

B'NAI ISRAEL BULLETIN



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HAPPY HANNUKAH!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR OUR UPCOMING
EVENTS FOR HANNUKAH AND THROUGHOUT
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

This month as we gear up to celebrate Hanukkah, the festival of lights, it occurs to me that the holiday takes place a little later than usual. The first night of Hanukkah falls on December 25th. This means that the festival will last through New Year's Eve. This is a rare occasion. And it makes me think that there is a new opportunity to infuse a little extra kavanah (sacred intention) into our holiday celebration.



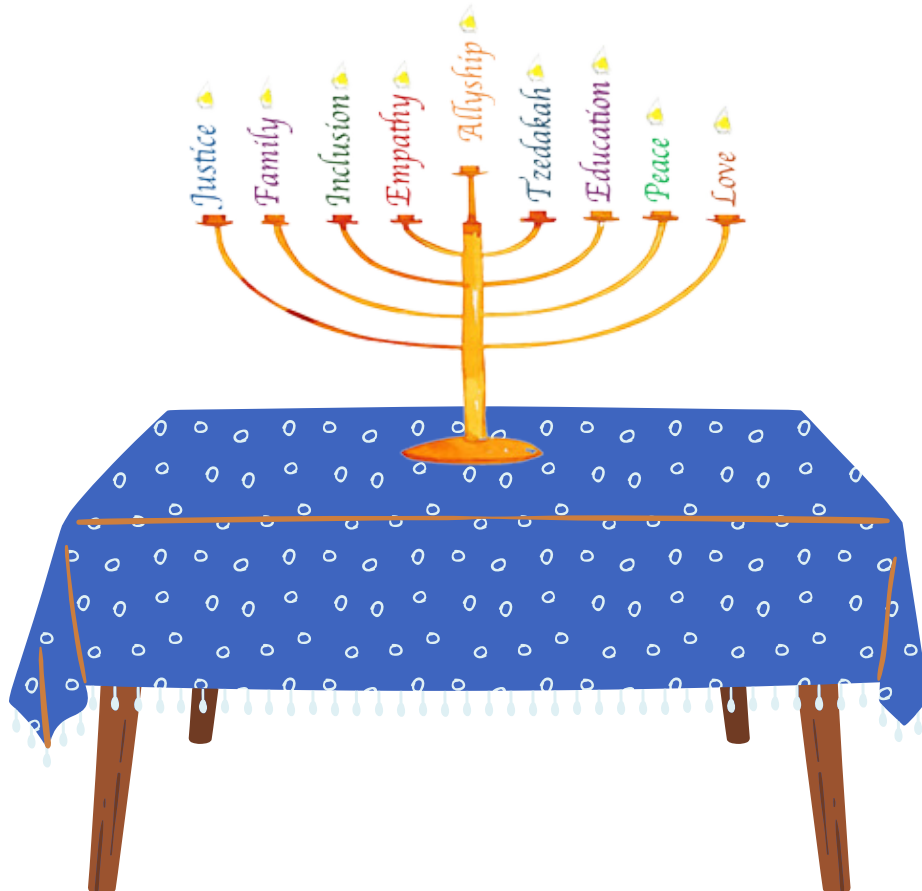
So many of us create New Year's Resolutions. And so, it seems fitting that we might use Hanukkah as an inspiration to help us do so. Hanukkah means dedication. Traditionally this refers to the rededication of the ancient temple. But for our purposes, it seems like we might find 9 values worthy of our dedication for the upcoming year.

This idea is partially inspired by a recent family craft night where we gathered together to create some Hanukkah and secular art. One of the choices was a menorah that had a word for each candle. See the picture below for an example. I think that we can take this idea, and add our own focal points for the coming year, promising to make it come to pass. This will enable us to add light to darkness through our dedication and persistence. December is after all the darkest month of the year.

What focal points would you and/or your family/friends choose? Deciding together could make for a powerful conversation, and move the emphasis of the holiday away from gifts to more of being present for those who need us.

I hope that you will try out this new ritual. I encourage you to make a picture of your family's choices and post them to our B'nai Israel Facebook group to share.

However you choose to celebrate, the Rosenthal family wishes everyone a happy Hanukkah full of light and motivation.



President's Message

Shalom,

Each year as I write my bulletin article for December it usually comes to me very quickly. December should be a "lay up". For our temple youth (and a lot of us adults also) Chanukah is the holiday we look forward to the most. Gifts and Latkes, Songs and Families.

