

# BULLETIN

December 2016

Kislev/Tevet 5777



## A Message from Rabbi Jon Adland

Yes! It does happen every once in a while, that the first night of Chanukah falls on December 24. It last happened in 1978. It has fallen even a bit later as well. The only issue with it falling around Christmas is the comparisons you get from those who truly don't understand that Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. Chanukah is a minor holiday, meaning that there is no prohibition against working, no lighting Yom Tov candles or a special Kiddush.

It is important to point out that minor doesn't mean unimportant. Chanukah is a very important holiday when you look at the true story behind the celebration of this eight-day holiday. It is not about a miracle of oil lasting eight nights and not just one. It is about a people, our people—our ancestors—who fought to maintain their independence and worship God in the manner they were taught by their parents and their parents' parents. They fought to celebrate Torah. They fought for the right to observe Shabbat and circumcise their sons. Syrian-Greeks wanted the Jews to become Hellenists and live as the Greeks live, but they said no, and they rebelled.

Today we often forget about this part of the story. We light the candles and sing the songs and exchange the gifts, but we forget about those who fought and died for us to be Jews. Our ancestors saw the Jewish way of life as valuable and meaningful and worth fighting and dying for. Sometimes I worry that we forget why we celebrate this holiday. Sometimes I worry that we only focus on the commercialization like Chanukah pasta and Chanukah gingerbread houses and Chanukah tchotchkes. Make your latkes. Eat your sufganiot. Spin the dreidel. Sing the songs. But don't forget about Judah HaMaccabee and his brothers and father and all those that followed him. They had courage and zeal and a cause worth fighting for in their lives.

I believe in fighting (not literally with fists) for what you believe. I believe in lending my voice to those causes which are important to me. Whether it is reproductive justice, hunger, homelessness, Israel, or anything else that is a priority in my life, I will fight for what I believe is right. Judah HaMaccabee is certainly one of my Jewish heroes, and his story at this time of year gives me strength to work for justice in this world.

## Schedule of Services

### Friday, December 2nd

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat  
Shelley Schweitzer is singing

### Saturday, December 3rd

9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments  
11:15 a.m. Morning Service

### Friday, December 9th

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service  
Anniversary/Birthday Blessings  
Sandy Adland is singing

### Saturday, December 10th

9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments  
11:15 a.m. Morning Service

### Friday, December 16th

7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat with Rabbi  
Spitzer  
Shelley Schweitzer is singing

### Saturday, December 17th

No Stollen Moments  
Chadash Havdalah

### Friday, December 23rd

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service  
Sandy Adland is singing

### Saturday, December 24th

9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments  
11:15 a.m. Morning Service

### Friday, December 30th

6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat  
Sandy Adland is singing

### Saturday, December 31st

9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments  
11:15 a.m. Morning Service

Temple Israel will be preparing the Urban Ark Christmas dinner on Sunday, December 25th, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Diana Collum at [drcollum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drcollum@sbcglobal.net) or (330) 492-1145.

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**A Message from The President**

With gratitude...

I had the privilege of attending the Women of Reform Judaism Central District Convention last month. I was invited to serve on the Committee on Thanks which was comprised of three "strangers" who were charged with observing the entire conference in order to summarize it, acknowledge highlights, and most importantly, thank all who made the weekend possible. We had 2-3 minutes and were expected to be entertaining.

Also while at the conference, I found myself in a study session on the concept of Gratitude. I was inspired by the focus on appreciation and gratitude that I experienced at this conference. Between the Committee on Thanks idea and the study session, I began to think consciously about viewing things through a frame of gratitude...finding the blessing in even those things that seem undesirable or disappointing.

For example, rather than focusing on what I cannot change/fix, I am grateful that I can make someone laugh when they are low or be their comfort when they are hurting. This allows me to recognize my power to do something even if I cannot take away their pain or change their situation. Rather than focus on those who were absent, I am grateful to have had family members gathered for Thanksgiving even though there are some who were not at the table. I am grateful that I have more days that are "unremarkable" than days with transformational experiences because those "unremarkable" days string together to bring routine to my life for which I am grateful.

