

Or Chadash FOCUS

By Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

At the time of writing this column, Israel is at war with Hamas. God willing, by the time you read this column, the war will be over, although sadly, I have my doubts. I have been consumed with reading the news from accurate sources, checking in with my Israeli friends, having conversations with people of all ages, both Or Chadash-ites and beyond, and just being Israel focused pretty much non-stop.

I encourage you to make sure you are reading actual facts about Israel and Hamas, and not hold on to biased reporting which happens far too often here in America. I encourage you to call out your non-Jewish friends and neighbors who have collectively been all too silent on Israel (and, yes, I know there have been wonderfully supportive people as well).

I had an opt-in, parent-supported talk about Israel with many of our Religious School students. Like the adults, the students wanted us to do something. At the time of writing this column, tzedakah/financial donations continue to be the

number one thing we can do. If you need help in finding the right organization, please let me know. Israel cannot handle physical donations right now, although that will change in the coming months. When Israel is ready, we can assess their needs and engage in various collections.

I also had a few Religious School students ask me if I were going to go to Israel now to help. No, I am not going there in the midst of the war (I lived in Israel during another rough spell years ago), nor do they want me (or any additional civilians right now, except for people in the medical field). However, when the war is over, perhaps we will try again to have a Temple trip this spring or summer. Usually, I give a couple of years for people to plan a Temple trip so we can all financially save for it, but perhaps we will be able to pull off a trip sooner. Please hold that thought in the back of your mind.

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SHABBAT/HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, November 3 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with CORY participation

Friday, November 10 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

Friday, November 17 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings and Or Chadash Singers – TV Theme

Saturday, November 18 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with 7th Grade participation

Friday, November 24 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, December 1 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Birthday Blessings

Saturday, December 2 – 10:00am Shabbat Services with Bar Mitzvah of Shane Cooperstein

Friday, December 8 – 6:15pm Shabbat Chanukah Services with Or Chadash Singers and B.Y.O.M/C (Bring your own menorah/candles)

Friday, December 15 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

Friday, December 22 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services with Anniversary Blessings

Friday, December 29 – 6:15pm Shabbat Services

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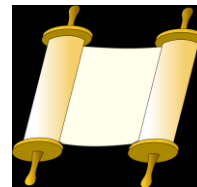
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Torah Study / Talmud Classes



These Saturday morning classes are Zoom only. Everyone is welcome. If you would like the material in advance for Talmud, please feel free to reach out to Rabbi Kobey.

Saturday, November 4 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayera (Genesis 18:1-22:24) How do justice and compassion balance one another? How does merit impact others? This portion has two notable mitzvot: visiting the sick and hospitality.

Saturday, November 11 – 9:30am Torah Study
Chayei Sarah (Genesis 23:1-25:18) What does our first prayer in Torah look like and how does it relate to prayers of today? Who are our ancestors? Notable mitzvot in this parashah are being kind to animals and honoring the dead and comforting mourners.

Saturday, November 11 – 11:00am(ish)
Talmud Class

Saturday, November 18 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study, but join us at Shabbat Services and learn about Toldot

Saturday, November 18 – 11:15am(ish)
Talmud Class

Saturday, November 25 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayetzei (Genesis 28:10-32:3) Does Jacob have human friends or is he lonely? What is the first vow in Torah? Do Jews believe in angels? If so, what does that mean? Once again, does God tap us on the shoulder? How do we know? Is there such a thing as love at first sight? Can you hold a grudge and work for that person?

Saturday, December 2 – 10:00am No Regular Torah Study, but join us at Shabbat Services and learn about Vayishlach

Saturday, December 9 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayeshev (Genesis 37:1-40:23) (Zoom Only)
 Who first tells Joseph's brothers not to shed any blood? Did the brothers actually sell Joseph into slavery? Do you remember your dreams? What do they mean? How does Joseph's journey impact his emotional future? What happens when parents show blatant favoritism? How do you know when a prank goes too far?

Saturday, December 16 – 9:30am Torah Study
Miketz (Genesis 41:1-44:17) Can God give an answer of peace? Does Joseph feel close to his siblings? What are your dreams? What do they mean? Why does Joseph's ability to interpret dreams matter? How does Joseph test? Who passes and who fails? Does it surprise you that Joseph feels close to God?