This year as I write this article, I write it with some fear in my mind. We are still dealing with hostages being held in Gaza more than a year after they were taken. I worry about our friends in Israel and think about what is going on in their minds. I think about my friends here in our country who now live in fear of being even more marginalized than they felt a few short days ago.



Of course we move forward and grow stronger just as our ancestors did before us. That is who we are. Be strong in your beliefs and be there for your friends and families. They need you more this Chanukah.

Chanukah this year falls at a wonderful time. The fact that this year the first night falls on Christmas will make it double joyous night for our interfaith families and families that celebrate both holidays. Do latkes go with eggnog? Maybe we should find out.

May the Chanukah candles burn brightly and bring some comfort as we watch the flame flicker,

l'Shalom,
Seth C. Berman



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 2025 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.

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.

Hanukkah Assisted Living Visits

Monday, December 23rd

10:00 am Arbors Hauppauge
1740 Express Dr S, Hauppauge, NY 11788

11:15 am Arbors Islandia
1515 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Islandia, NY 11749

Community Menorah Lightings

Thursday, December 26th

5:00 pm Bayport/Bluepoint
Bayport/Bluepoint Chamber Park at the foot of Nicholls Road & Montauk Hwy

6:00 pm Holbrook
Outside the Coste Agency, 1000 Main Street in Holbrook

7:00 pm Ronkonkoma
Raynor Beach County Park, 174 Ronkonkoma Ave in Lake Ronkonkoma

8:00 pm Oakdale
Oakdale Train Station, Montauk Highway and Oakdale Bohemia Road



Torah & Haftarah Readings

December 7th: Genesis ch. 28 vs. 10 through ch. 32 vs. 3
Hosea ch. 12 vs. 13 through ch. 14 vs. 10

December 14th: Genesis ch. 32 vs. 4 through ch. 36 vs. 43
Hosea ch. 11 vs. 7 through ch. 12 vs. 12

December 21st: Genesis ch. 37 vs. 1 through ch. 40 vs. 23
Amos ch. 1 vs. 6 through ch. 3 vs. 8

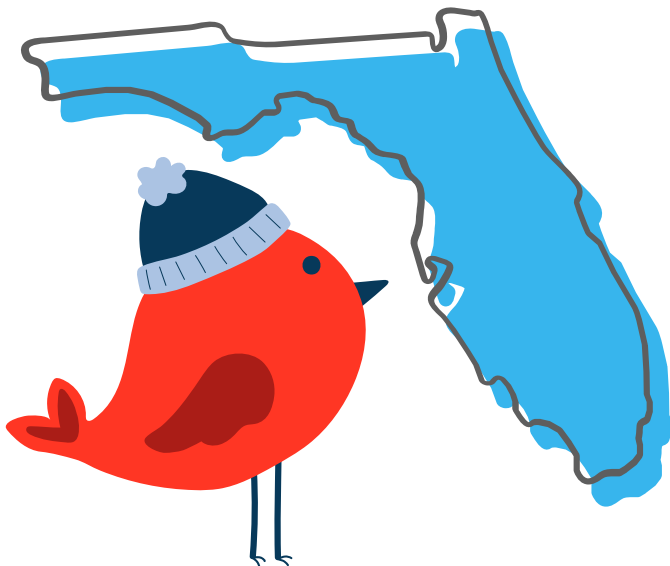
December 28th: Genesis ch. 41 vs. 1 through ch. 44 vs. 17
Zechariah ch. 4 vs. 1 through 7



WINTER *Clothing Drive*

It's time for the 2nd Annual Winter Clothing Drive. Ellie Smith is collecting donations of winter coats, sweaters, gloves, and hats. **There is a special need for men's winter wear.** Please bring all donations to the Temple coat room.

Attention Florida Snowbirds



Calling out to all Florida snowbirds and friends of B'nai Israel. Last season between January and April, a group of us got together on the first Shabbat of each month. We dined together and then attended Shabbat services at B'nai Israel via Zoom. It was a wonderful experience and we are excited to repeat it this year. If you are interested in joining us, please call Barbie Saslau at (631) 553-5723.



Membership Matters

Jewish Life Survey

Last month to complete the Jewish Life Survey: We hope you will find the time to complete this survey and share your Jewish experiences by Dec. 31, 2024. Your feedback is important as the Membership Committee plans future activities/events for the temple congregation and the local Jewish community. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important activity. The link is found below, and is also included on our temple website and in the weekly Thursday emails.

CLICK HERE

To fill in the survey click the button above or visit <https://forms.gle/W2dwSjERsLJYNMjM7>

Special Interest Group Updates

Our Special Interest Groups are ongoing and a way of getting to know fellow congregants who share common interests. New ideas for groups are always welcome, so send your thoughts to Fran Leiboff at membership@bnai-israel.org.