In the workshop we were encouraged to begin a gratitude listing; to focus on our blessings. And so, as I think about Temple Israel, I am grateful for each person who is a part of our Temple family, because we are stronger together (as the WRJ motto tells us), and each celebration and expression of concern adds dimension to our community and helps me grow as a person. And while I'm on that subject, I am grateful to the members of this community – then and now – who helped to educate me, who allowed me the freedom to take risks and lead even as a teen – all of which is a part of who I am today. I am grateful to be a part of a community where we respect diverse opinions and provide safe spaces for honest discourse and I am grateful to wake up each morning with the opportunity to make each day count.

Gratitude is a powerful tool. At this time in the secular calendar, with Thanksgiving just past, and Chanukah approaching, may we each find something every day for which we are grateful, and may we mark that blessing in some way that helps us recognize both the gifts we have received and those we have to share.

Shelley Schweitzer

**Chadash December 2016/January 2017****Chadash Activities**

There are lots of things going on at Chadash!

As mentioned last month, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade (Beit Midrash) students helped Ellen and Bill Shankle build their home sukkah on October 16, (and then had a learning session in the sukkah, along with enjoying some delicious snacks), and we would especially like to thank Harold Freedman for supplying and delivering the corn stalks for the *s'chach* (roofing material) for the sukkah!

On October 30 our community *shali'ach*, Shay Goldenberg, spoke to the Beit Midrash and the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade students about traditional Jewish burial and mourning practices, and specifically about such practices in Israel. The discussion was extremely interesting, and the students asked terrific questions!

On November 6 the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students, with their teachers Lori Magill and Ellen Shankle, Hazzan Braun, and some of the parents, went to the Canton Hebrew Cemetery. They talked about the history of the Canton Jewish community, looked at some of the interesting engravings, and learned more about Jewish burial traditions. They also, as a mitzvah project, replaced all of the older, weathered American flags on the graves of the Jewish veterans.

Also on the 6<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with their teacher, Danya Morris, planted daffodil bulbs in the Isadore Freed Memorial Garden, in the northeast area of the Beit Ha'am grounds. This activity was part of an ongoing discussion about the cycles of nature, and of beautifying our community institutions. Thanks to Darrell Vanest, Beit Ha'am maintenance staff member, for helping with the digging and the post-planting watering!

Chadash music teacher Sandy Adland is continuing to provide extracurricular guitar and song-leading lessons this year to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Zachary Charlick; this is their second year working together (this program is open to all Chadash students). Zachary is extremely talented, and he is fast becoming a skilled song leader!

**School-Wide Havdalah Program December 17**

All students and parents are invited to a pizza bagel and salad dinner, Havdalah ceremony, and Shavu'ah Tov (Have a Good Week!) activity on Saturday evening, December 17, starting at 5:30pm. If you have not already done so, **please RSVP by contacting the Chadash office, either by email at [chadash1canton@gmail.com](mailto:chadash1canton@gmail.com) or by phone at (330) 445-2853.** The fee for this program is a flat \$10 per family if paid in advance, or \$15 per family at the door.

**Winter Break and MLK Weekend**

Please note that, because of winter break, there will be **no Chadash classes starting on Sunday, Dec. 18; Hebrew classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, and religious school classes will resume on Sunday, January 8 for all students except for those in the Beit Midrash (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades), who will have that Sunday off. The Beit Midrash will be attending a special Martin Luther King program and service at the Mt. Calvary 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Baptist Church on January 15, which is MLK weekend. Younger grades at Chadash will have January 15 off.**

**Contributions**

Made during Oct./Nov. 2016

We sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support our Temple by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones through generous contributions and tributes.