Saturday, December 23 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayigash (Genesis 44:18-47:27) What does 44:30 mean to you? How do all siblings reconcile, both biblically and in modernity? What would your reaction be to discovering someone you thought was gone? How does Pharaoh help Joseph? Has Joseph really changed? How does Joseph take care of the family?

Saturday, December 30 – 9:30am Torah Study
Vayeichi (Genesis 47:28-50:26) What does Judaism say about adoption? Why does Jacob stay in Egypt after the famine has ended? Why does Jacob bless people in such a strong way? How does the death and burial of Jacob reflect current Jewish practice?

President's Column

As I am sitting down to write this article, it has been 7 days since Hamas began its horrendous action and reign of terror in Israel and once again, our spiritual homeland has been in the position of heightened peril. Like all of you, I am sure, I have been saddened and fearful as I have been working to process events, both from the day itself and the full response since. And things feel, to me, especially heinous with these events starting as the Tishrei Cycle was coming to a close.

At first, I was in shock and in a state of disbelief. I followed my family's "24-hour rule" where I watch the news reports coming out in the first 24 hours waiting to see how things settle before taking any action. I do this because I have seen how the competitive nature of many news sources sometimes cause them to report inaccurate information in order to be the first to break the story ... followed by corrections and redacted reports. Even though I hoped that was the case here, this did not get easier to stomach over time. Things kept getting worse as more details were learned and reported. And my heart breaks for Israel.

I have never considered myself a Zionist. Don't misunderstand me ... I don't consider myself anti-Zionist. And I am very much pro-Israel. But I am also a pacifist who believes that everyone has a right to exist. For a very long time, despite knowing there were valid reasons behind it, I believed that Israel's treatment of the Palestinians was extremely antagonistic and there were times when Israel seemed to invite violence in their lack of respect towards their neighbors. Then Yitzhak Rabin became Israel's Prime Minister and, for the first time in my memory, recognized that the Palestinians are people who deserve the same rights to exist as the Israelis. This

statement revealed that coexistence may be possible. And this public recognition opened the door for the first time, towards negotiations to achieve an everlasting peace. From this point forward, my Zionist feelings grew stronger. Unfortunately, this policy, while applauded by many, caused him to make many enemies and eventually led to his assassination. And while this path towards peace had begun, it has stalled many times, and I find myself wondering: if Rabin had survived, could this whole action have been avoided with a mutual understanding existing between the Israelis and the Palestinians?

Even though this is taking place nearly 5900 miles away, we see similarities in attitudes within the United States. We seem to have forgotten that we are a planet made up of PEOPLE who share this space. We may look different. We may have different genders or religious beliefs. We may not agree on the political topics of the day. But in the end, we are skin covering muscle and bone with heart, lungs, brain, liver ... well, you get the point. To (not exactly) quote my ALL-TIME favorite television series, "We are the universe made manifest, trying to understand itself." These things that divide us with such violence do nothing to give us strength, but only show everyone the worst of ourselves and the anarchy that is part of our inherent nature that we have (in theory) learned to control over the millennia.

We need to do better.
We need to be better.

עם ישראל חי !!

L'Shalom
Ilene Krom

Religious School Committee

We started another year of Religious School on October 15 with some changes to last year's format. This year, all of our Judaic and Hebrew classes are in classrooms again. As we have done occasionally in the past, this year we have combined some grades. These age-appropriate combinations are the result of some classes having fewer students than other classes. So, we have combined Kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd grades, and 4th and 5th grades.

You may recall that last year, we introduced a new Judaic curriculum designed for these combined grades, so this year's combinations of grades fit perfectly within that curriculum. These classes also have their Sunday Hebrew classes together. On Tuesdays, the 4th and 5th grades have separate Hebrew classes. The 6th and 7th grades are not combined on either Sundays or Tuesdays.

Our electives this semester offer a variety of topics: Judaism Around the World, Israeli Cooking, Jewish American History, Butterfly Garden, Uechi Ryu Karate, and Hebrew Baggo Bean Bag Toss.

If you have questions about the new curriculum or anything else about Religious School, please come to our next Religious School Committee meetings on **Sunday, November 5** at 12:15pm at the temple and **December 3** at 7:30pm on Zoom. Contact Howard Benowitz or check the weekly Or Chadash Happenings emails for the Zoom link.

If you can't fit a Religious School Committee meeting into your schedule but want to learn more or offer feedback about Religious School, then come enjoy bagels and coffee with other parents, Religious School Committee members, and Rabbi Kobey on **Sunday, December 10** at 9:45am.