Current Groups and their contacts

Crochet Group—Email Barbara at: ladybugsandbumblebees1@gmail.com to enjoy getting together and sharing crochet projects.

Couples Connections—Email Rich Motlin at: richard.motlin@gmail.com to join a variety of activities with other couples.

Interfaith Group—Email Ellie Smith at esmith11@sjny.edu (or call at 631-806-3737) to gather and share experiences and interests. This group welcomes those in interfaith relationships, those who have family or friends in interfaith relationships, and those who have converted.

Leisurely Singles Group—Call Barbara Abrams at 631-495-7511 for information about group activities. Upcoming events include:

Dec. 1st visit to the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove from 12:00-4:00pm. Carpools can be arranged.

Dec. 15th Hanukkah celebration at 1:00pm at the home of Fran Leiboff in Coram

Snowbirds Group—Call Barbie Saslau at 631-553-5723 to participate in monthly gatherings between January and April while in Florida. The group plans to dine together the first Shabbat of each month and then attend B'nai Israel services via Zoom. Those who participated last year are excited about planning these wonderful evenings again.

Do you have any general questions or interests?

Let us know—membership@bnai-israel.org



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



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



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

DECEMBER 13: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES 7:15--

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHABBAT! ALL STUDENT CAN/WILL PARTICIPATE

DECEMBER 14: RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHANUKAH FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 14: SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH PARTY--ALL ARE WELCOME!

SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH GIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN!

DECEMBER 20: KID-DISH SHABBAT SERVICES 7:00PM

DECEMBER 26: TOWN MENORAH LIGHTINGS--CHECK BULLETIN FOR DETAILS



THINGS TO WATCH FOR



JANUARY 10: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:15PM

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

JANUARY 25: FAMILY FUN MOVIE NIGHT



LIBRARY INFORMATION



Thank you to Sarah Vezina for reorganizing and making our library easy for all to use! We will be starting the reading club soon to encourage students and parents to read together! More information to follow

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 with your current email address.).

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



SISTERHOOD

December 2024

Hanukkah Gift Exchange

Dec 17 at 7:00 pm

Please bring a \$20 wrapped gift to swap



THE FORGOTTEN HANUKKAH HEROINE

Holding a sword in one hand and a severed head in the other, she is terrifying and beautiful. She is not mentioned in the Torah, nor the Mishnah nor Talmud. Her earliest known stories aren't even in Hebrew, they are in Greek. Her tale disappeared from Jewish tradition early in ancient times only to reemerge during the Middle Ages. She is Judith and her story is associated with Hanukkah because it shares themes of faith and courage.

The Book of Judith promised that her praise would "never depart from the heart of those who remember the power of God," and that her actions would "go down through all generations of our descendants." And, yet, Judith has been virtually omitted from the retelling of our history. Who was she? Why should we remember her?

Judith was said to be a beautiful and pious widow who lived in the Judean town of Bethulia. An army led by the evil general Holofernes set siege on the town. Though they fought as best as they could, the Israelites were ready to surrender; but not Judith! She devised a plan to defeat the enemy. Accompanied only by her maid, she set out for the enemy camp. Taken with her beauty, Holofernes invited her to his tent whereupon Judith plied him with salty cheese and urged him to drink wine. After Holofernes fell asleep in a drunken stupor, Judith prayed for God's help, took his sword, and cut off his head. With the army thrown into confusion, Judith urged the Israelites to launch a surprise attack, and they emerged victorious.

This Hanukkah, consider sharing the story of Judith, a courageous woman who used intelligence, determination, and faith to save her people and overcome a greater enemy.

Love & Peace,

Joi Garvin, Sisterhood President

Resources: heyalma.com, jwa.org, jns.org, npr.org

2024
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2025

Torah Study & Adult Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

10:00 am Torah Study

11:00 am Adult Education

December 21

January 11 and 25

February 1 and 8

March 1

April 26

May 10

Up To

Off



Schedule is subject to change. Please watch the weekly email, bulletin, and online calendar for updates.

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November 2024

Photo Album



Ducks Volunteers on the Bimah during services.



Religious School Family Fun Night with Hammer & Stain.



Outreach Committee organizing all of the High Holy Day donations.

