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From the Rabbi

Our annual holiday of *Chanukah* begins Wednesday night, the first of December (instructions for candle lighting are inside this newsletter). While primarily remembered as *chag ha'urim* - the holiday of lights, and of the miraculous victory of the rag-tag Maccabees over the Syrian Greek army, the word *Chanukah* actually means dedication, and refers to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it was defiled by our enemies. But the root for the word *Chanukah* is the same as the root for *Chinukh*, which means "education".

In our Waco community, we are blessed with many things, but we unfortunately suffer from tremendous educational underachievement. The local schools are mediocre at best, and many students fail to graduate high school, or just fail period. But our community is beginning to do something about it, and that includes understanding that the education of our children is all of our responsibility. As Hillary Clinton said, "It takes a village to raise a child".

Former mayor Virginia DuPuy is now the Executive Director of the Greater Waco Educational Alliance. Toward the end of October, they held their annual summit in Waco as they move forward on a 10 year plan to improve the education of people in our community. Mayor Dupuy asked me to give the opening invocation. I share it with you below, because I believe it shows our duty, as Jews, to do what we can to meet the educational challenges here in Waco.

Baruch ata adonay eloheinu veilohei avoteinu...

Praised are You, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, who is known by many different names, both within and among the

many different religions of our great nation. Just as you have many names, we have many different names and faces, different cultures, different races, colors, and creeds. Yet we know that you created Adam as the first human being, and the only human being, so that none of us could say "our ancestor is greater", because, ultimately, we all have the same ancestor. And we know that You created each and every one of us in Your image, and that we therefore each have a spark of divinity in us, and are all deserving of respect. Thank you for creating us, and especially our children, who are our hope for the future.

Help us, O Lord, to find that spark of divinity in everyone that we meet everywhere. Remind us constantly, Lord, that in Deuteronomy You commanded us to "teach Your words diligently to our children". This means, of course, that each and EVERY one of us is a teacher, no matter what our ages; whether we are trained or not; whether we are teaching our children, or other peoples' children; whether we are teaching in a school or a business, a congregation or a mall, a community center or a playground; a museum, or a home. Keep us mindful that EVERYTHING we SAY, and everything we DO, teaches something to others who see us and hear us. Remind us, too, that there are many different skills and many different intelligences that any of us may have. Grant us the wisdom, the determination, and the stamina to put these skills and intelligences together; to do OUR part in helping each and every human being achieve his or her fullest potential, so that together we may build the best and strongest community – the place where together, we are, indeed, as one, that we can here in Waco. And let us all say, Amen.

Wishing you a joyous and meaningful holiday,
Rabbi Gordon Fuller

DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEUDLE

Friday, December 3

Candle Lighting 5:07 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 6:37 p.m.

Friday, December 10

Candle Lighting 5:08 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 11

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 6:38 p.m.

Friday, December 17

Candle Lighting 5:10 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 6:40 p.m.

Friday, December 24

Candle Lighting 5:13 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25

Shacharit 9:30 a.m.
Shabbat ends 6:44 p.m.

Friday, December 31

Candle Lighting 5:17 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

CAJ BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 8 – 7:30 p.m.



A big thanks goes out to all of those who helped to make the Luncheon honoring Faye a success!

Thanks to Ellen Schwartz for her generous donation and to the ladies of the congregation who worked hard to prepare the delicious meal and beautiful decorations.

Their hard work made the luncheon an extra special and memorable occasion.



In honor of Nate Koss's 85th birthday, the Friday night service of December 17 will be at 8:00 p.m. with an Oneg following. Please RSVP to Audrey Koss via phone 254-751-0658 or email natekoss@aol.com.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
12/1 Jeff & Colleen Wolf

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
12/1 Rabbi Gordon Fuller
Harry Harelik
12/3 David Jortner
12/06 Emily Rogers
12/06 Joshua Fuller
12/11 Rachael Rosen
12/12 Ida L. Harris
12/20 Nate Koss
12/28 Maura Jortner
12/30 Oriel Offit

MAZEL TOV
Arnold & Yvonne Miller
In honor of their Anniversary
Simone & Jake Bauer
Deborah Levy
In honor of her Birthday
Esther & Naman Lipinsky

RABBI'S DESCRETIONARY FUND
Blake & Deborah Hargrove
Abbye & Susan Silver
Lucinda Warnstaff
Raylene Silver
Joyce Bresler

Mitzvah of the Month

In conjunction with our
On - Going Mitzvah

“Malbish Arumim – Clothing the Naked”



Please bring gently used or new warm clothing for those in need (sweaters, coats, sweats, hats, scarves, gloves, long johns, etc.) Please bring packages and Rabbi Fuller will see that they are delivered to Caritas.