*L'Shalom,
The Religious School Committee*

Religious School Schedule

In Session:

November 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 28

December 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

Not In Session:

November 21, 26

December 24, 26, 31

January 2

Special Events:

November 5 10:30am 8th-9th Grades Teen Class

November 12 9:45am 4th-5th Grade Intergenerational Program

November 12 10:30am 8th-9th Grades Teen Class

November 19 10:30am 10th-12th Grades Teen Class

December 3 8:00am Religious School Faculty Meeting

December 3 9:30am Religious School Family Education Program focusing on values from Jewish summer camp

December 10 9:45am Coffee (and light breakfast) with the Rabbi and Religious School Committee

December 10 10:30am 10th-12th Grades Teen Class

December 17 9:45am K/1st Grade Field Trip

December 17 9:45am 8th-9th Grades Teen Class

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We will not have any details until the war is over, nor will I commit at this time to what type of trip, i.e., targeting touring or targeting dialogue and engagement with Israelis or perhaps some of both. Again, we will have to wait and see.

In the meantime, my heart continues to

break, and I know many of you are equally worried about loved ones and about the global response. I am happy to be a listening ear or answer any questions or help you in any way I can. The Israeli people have demonstrated once again, amazing courage, admirable heroism, resilience, and resourcefulness. Am Yisrael Chai!

L'Shalom

Rabbi Alison B. Kobey

Keeping Up with Or Chadash

Committee Meetings

Religious School Committee (RSC)

Sunday, November 5 – 12:15pm

Sunday, December 3 – 7:30pm (Zoom Only)

Ritual Committee

Sunday, December 17 – 7:00pm (Zoom Only)

Faculty Meeting

Sunday, December 3 at 8:00am we will have a Religious School faculty meeting.

Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 8 – 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 13 – 7:30pm

CORY

Upcoming events:

Friday, November 3 6:15pm

Shabbat Services with CORY participation

Sunday, November 12 4:00pm

Sandy Spring Adventure Park (pre-RSVPs required. Reach out to Rabbi Kobey if you are still interested)

Tuesday, December 12 6:00pm

CORY Chanukah Celebration

URJ at 150

Join the Reform movement in D.C. for a weekend celebration of Reform life of 150 years. It will be a fun opportunity to come together with Reform Jews from around the country and it happens to be in our backyard! The weekend is December **15-17**. If you are interested, and need scholarship dollars, feel free to reach out to the URJ or to Rabbi Kobey. For details and to register, sign-up here. <https://www.urj150.org/>

Torah Study Piloting New Translation

Congregation Or Chadash has been given the opportunity to pilot the first round of the new Reform Torah translation. We will be looking at three different chapters within Torah (yes, chapters, not parashiyot) and we will be asking for feedback after each session. Rabbi will give the details of the expectations (what we are to focus on, i.e., translation not layout, but more details within the scope of translation) for the people who sign-up. This is an RSVP-only event and we ask that, barring unforeseen circumstances, you commit to all three dates in order to participate. Each event will be Zoom-only, will last approximately 1-½ hours including feedback time, and will be on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30pm on **November 7, December 5, and January 9**. If you are interested, please RSVP to Rabbi. Minimum of 8 students, maximum of 20.

Adult Learning Opportunities



Strong Women in the Tanakh and Talmud:

Responding to multiple requests from congregants, Rabbi Kobey has created a series of classes on “Strong Women in the Tanakh/Talmud.” The class is open to all genders of course. We will look at Tamar, Ruth, Beruriah (a Talmud scholar), and more. Join us for this four-part series.

Rabbi knows that some Adult Learners have wanted to keep the Friday noon Zoom Adult Learning format, and some have requested a return to in-person learning. This class will attempt to please everyone. We will have class on Fridays at noon via Zoom and on Wednesdays in person at COC. You must RSVP to Rabbi to ensure that either or both formats have sufficient participants.

Friday series:

12:00pm **Friday, November 17**

12:00pm **Friday, December 1, 15 & 22**
(Zoom only)

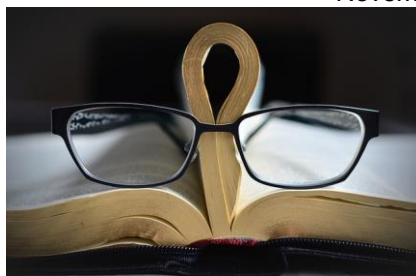
Wednesday series:

7:00pm **Wednesday, November 15**

7:30pm **Wednesday, November 29**

7:00pm **Wednesday, December 6 & 20**
(In Person Only)

There must be sufficient numbers to run either/both classes.