CHILDREN'S CHANUKAH PARTY

Dec 14

12:00 noon

FREE FUN for Everyone

games

DJ

prizes

latkes



PLEASE RSVP by 12/10

call Temple Office [631-563-1660](tel:631-563-1660)

or email office@bnai-israel.org

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEM FOR DONATION

*Visit the Sisterhood
Chanukah Boutique*

B'nai Israel

**KARAOKE
NIGHT**



**DEC
14**

\$10

**7:00
P.M.**

RSVP by 12/12 to office or online

refreshments will be served



Sisterhood invites you to the

HANUKKAH BOUTIQUE

MENORAHS

CANDLES

HOSTESS GIFTS

TOYS

GELT

SOCKS

DECORATIONS



Fri/Sat Dec 13-14 & 20-21



Order your 2025 Mah Jong cards!

***The new Mah Jong cards are coming!
Another year, another challenge!***

The 2025 Mah Jong Card orders will be taken until 1/10/2025

**The prices from the League, per card, are as follows:
Standard card is \$14.00 and Large card is \$15.00**

All checks are to be made payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood
and mailed along with a list of names and addresses to:
Thea Gunther, 219 Normandy Road, Massapequa, NY 11758

A form is supplied for your convenience below. Any questions, please feel free to contact Thea at 516-541-1332. Your Sisterhood thanks you for your support. ENJOY!

Names & Addresses	# of Cards	\$ Total

Donations & Contributions

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

Ethan William Snair Memorial Fund

Gammie - In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair

Roberta Snair Saraceni - In loving memory of my beloved grandson Ethan William Snair

Prayer Book Fund

B'nai Israel Choir - In fond memory of our choir director, Roselyn Selmanoff

Help-A-Family Fund

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Ira Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship Fund

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B'nai Israel Choir - In memory of Roselyn Selmanoff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Joanne & Neil Needelman - Thank you, Rabbi, for visiting Neil in the hospital

Deborah O'Rourke - In memory of Roger O'Rourke

Yahrzeit Fund

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Barbara & Willard Sprague - In memory of Mary Sprague

Religious School Fund

Alice & Mike Lambert - In memory of Roger O'Rourke

General Fund

Don Johnson - For LI Ducks since I can't volunteer

To make a donation online please visit www.bnai-israel.org/donations

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.



Do you shop at Stop & Shop?

If Yes, you can purchase Stop & Shop Gift Cards from the Temple and the we get a percentage back as a donation!

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.



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 12pm Leisure Singles: Holocaust Museum in Nassau County	2 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7pm School Grade High School	3 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	4	5 7:30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting	6 8pm Shabbat Service	7 9:30am School grades 3-6	
8	9 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9	10 Bulletin Deadline	11	12	13 Hanukkah Gift Shop 7:15pm Family Service & Religious School Shabbat	14 9:30am School grades 3-6 with Chanukah Festival 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 12pm Children's Chanukah Party 7pm Karaoke Night	
15 Leisurely Singles: Hanukkah Celebration	16 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7:30pm Finance Committee	17 7pm Hanukkah Gift Exchange	18	19 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	20 Hanukkah Gift Shop 7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	21 9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education	
22 No School 10am Arbors Hauppauge Hanukkah Visit 11:15am Arbors Islandia Hanukkah Visit	23	24	25 First Night of Hanukkah	26 5pm Bayport/Bluepoint Menorah Lighting 6pm Holbrook Menorah Lighting 7pm Ronkonkoma Menorah Lighting 8pm Oakdale Menorah Lighting	27 7:15pm Hanukkah Shabbat Service	28 No School	
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	
5	6	Notes					

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	Dec 31	1	2	3	4	
			Last Night of Hanukkah	10:30am Chair Yoga	8pm Shabbat Service	No School	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7pm School Grade High School	7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting		10:30am Chair Yoga	Bulletin Deadline 7:15pm Family Service with Grades PreK-6	9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	No School 7:30pm Finance Committee	7pm Sisterhood Meeting		10:30am Chair Yoga	8pm Shabbat Service	Family Fun Night: Movie Night 9:30am School grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9			10:30am Chair Yoga	7:30pm Musical Shabbat		
2	3	Notes					

TURN YOUR MAZEL TOU INTO A MITZVAH

SPONSOR AN ONEG



Oneg means "joy" and the Oneg Shabbat is the nosh congregants and guests share after a Friday night service. This is a time when we meet newcomers, share a laugh with old friends, and connect with each other in the spirit of Shabbat.

You can sponsor an Oneg in remembrance of a loved one on their yahrzeit, in honor of a milestone, the birth of a child, an anniversary, a birthday, an engagement, or any other Simcha, "happy occasion." It is a wonderful way to celebrate being part of the Temple B'nai Israel community.

