotdogs, veggie, & potato kugel

\$28 *Temple member adult*  
\$33 *Non-member adult*  
\$10 *Temple member child*  
\$12 *Non-member child (under 12)*

6:30 pm *Dinner*  
7:45 pm *Group Candle Lighting*  
8:00 pm *Service*



- PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH RESERVATION - NO REFUNDS
- Call the office (631) 563-1660 and use a credit card
- Go to Temple website and use a credit card
- Fill out form and send with a check to B'nai Israel Reform Temple,  
67 Oakdale Bohemia Road, Oakdale, NY 11769

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults x \$28 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of kids at \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults x \$33 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Number of kids at \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will be followed by a group candle lighting at 7:45pm, bring a favorite Hanukkiah (Hanukkah Menorah) from home. Service (*Hanukkah Pajamica Shabbatica*) at 8:00 pm.

Any questions, please contact Alice Lambert (631-589-1375) or Joi Garvin (516-313-6988).



# *Save The Date*

*February 7th, 2026*

**Murder Mystery Dinner Party**



*more information to follow. . .*



# Blood Drive

**B'nai Israel**

**Reform Temple**

*67 Oakdale Bohemia Road, Oakdale*

**Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

*Each presenting donor will receive (1) voucher redeemable for two (2) complimentary tickets to a select 2025-26 regular season home game\**

To make an appointment:

- Click [Here](#)
- Scan a QR Code
- Contact Melissa at [mgatto@nybc.org](mailto:mgatto@nybc.org) / (917) 566-8537



## Prepare to donate



Eat well  
and hydrate



Bring a  
photo ID



Feel good and  
symptom free



Must be 17+ or  
16 with parental  
consent form



Meet minimum  
weight requirements



Written Consent from  
your Doctor if aged 76  
or older.

For full eligibility requirements  
and COVID-19 information, visit  
[nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility)

**WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!!!**





## Do you shop at Stop & Shop?

If Yes, you can purchase Stop & Shop Gift Cards from the Temple and then we get a percentage back as a donation to B'nai Israel!

They can be purchased through our website or see Rich Lindner on Friday evenings or call (516) 641-8050 or the Temple Office. Consider donating these gift cards to the Temple's Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are in need of some assistance.



## *Dynamic Chair Yoga* with Bonnie Rubell

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who want to start or continue their yoga practices. This class presents modifications for many yoga poses. Students choose the modifications which work best for them. This is a Hatha chair approach aimed at building body strength for balance and flexibility for life activities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walking, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical age-related physical changes and conditions. Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and protective for body and mind. It's also social and fun. This class is also appropriate for all ages who want to get back to an exercise program after a long break.



# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 30	1 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7pm School Grade High School (or Dec 8th)	2 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	3	4 10:30am Chair Yoga	5 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9:30am School Grades 3-6 7pm Dance Night (Adults Only)
7 1pm Leisurely Singles - Hannukah Party	8 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7pm School Grade High School (or Dec 1) 7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	9 RSVP Deadline for Children's Chanukah Party	10 Bulletin Deadline	11 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	12 7:15pm Family Service	13 9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 12pm Children's Hanukkah Party
14 5pm Menorah Bayport/Bluepoint 6pm Menorah Holbrook 7pm Menorah Ronkonkoma 8pm Menorah Oakdale Train Station	15 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7:30pm Finance Committee	16 10am Hannukah Visit - Arbors Hauppauge 11:15am Hannukah Visit - Arbors Islanda/West 7pm Sisterhood Hannukah Gift Card Exchange	17	18 10:30am Chair Yoga	19 Deadline to order Suncatchers 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner 8pm Hanukkah Pajamica Shabbatica	20 9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
21	22 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8	23	24	25 10:30am Chair Yoga	26 8pm Shabbat Service	27 No Religious School
28	29 No Religious School	30	31 9:30am Blood Drive	Jan 1	2	3
4	5	Notes				



# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Dec 31	1	2	3
				10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	6pm Shabbat Service	No Religious School
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7pm School Grade High School	7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting		10:30am Chair Yoga	5pm Leisurely Singles Dinner & Shabbat 7:15pm Family Service	Bulletin Deadline Deadline to order Mah Jong Cards 9:30am School Grades 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7:30pm Finance Committee			10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	7pm Kiddish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Tzedek	9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No Religious School	7pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Rosenthal		10:30am Chair Yoga	8pm Shabbat Service	School Family Fun Night - Bowling 9:30am School Grades 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9		7pm Musical Shabbat Rehearsal	10:30am Chair Yoga	7:30pm Tu Bishevat Musical Shabbat	9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Lily Yablon
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The B'nai Israel Reform Temple extends its deepest condolences to the Horn family on the loss of Leroy's brother, Leonard Samuel Horn. May they find comfort in the blessings of good memories that will always be theirs.

## Yahrzeits

### December 5<sup>th</sup>

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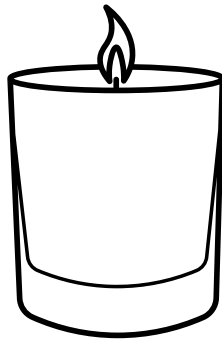
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### December 26<sup>th</sup>

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