Torah and Talmud Study:

There are text-study classes most Saturdays in November and December. See the separate “Torah Study / Talmud Classes” section on page 3 of this FOCUS for details about each week’s material.

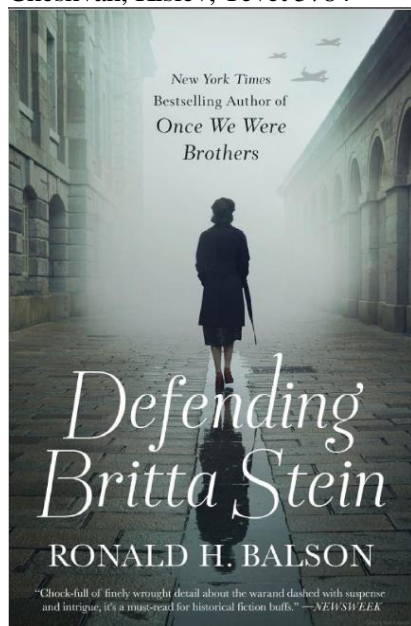
Learn more about our sacred traditions, and connect it all to modern life. Aside from the two Shabbat services (which are multi-access), all of these classes are currently meeting Zoom-only. Feel free to just drop in, or let the Rabbi know you’re interested. No need to read in advance.

Potlucks

We are having a monthly series of Shabbat Potluck dinners after our 6:15pm Shabbat Services. Our first one was in October and we had a great time having a relaxed Shabbat meal together. The next two dinners will be **Friday, November 17** and **Friday, December 8**.

We hope you will join us and make or bring your favorite dairy/vegetarian dish. There are some sample ideas in the sign-up genius. Please know that we want everyone to be welcome and included. While we hope people will bring a dish to share, if you spontaneously come to Shabbat services or cannot bring food that evening, we hope you will still be comfortable staying and joining us at the pot-luck dinners. Please sign up to bring a dish if you are able.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A4AB2B0-45173693-potluck>



Congregation Or Chadash Book Club

The next meeting of the Congregation Or Chadash Book Club is **Friday, November 10** at noon. This will be a Zoom-only meeting. The Zoom link will be in the Or Chadash Happenings email.

The book for November is *Defending Britta Stein* by Ronald H. Balson. This book is available at the Montgomery County Public Libraries.

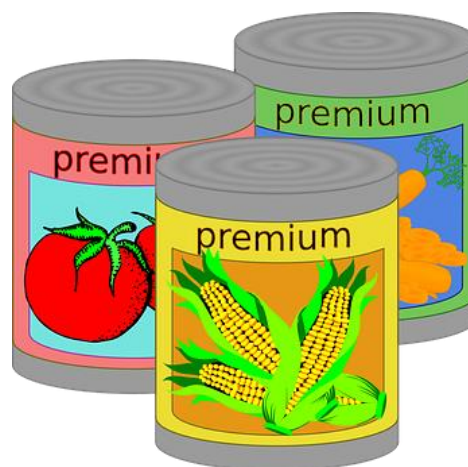
This is a coed book club. All are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **Tuesday, November 7** to Jane Harris at clarityjgh@aol.com.

Guys Night Out

The November Guys Night Out will be on **Thursday, November 16** at 6:30pm at Mama Lucia, Falls Grove Village Center in Rockville, MD.

The December Guy's Night Out will be on **Thursday, December 21** at 6:30pm at Hornet's Nest Grille in Damascus.

Contact Joe Baum at jesaz99@aol.com for details and to RSVP.



Food Insufficiency

The Germantown HELP pantry is running low. Germantown HELP is looking for small groups to collect food (and/or funds) for the pantry. Collections in front of the Giant have historically worked well. Contact: Cindy Majane, Director, Germantown HELP, at cindymajane@gmail.com (cell: 301-502-2400). And don't forget to bring in canned, bottled, and boxed foods (e.g., soup, peanut butter, and whole wheat pasta) and put them in the bin in the temple lobby.

Adult Social Group

Reminder to those who have obtained tickets: **Sunday November 12** at 1:30pm we are going to see Fiddler on the Roof at Olney Theatre.