**Temple Israel Endowments**

*(Contributions to the Endowment Funds are a minimum of \$18.00, representing our lifeline.)*

**Elisabeth Bertman Fund**

*In Memory of*

- **Lisa Bertman**, by the Reaven Family

**J. Edward & Janet S. Diamond Senior Enhancement Endowment**

*In Memory of*

- **Gertrude Reinhart**, by J. Edward & Janet Diamond

**Atleson/Laden Family Religious School Endowment**

*In Honor of*

- **Larry & Chelle Cohen**, birth of grandson, Myles, by Mark & Cathy Atleson

**Temple Israel Restricted Funds**

*(Contributions to the Restricted Funds are a minimum of \$10.00.)*

**Kiddush Fund**

*In Memory of*

- **Robin Stone**, by Rabbi Jon & Sandy Adland
- **Darlene Maxwell**, by William & Winnifred McGuire
- **Fay Greenburg**, by Steve & Bonnie Manello
- **Hilda Rapport**, by Ellen Rapport & Family
- **Joe Chapman**, by Rabbi Jon & Sandy Adland
- **Hilda Falk Wilson**, by Rabbi Jon & Sandy Adland
- **George Spitzer**, by Rabbi John & Cheri Spitzer

**Mazon Fund - A Jewish Response to Hunger**

*In Memory of*

- **Ann Olden**, by Karen Olden
- **Gwen Balin**, by Karen Olden
- **Joyce Rearl**, by John & Barb Spera

*In Honor of*

- **Joy Silverhart**, by Jay & Mary Ann Klar

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

*In Memory of*

- **Gwen Balin**, by William & Winnifred McGuire

*In Appreciation of*

- **Rabbi Adland**, by Georges & Joanne Buzaglo
- **Rabbi Adland**, Baby Naming of Sam & Spencer, by John & Barb Spera

*In Honor of*

- **Joy Silverhart**, Special Birthday, by Joe & Becky Zoldan

**Floral Fund**

*In Memory of*

- **Milton Robbins**, by Barb & Herb Winograd
- **Sylvia Sue Robbins**, by Barb & Herb Winograd

*In Honor Of*

- **Steven Porter & Dana Sands** Engagement, by Harlene Smuckler
- **Paige Woofter**, Bat Mitzvah, by Harlene Smuckler
- **Joy Silverhart**, Special Birthday, by Neal & Lori Libster

**With Our Temple Family**

**The Temple's sympathy is extended to the families of:**

**Joyce Barnett Pearlman.** She passed away on October 28, 2016. Joyce was the cousin of Jim Barnett and Marilyn Levin.

**Engagement-Mazal Tov to:**

**Steven Porter & Dana Sands.** They were engaged in early November. Steven is the son of Temple members, Tom & Anita Porter. Dana is the daughter of Shaaray Torah members, Dr. Steven & Lisa Sands.

**Yahrzeits**

**December 2nd**

Jacob Baer  
 Dr. Irving J. Barron  
 Bertha Baskin  
 Alan Blau  
 Meyer E. Block  
 Harry Brown  
 Roberta Cohen  
 Joseph Cohodas  
 Howard Fetters, Jr.  
 Joshua Lifschitz  
 Henry Mann  
 Jack Medvin  
 Lauren Beth Mostov  
 Beryl Myers  
 Seymour Nemeroff  
 Carmen Adams Newcomb  
 Dorothy Newman  
 Mandel Perlman  
 John Petroff  
 Faye Pontelle  
 Celia Reinglass  
 Bessie Robbins  
 Milton Robbins  
 Lawrence J. Roth  
 Ruth Routman  
 Genoeffa Sinopoli  
 Edward Stein  
 Marie Wilkof

**December 9th**

Edith Abrams  
 Sherman Barnett  
 Hazel Cohen  
 David Cohodas  
 James Michael Collum  
 Primrose Fenyes  
 Howard A. Fetters  
 Irene Gelb  
 William Goodstein  
 Al S. Jacobson  
 Ronald Jolovitz  
 Elinor Lavin  
 Sadie Levenson  
 Harry Stern Mann, Jr.  
 Edna Miller  
 Fanny Newman