IN MEMORY OF:

Sarah Rubel

Hilda Ruttenberg
Barry & Hanna Phillips

Betty Rosen

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Al Budin

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Hyman Wolf Fink

Jack & Michael Fink

Leon Slatko

Hilda Ruttenberg
Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Elayne Lynn

Edythe Segal

Zella Sobel

Sarah Schaevitz

Schaevitz Family Trust

Harold Starr

Rabbi Gordon Fuller

Dean Fuller

Matt Fuller

Sue Goldstein

Marian Siedhoff

Warren Israel

Nancy Israel

Cecilia Fleishman

Barry & Hanna Phillips

Jack Silver

Abbye & Susan Silver

Morris Louis Gardner

Hilda Ruttenberg

Arthur Schwartz

Loren Schwartz

GET WELL SOON

Lorraine Hoppenstein

Hilda Ruttenberg

Pearl Jacobson

Inez Bonneville

Hilda Ruttenberg

Pearl Jacobson

A/C DONATIONS

Morris Marcus

Judy Hersh

Thomas Offit

Bobbye Brickman

Naman Lipinsky

Barry Phillips

Frances "Torchy" Hoffman

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Abbye & Susan Silver

Jeff & Colleen Wolf

Paul Barron – Given in honor of Steve Schwarz &
Stanley Hersh

Steve Schwarz – Given in honor of his parents,
Harry & Klair Schwarz

Elaine Slansky – Given in honor of her brother,
Steven Schwarz

SHABBAT DONATIONS

10-23-2010

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Naman & Esther Lipinsky

Pearl Jacobson

Lorraine & David Hoppenstein

10-30-2010

Morris Marcus

Simone & Jake Bauer

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

11-6-2010

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Simone & Jake Bauer

Deborah Hargrove

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

11-13-2010

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Debbie Hersh

Simone & Jake Bauer

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Rabbi Gordon Fuller

11-20-2010

Florence & Stanley Hersh

Morris Marcus

Harold & Chava Kamenetsky

11-27-2010

Judy Hersh

Jake & Simone Bauer

Naman & Esther Lipinsky

Stanley & Florence Hersh

David & Lorraine Hoppenstein



“STAR OF JUDAH WARS”

December 19, 2010

10: 00 a.m.

The Religious school play for Chanukah, a satire on Star Wars called "Star of Judah Wars", will be produced on Sunday morning, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. The entire congregation is invited. An end of semester celebration will follow, and there will be an early dismissal.

*The unveiling for Ima Joy Gandler will be held December 12, 2010
at Temple Rodef Sholom Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.*

*Ann Chodorow's unveiling will be at the Agudath Jacob Cemetery
immediately following at 11:30 a.m.*

StoryCorps Interviews

StoryCorps, in partnership with National Public Radio, is a national oral history project organization. They are seeking volunteers to give 40-minute interviews. With the participant's permission, these interviews will be archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. They are currently working in Waco in collaboration with KWBU and are eagerly seeking voices from the Jewish community. Each participant will also receive a broadcast-quality recording of their conversation. If you are interested in participating, please make your appointments by calling 800-850-4406 or by going online to www.storycorps.org. Thank you to Harry Harelik for bringing this event to our attention.

How to Observe the Holiday of Chanukah

The only commandment regarding the holiday of *Chanukah* is to light the *Chanukiah* or *Chanukah menorah*, and “*pirsum hanes*” – to “advertise the miracle” by placing the lit *Chanukiah* in a prominent window facing the public. There is, however, a prayer called “*Al Hanissim*” that gets added to the *Amidah* (silent devotional prayer), and to the *Birkat Hamazon* (*grace after meals*) during the 8 days of *Chanukah* which recalls these miracles. It is also a custom in some congregations to recite the *hallel* – the prayers of praise to God. The proper way to light the *chanukiah* is as follows:

1. Candles are put in from right to left (like Hebrew) as you face the *Chanukiah*.
2. Use a match or lighter to light the *shamash* —the candle that stands out, to light the other candles. Always light the newest candle first.
3. Two *b'rachot* are said each night (each after beginning *:barush ata adonay eloheinu melech ha'olam* –(“blessed are you O God rules of the universe”).
 - a) *asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah* – who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light *Chanukah* candles.
 - b) *she'asah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh* – Who worked miracles for our ancestors in those days, as He does in our time.
 - c) on the first night only, or if you have a new group of people add *shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh* – who has allowed us to live and sustained us so that we can witness this special moment.
4. Place the lit *Chanukiah* in a window that faces the public.
5. Light the first *Chanukah* candle on Wednesday, December 1.
6. *Chanukah* candles are always lit **BEFORE** lighting the *Shabbat* candles (5:07 p.m.) on Friday night, and **AFTER**, the *Havdalah* candle on Saturday night.
7. All *Chanukah* candles should be lit after 6:10 p.m. except on Friday nights.