The Annual Chanukah party will be on **Sunday, December 10**, at 5:00pm at the Isaacsson's home. This will be a dairy and parve menu and guests will bring a favorite side dish. Bring your Menorahs and candles! Contact Joe Baum at jesaz99@aol.com for details and to RSVP.

Couples Love Night Out at Il Porto in Gaithersburg will be on **Sunday, February 11** at 5:00pm. This may not be a synagogue-exclusive gathering.

Social Action Committee

Supporting Refugees

New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) will host a discussion on the evening of **Wednesday, November 8** at 7:30 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Derwood to understand the plight of refugees entering the United States from Afghanistan. Refugees Mohammed and Somaya will share the story of their family's last months in Afghanistan during the Taliban takeover, their escape to the United States, and their life in Montgomery County since entering the country. NNIA volunteers are working with this family to help them establish their new life in the United States. Please join us for this informative family evening.

Contact us at NNIAMaryland@gmail.com, or contact congregant Debbie Eisenberg at rjeisenberg@comcast.net for more information, or to volunteer.

All of this work would not be possible without the incredibly generous financial support that we have received from our compassionate donors! Donations can be made to Congregation Or Chadash's NNIA Refugee Fund by credit card here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=UL49GH8DSQ7JU Or scan this QR code to donate. (For iPhones, just use your camera. For Android, drag down from the top of your phone, and select QR scanner.)



Checks can be mailed to the COC office with a note of NNIA Refugee Fund.

Interfaith Works

Interfaith Works is a nonprofit that provides emergency shelter, supportive housing, essential needs, and employment programs to over 35,000 residents of Montgomery County, MD every year. Their mission is providing vital services and a pathway to greater stability. Their goal is to partner with faith communities such as Congregation Or Chadash. They operate several shelters across the county as well as a food and clothing distribution center. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here:

<https://www.iworksmc.org>



Care Bags for Individuals Who Are Homeless

Keep an eye out in the *Happenings* email blast, as we will soon be inviting families and individuals to help us assemble the bags after Sunday Religious School.

It's not too late to drop off donations in the bin located in the temple lobby. The temple building is now open 9:30am-2:00pm Tuesday-Friday (but please call first: 301- 482-1025), or you can bring the items before Friday-evening Shabbat services.



Do You Like to Knit (or Crochet)?

Congregant Nancy Thorner has started a COC Knitting and Crocheting Club, called the “B’nai Knitzvahs,” and it’s going full blast....

Please contact Nancy at nethorner@yahoo.com if you’d like to participate in the current B’nai Knitzvahs project or some future one. You can also let her know if you have some thoughts on when and where to get together, or if you have good projects to suggest.


Sisterhood

We have a few events planned over the coming months. Please reach out to Ilene (kromfamily726@gmail.com) for more information on all of these scheduled events. RSVP’s for these events are not required, but are very much appreciated.

<Rescheduled from October> Join us on **Saturday, December 16** at 7:30pm at Congregation Or Chadash for a “Learn to Play Mah Jongg” Event!!!! We have some congregants who play Mah Jongg who are willing to share their knowledge on how this game is played and we will learn the basic rules and maybe pick up some simple strategies. And, if there is interest, perhaps we can start a regular game.


Our next Restaurant Night Out will be on **Thursday, January 11** at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at Ted’s Bulletin in Downtown Crown, 220 Ellington Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD.

Join in on the “Second Annual Craft Night” on **Saturday, January 20** at 7:30pm at Congregation Or Chadash. Please let Ilene know if you need anything to allow you to work on your craft of choice.




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Celebrating Simchas (Joyous Moments)

Celebrate your birthday with your Or Chadash family. Receive a special blessing and birthday treat to mark the occasion. If you are in-person, you will receive a birthday treat that evening. For the month of November, join us on **Friday, November 10** and for the month of December, Birthday Blessings will be on **Friday, December 1**, both at 6:15pm.

We also celebrate anniversaries within our Or Chadash family. Again, receive a special blessing and different treat. This is also monthly with Anniversary Blessings on **Friday, November 17** and **Friday, December 22**, both at 6:15pm.

Do you have other simchas to share? Let Rabbi Kobey know, so we can rejoice together.

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Thank you to our generous donors. Note that this list includes donations that were deposited during late August, September, and early October. Please contact the office for more information.