Ethel Ostrowsky  
 Ann Rosenbloth  
 Selma Salsbury  
 Sema Sarbin  
 Frances Shapiro  
 David H. Shulan  
 Abe Silverhart  
 George A. Spitzer  
 Elvena Sternberg  
 Dr. James Tate  
 Elizabeth Zecher

**December 16th**

Irving Adelman  
 I. Walter Arkow  
 Frances Axelrod  
 Frieda Wise Bellin  
 Lillian Bendau  
 Tillie Bleckman  
 Sadye Bobrof  
 Susan Borack  
 Norman Braff  
 Vera Luntz Burstein  
 Marvin Cohan  
 Gerald Cooper  
 Elsie Gelfand David  
 Ben Dreyer  
 Dr. Irving Felder  
 Albert Frankel  
 Opal Gill  
 John F. Given  
 Blanche Goren  
 Wayne Arthur Krabill  
 Harold Krupp  
 William L. Lavin  
 Leonard Libster  
 Dr. Sam Lieberman  
 Darwin S. Luntz  
 Florence B. Mintz  
 Louis R. Myers  
 Harry Nusbaum  
 Mary Perskey  
 Louis Pontell  
 Charlotte Rosenblatt  
 Irvine Harold Routman  
 Louis Salsbury  
 L. Betty Savage  
 Linda Atleson Stein  
 Israel Wagman  
 Betty Wein

**December 23rd**

Norman Alper  
 Rosalie Carp Berley  
 Lawrence Blystone  
 Thelma Borcover  
 Lillian Bryan  
 Rose Davidson  
 Ruth Dreyer  
 William Francis  
 Esther Fried  
 Louis J. Friedman  
 Murry Abraham Gold  
 Sanford J. Green  
 Millard Greenberger  
 George Grossman  
 Meyer Grossman  
 Jacob Wolf Hartman  
 Dr. Peter H. Kahn  
 Paul Levine  
 Gertrude Toronski Leyton  
 Herbert Marks  
 Nathan Mittelman  
 Minna H. Myers  
 Dr. Otto L. Plaut  
 Gary Pontell  
 Dr. Samuel Rafael  
 Jacob Michael Rapport  
 Catherine Shifman  
 Rosenbloom  
 Dr. Jerome Rosengard  
 Louis Rosenkranz  
 David Sabetay  
 Julia Ziskin Schweitzer  
 John Strauss, Sr.  
 Lillian Taylor

**December 30th**

Judith Abrams  
 Mayme Mittelman Woll  
 Altman  
 Solomon Barnett  
 Harry Louis Cohen  
 Mollie Davis  
 Sheldon Fantle  
 Josh Fishman  
 Saul Garber  
 Jerome A. Garfinkle  
 Margaret Given  
 Ben J. Goetz  
 Albert Good  
 Dorothy Gorin  
 Lt. Col. Fred Green  
 Morris Greenberger  
 Della Haberman  
 William Karelitz  
 Florence S. Luntz  
 Ethel Mitzman  
 Salomon Rosenblatt  
 I. Michael Rudolph  
 Samuel Shifman  
 Kaethe Schohl Wells  
 Morris Zecher



Sisterhood has some great and fun events planned for the next few months. Please check your calendars and plan on attending and becoming involved.

Thursday, December 8 - Join your sisters for Party Arty to make a fantastic Hanukkah painting - Cost \$35 - **6 to 8 p.m at Beit Ha'am.** Sisterhood will provide snacks and drinks. Send your check to Temple or Hannah Jolly. Reservations must be made by Dec. 1.