Contact Karen in the office at (631) 563-1660 for details and more information.

Condolences

The B'nai Israel Reform Temple extends its deepest condolences to the O'Rourke family on the loss of Deborah's husband and Brittany Castronova's father, Roger O'Rourke. May they find comfort in the blessings of good memories that will always be theirs.

Yahrzeits

December 6th

*Louis Abramowitz
*Gilbert Bartfeld
Ethel Clark Beit
*Murray Burg
*Philip Cooper
Zeke Cooper
*Fredrick Erdman
*Sally Gurewitz
Feingold
*Belle Fels
*Rose Cohn Fink
*Daniel Friedman
*Stanley Garfinkel
*Harold Gelman
*Jayson Benjamin
Giles
*Solomon Gittleman
*David Gottesman
Mac Greenstein
Fred Havemeyer
*Jacob Kreisberg
*Solomon Landsman
*Shulamit Lack
*Calman Lasky
*Annette Lavsky
*Anita Naomi
Lebowitz
*Deborah Levy
*Ruth Lewinson
*Robert Litvin
*Richard Luckow
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*Dr. Morris Miller
*Robert Miller
*Lillian Millheiser
*Sylvia Newfield
*Murray Newman
*Ida Paskin
Joseph Pearl
*Samuel Precker
*Joseph Rosen
*Jennie Ross
*Bella Salth
*Jean Schwartzman
Dorothy Siegel
Ida Sztulzaft
*Isidore Tepner
Donald Weiss
*Pearl Wilans
*Henry Wilson
*Alex Winograd
*Sheila Wolberg
*Linda Zaccaro

December 13th

*Max Abramowitz
*Anna Blumberg
*Gertrude Candeloro
*Violet Chalod
*Jeanette Davidoff
*Yetta Feinstein
*Selma F. Fink
*Emanuel Ferber
*Nathaniel Flink
*Betty Frankel
*Anne Franklin
*Dr. Abram Goldsher
*Max Green
*Lena Harris
*Sidney Hoffman
*Anna Kanuk
*Ethel Karnick
*Henry Kolodkin
*Carol Korten
Bess Leibowitz
*Joseph Mattes
*Muriel Miller
*Sidney Mirrer
Beatrice Ozarin
*Joel Rosen
Florence Schoenberg
*Gloria Schreiber
*Katy Schwartz
*Manuel Voit
*Hilda Warshaw
*Frieda Wenacur
*Jack Wilansky
*George Wunderlich

December 20th

*Dr. Manuel Adler
Mac Bergman
Edith Blake
*Sarah Butler
Leonard Cohen
*William Cohen
*Ludwig Dellova
*Marcia Del Mese
*Sylvia Etkin
Joel C. Fink
*Doris Frankel
*Tillie Frankel
*William Freistadt
*Vivian Friedlander
*Aaron Gerb
*David Ginsburg
*Joseph Goldstein
*Leonard Goldstein
*Loretta Green
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*Dr. Moses Hoffman
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*Samuel Klein
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Lillian Rosner
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*Dr. Gerald Specter
Elaine R. Stein
*Minnie Stotsky
*Ira Strully
Ruth Tesman
*Frank Turoff
*Murray Warshaw
*Judith Weber
*Samuel Weiman
*Manny Weinberg

December 27th

*Samuel Benofsky
*David Blutreich
*Louis Edelman
*S. Raymond Engel
*Samuel Fels
*Flight 12/21/88 Victims of Pan Am
*Mildred Gold
*Daniel Goldsher
*Arthur Goldstein
Dorothy Goodman
*Louis Gordon
*Sol Kamilar
Marvin Kaminsky
*Shelby Kaplan
Jerome Kaye
*Lawrence Kirschbaum
*Benjamin Lavender
*Gladys Levine
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*Harris Morganlander
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*Jacob Wexler
*Seymour Zimmerman
*Theodore Zimmerman
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Please Contact Us

Please contact us when someone is sick or if there is a death in the family so that the Temple can extend its assistance. Before making any funeral arrangements, please call.

See Temple Directory (next page) for phone numbers.

Temple Directory

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Kitchen Committee, Rich Motlin

Temple Caterers

B'nai Israel is limited to these caterers for any celebration in the Temple Social Hall. Please see the Kitchen Committee with any questions or requests.

Lessing's Caterers (631) 277-7800 or (631) 581-0022

Mitzvah Caterers of Plainview (516) 938-1310 or (516) 351-0661

Woodbury Kosher (516) 681-7766

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