December 2010

24 Kislev 5771 - 24 Tevet 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 EREV HANUKKAH 24 Kislev Zevachim 21	2 HANUKKAH I 25 Kislev Zevachim 22	3 HANUKKAH II Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 26 Kislev Zevachim 23	4 HANUKKAH III Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 27 Kislev Zevachim 24
5 HANUKKAH IV 28 Kislev Zevachim 25	6 HANUKKAH V 29 Kislev Zevachim 26	7 ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VI 30 Kislev Zevachim 27	8 ROSH HODESH - HANUKKAH VII CAJ Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting 7:30 p.m. 1 Tevet Zevachim 28	9 HANUKKAH VIII 2 Tevet Zevachim 29	10 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 3 Tevet Zevachim 30	11 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 4 Tevet Zevachim 31
12 5 Tevet Zevachim 32	13 6 Tevet Zevachim 33	14 7 Tevet Zevachim 34	15 8 Tevet Zevachim 35	16 9 Tevet Zevachim 36	17 FAST OF TEVET 10 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 10 Tevet Zevachim 37	18 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 11 Tevet Zevachim 38
19 Religious School Play "Star of Judah Wars" 10:00 a.m. Last day of RS 12 Tevet Zevachim 39	20 13 Tevet Zevachim 40	21 14 Tevet Zevachim 41	22 15 Tevet Zevachim 42	23 16 Tevet Zevachim 43	24 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 17 Tevet Zevachim 44	25 Shacharit 9:30 a.m. 18 Tevet Zevachim 45
26 19 Tevet Zevachim 46	27 20 Tevet Zevachim 47	28 21 Tevet Zevachim 48	29 22 Tevet Zevachim 49	30 23 Tevet Zevachim 50	31 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m. 24 Tevet Zevachim 51	

[;Candle Lighting, §Observance End, Printed November 29, 2010/22 Kislev 5771 for Waco, TX]

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be said December 3

Kislev 26	Sadie Berman Chaim H. Green Diana Green Rosner
Kislev 27	Cecile Aronson Shirley Kleiner Cochavah Lavi
Kislev 28	Dora Goldberg Max Knop
Kislev 29	Paul Adams Saul Morris Gellman Julian L. Levinson Sam Rosenberg Lillian Smith
Kislev 30	Jake Berkman Infant Jenny Levy
Tevet 1	Mary Roddy Harry Udashen
Tevet 2	Sobel Baby Beatrice Kline

Kaddish will be said December 10

Tevet 3	Barnet Brown Sarah Reva Ellis Becky Levin Louis I. Rosenberg
Tevet 4	Mendel Beerman Mrs. L. Bodenheim Arnold Keen Itzak Lavi Ira L. Solovey
Tevet 5	Mrs. Aaron Levy Norman Stein
Tevet 6	S.H. Gardner Louis Stein
Tevet 7	Katie Kirschner
Tevet 8	Ivan Esserman Rose Gerson Ida Kaplan Isaac Loewenstein Leon Meinstein Bessie Cohen Sachs
Tevet 9	Ben Adelman Morris L. Gardner Nathan Wood

Kaddish will be said December 17

Tevet 10	Benjamin Adams Tillie Miller
Tevet 11	Nate Chodorow
Tevet 12	Alphonse Podrizki
Tevet 14	Sarah Adams Ida Farbstein Rubin Gandler Mrs. Sam Genecov Hattie Lansky
Tevet 15	Mrs. Hermine Block J.M. Freeman Eli Frankfort Charlotte Gelber H. Rosenberg Fannie Wolf
Tevet 16	Elias Greenfield Mrs. B.R. Goldberg Hilda Hoffman Mrs. L. Ringold Arthur Rubel

Kaddish will be said December 24

Tevet 17	Jacob Arnold Fischman Pauline Kolom Rachel Levy
Tevet 18	Taube Jacobson Cohen Frances G. Jacobson Ben Levin Madeleine Richings
Tevet 19	Frances Novy Hanina Pinto
Tevet 20	Samuel B. Epstein Isadore Fred E. Hoffman Louis Shanin B.M. Silevitch
Tevet 21	Sara Adelman Robert Bloch Harry Jornitzky
Tevet 22	Mae Altman Mrs. Sam Aronson
Tevet 23	Sam Adelman Julius J. Jacobson David Levy

Kaddish will be said December 31

Tevet 25 **Abe Hayman**
 Gussie Hayman
 Leo Ringold
 Pearl Rubenstein

Tevet 26 **Harold Fink**

Tevet 27 **Jake Lynn**

Tevet 28 **Ella Bettis**
 Mrs. H. Novitch

Tevet 29 **David Brickman**
 Morris Fred
 Fannie Reed
 Abe A. Rosenberg
 J. Rubin
 Mary Ruttenberg