Sunday, December 11 - Business Meeting and cookie decorating

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Business Meeting

Order your National Mah Jongg 2017 Card from Sisterhood. Forms can be picked up at the Temple Office or by contacting Barbara Spera. Cards are \$8 for standard print and \$9 for large print. Cards will be sent to your home address for April 1. All orders **MUST** be placed by Jan. 31, 2017.



**Brotherhood News**

Temple Israel Brotherhood will meet on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. All Temple men are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Annual MLK Shabbat Service  
Friday, January 13, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**



The Honorable Thomas M. Bernabei, Mayor of the City of Canton, is our guest speaker for Temple Israel's Annual MLK Shabbat Service on Friday, January 13, 2016, at 7:30 p.m, with a special Oneg following.

Thomas M. Bernabei is Mayor of the City of Canton, Ohio. He was elected in 2015 and is currently in his first term.

Mayor Bernabei is a lifelong resident of Stark County and lives in Canton, Ohio. He is a 1964 graduate of Canton Lehman High School. He graduated from Brown University in 1968 and the Ohio State University School College of Law in 1975. Between college and law school, Mayor Bernabei served four years in the United States Army, including one tour of duty in Vietnam.

Mayor Bernabei entered public service as Assistant Prosecutor in Massillon Municipal Court. He later served as an Assistant Law Director in Canton and was elected Canton Law Director in 1989. After retiring from the Law Department in 2000, Mayor Bernabei was elected to Canton City Council and served one term as Councilman-at-Large. He subsequently worked as Director of Public Service in Canton from 2008 to 2009 and as SARTA's interim Executive Director in 2009. Mayor Bernabei was elected Stark County Commissioner and served from 2010 – 2015.

Mayor Bernabei proudly practiced law with his father, Joseph, from 1975 to 1989. He is married to Bebe, a Canton Central Catholic High School graduate. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.

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						Tol'dot: Gen. 25:19-28:9 Mal. 1:1-2:7
4 4 Kislev 9:30 a.m. RS 12:15 p.m. HS	5 5 Kislev	6 6 Kislev	7 7 Kislev 4:15 p.m. HS  6:30 p.m. Introduction to Hebrew	8 8 Kislev	9 9 Kislev 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Anniv/Birthday Blessings Sandy Adland is singing	10 10 Kislev 9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments 11:15 a.m. Morning Service
						Vayetzei: Gen. 28:10-32:3 Hos. 12:13-14:10
11 11 Kislev 9:30 a.m. RS 9:30 a.m. TI Brotherhood Mtg. 9:30 a.m. T.I. Sisterhood Mtg. 12:15 p.m. HS	12 12 Kislev	13 13 Kislev 7:00 p.m. T.I Board Meeting	14 14 Kislev 4:15 p.m. HS  6:30 p.m. Introduction to Hebrew	15 15 Kislev	16 16 Kislev 7:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat w/Rabbi Spitzer Shelley Schweitzer is singing	17 17 Kislev No Stollen Moments No Morning Service  Chadash Havdalah
						Vayishlach: Gen. 32:4-36:43 Hos. 11.7-12:12
18 18 Kislev	19 19 Kislev	20 20 Kislev	21 21 Kislev	22 22 Kislev	23 23 Kislev 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Sandy Adland is singing	24 24 Kislev 9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments 11:15 a.m. Morning Service  Erev Hanukkah 1st Candle
						Vayeishev: Gen. 37:1-40:23 Amos 2:6-3:8
25 25 Kislev  Hanukkah 2nd Candle	26 26 Kislev  Hanukkah 3rd Candle	27 27 Kislev  Hanukkah 4th Candle	28 28 Kislev  Hanukkah 5th Candle	29 29 Kislev 12:00 p.m. Mikraot Gedolot  Hanukkah 6th Candle	30 1 Tevet 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Sandy Adland is singing Hanukkah 7th Candle	31 2 Tevet 9:30 a.m. Stollen Moments 11:15 a.m. Morning Service  Hanukkah 8th Candle
						Mikeitz: Gen. 41:1-44:17 Zech. 4:1-7

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