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NNIA Refugee Fund

Susan Gellert
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Ralph Locke & Lona Farhi in memory of
Victor Farhi
Diana Zurer

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Susie Gellert, proud Grandmother, and Jessie Gellert, proud uncle, on the birth of Charlotte Rea Van Horn, born on August 29 to delighted parents Chana Gellert and Clint Van Horn III.

Congratulations to Diane and Syd Levitus, proud grandparents who are excited to welcome into the world Isla Paulina Soliz Levitus (parents David Levitus and Barbara Soliz) born on September 27.

Congratulations to Francine and Robert Sagona, proud parents who are excited to welcome into the world Claire Maria Sagonare, born on September 12.

Yahrzeits

If you have an upcoming yahrzeit that is not listed, please call the office at 301-482-1025, and we will add any names you wish to remember. Names will be read at Shabbat services during the week of a loved one's death. When two dates are shown, the names will be read during the Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services. Note that the second column lists the observing member.

Friday, November 3

Edith Slonk	Grandmother of Barbara Marx
Ida Thorner	Mother of Bruce Thorner
Morris Glosman	Grandfather of Alana Hyman

Friday, November 10

Evelyn Caplan	Grandmother of Stephanie Ames
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Friday, November 17

Gertrude Lessans	Mother of Raymond Lessans
Pauline Jolkovsky	Aunt of Ziona Mossman
William Ostrov	Grandfather of Fred Marx
Marshall Rosenthal	Uncle of David Bender
Eugene Gellert	Brother-in-Law of Susan Gellert

Friday, November 24

Lila Binder	Mother of Irwin Binder
Melvin Moskowitz	Father of Sindi Siskind
Benjamin Bender	Father of Dr. Larry Bender
Sadye Goldenberg	Grandmother of Diane Levitus
Armand Grenadier	Great Uncle of Ellyn Baum
Harold Jacobs	Father of Jennie Strelser

Friday, December 1

Larry Bernstein	Uncle of Ellyn Baum
Elaine Spector	Mother of Donna Goldsteen
Eugene Levitus	Brother-in-law of Syndey Levitus
Caren Goldfine	Wife of uncle of Ellyn Baum
Ruth Solowey	Mother of Rona Kandel

Friday, December 8

Gail Siskind	Mother of Aaron Siskind
Adele Spiegel	Aunt of Philip Zeidman
Rose Leigh	Aunt of Joseph Baum
Harold Solidar	Uncle of Sydney Levitus
Martha Gussow	Grandmother of Karl Gussow
**Dortha Furr	Mother of Susan Gellert
James Joseph Hyman	Father of Brett Hyman

Friday, December 15

Esther Lazaruk	Mother of Fran Zavim
Gladys Stein	Grandmother of Ilene Krom
Jay Nadler	Father of Karl Nadler
Dr. Howard Sommer	Father of Heather Held

Friday, December 22

Israel Mossman	Father of Ziona Mossman
Rabbi Harold Krantzler	Father of Rebecca Stroud
Theodore Lewis	Father of Bradford Lewis
Evelyn Gilstein	Mother of Margot Raphael

Friday, December 29

Dorothy Benowitz	Mother of Howard Benowitz
Jerene Isaacson	Grandmother of Ronald Isaacson
Donna King	William King
Gregorio SanNicolas	Father of Greg SanNicolas
Abram Mossman	Grandfather of Ziona Mossman
Lillian Astor	Grandmother of Jonathan Jackel
Nat Astor	Grandfather of Jonathan Jackel

Friday, January 5

**Charles Gellert	Husband of Susan Gellert
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CHANUKAH BLESSINGS



**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.**

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam

Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav

V'tzivanu L'hadlik Neir Shel Chanukah.

**Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the Universe
who has commanded us with Divine Mitzvot and
commanded us to light the Chanukah candles.**

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.**

Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Sheh'ahsah

Nisim La'avoteinu V'Imoteinu Bayamim Haheim Bazman

Hazeh.

**Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the Universe, who
has performed miracles for our ancestors in
long-ago days at this season.**

(for the first night only)

**בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ, לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.**

Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam,

Shehhehcheyanu V'keyimahnu V'heegiyanu Lazman Hazeh.

**Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the
Universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and
for enabling us to reach this day.**

**We light the candles by putting them in right to left,
and lighting left to right
(in other words, we light the newest candle first).**





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Parent 1 Parent 2

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