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*Chanukah Oh Chanukah
Come Light the Menorah
Let's Have a Party
We'll All Dance the Hora
Gather Round the Table
And Celebrate
Chanukah/Shabbat*



*Friday, December 19 — 6:15 Service
(Junior Choir Will Sing)
Followed by a Potluck
Family Chanukah Dinner
Latkes, Dessert, Wine
and Soda Provided*

*\$10 per person
\$5 Kids 6 -12
Kids Under 5 Free*

Please Return By Dec. 7 With Your Check To:
Union Temple, 17 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Name _____

Tel. # _____ would like to
reserve _____ adults and _____ children

For a total of \$ _____

AND I will bring

_____ a main dish
_____ salad, or
_____ vegetable dish to feed 8 people.

SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

SHABBAT VAYETZE

5 Friday Evening 6:30 PM
Early Shabbat Service/Pot Luck Dinner to follow

6 Saturday Morning 10:30 AM
*The Sisterhood will conduct the service
and sponsor the luncheon to follow*

Torah: Genesis 28:10 -32:3

Haftarah: Hosea 12:13 -14:10

SHABBAT VAYISHLACH

12 Friday Evening 8:15 PM
*Simcha Shabbat
Gala Oneg to follow*

13 Saturday Morning 10:30 AM
*The Fifth Grade will participate in the service
Kiddush/Luncheon to follow*

Torah: Genesis 32:4 -36:43

Haftarah: Hosea 11:7 -12:12

SHABBAT CHANUKAH/VAYESHEV

19 Friday Evening 6:15 PM
*Early Shabbat Service/Pot Luck Dinner to follow
Chanukah Begins at Sundown*

20 Saturday Morning 10:30 AM

Torah: Genesis 37:1 -40:23

Haftarah: Zechariah 4:1 -7

SHABBAT CHANUKAH/MIKETZ

26 Friday Evening 8:15 PM

27 Saturday Morning 10:30 AM

Torah: Genesis 41:1 -44:17

Haftarah: I Kings 7:40 -50

Happy Chanukah From Union Temple

Rabbi's Message



WE HAVE A NEW NAME! Last month I wrote to you about individual names. Now I am writing to bring you the good news about a new name for our entire Reform Movement. At the recent Biennial General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Minneapolis, the delegates of the Reform Movement's synagogues, Stephen and I, and our treasurer David Lansner among them, voted overwhelmingly to change the name of our parent body. Henceforth our Movement will be known as the **Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)**.

Our leader and president, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, explained the reason for proposing the name change at this time. "Let me be the first to say that the most important part of any Jewish organization is not its name but its values and its mission... But in Judaism, a change of name takes place when a person or a group undergoes a change in essence... In the 130 years since our founding, Reform congregations and the Union that serves them have undergone radical changes, growing into the largest and most dynamic religious movement in North American Jewish life... The time has come for our name to reflect that." Rabbi Yoffie explained that the name had to encompass five elements: Union, Reform, Jewish, Congregations, and North America. Having learned something from each of four previous failed attempts at a name change, the Union leadership came up with **Union for Reform Judaism** as the simplest and most appropriately descriptive name of who and what we are. The tag line, "**Serving Reform Congregations in North America**," will appear on all stationery and publications.

We recall that Reform Judaism emerged in 19th- century Germany as the result of the intellectual revolution of Enlightenment and the political revolution of Emancipation. It was Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, a native of Bohemia, who, perhaps more than any other, brought Reform Judaism to America and nurtured it here on American soil. Rabbi Wise founded the UAHC in 1873 as a union of congregations in the belief that all Jews would come together under a single banner, and thus he did not specify the organization as "Reform." In addition, in 1873, the term "Hebrew" was probably a bit less blatant on the American landscape than "Jewish." Orthodox Jews, however, found Wise's efforts to reform ancient traditions unacceptable, and refused to be part of an organization that did not adhere to such *halakhic* restrictions as strict dietary laws and the separation of men and women in worship. In 1875, Rabbi Wise also founded the Hebrew Union College, our Rabbinical seminary, and became its first president.

Reform Judaism grew steadily throughout its first 60 years, but it was after World War II, when returning Jewish GI's moved from inner cities to suburbs, that the Movement exploded. With Reform Judaism's willingness to adapt to changing times -- ordaining women as rabbis and cantors and affording them full equality in synagogue life, recognizing the rights of people who are gay and lesbian, and welcoming interfaith families into the life of the synagogue -- it quickly became the dominant form of Judaism in North America, with some 920 congregations in every state, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. In recent years, however, there has been a significant renewal of Jewish tradition within the Movement, evidenced by the increased use of Hebrew prayer, revitalized worship, and a deepening of personal commitment, spirituality, and Jewish knowledge.

At the discussion of delegates, Allison Tatarsky, president of the Reform Movement's youth affiliate, NFTY, urged the delegates to approve the name. "We are the future," she said, "and we need you -- our parents' generation -- to give us a name that says who we are." I wish all of you could have been there to hear that articulate and wonderful young woman speak, and then to watch over a hundred of her peers - our kids - stand up and heartily cheer both her words and her depth of feeling.

I salute our Movement and its principles. And I proudly welcome our new name. May it be an honored name within the Household of Israel.

-Rabbi Linda Henry Goodman

Officer's Report

As fall turns to winter and we approach the middle of the religious calendar, we can take this opportunity to look back at the year to date and to look forward to the remainder of the year to come. We face many challenges this year, but also have great opportunities.

Under the leadership of our Rabbi, Linda Henry Goodman, and our President, Mike Baron, Union Temple has continued to present a wide array of activities serving our congregation. Members have reaped the benefits of stimulating worship services, our ever-improving religious school, our highly successful pre-school, and have seen each of these aspects of Temple life excel in many ways. Moreover, communal activities, ranging from Sisterhood to a revitalized Brotherhood, provide enriching opportunities for congregational life.

Like many congregations, though, Union Temple faces serious challenges. Fiscal constraints are an unfortunate reality. Our physical plant is aging, and is in constant need of repair and maintenance. The need to increase and renew our congregation with new members is ever-present. Our Temple can meet these challenges and continue its remarkable accomplishments, but only with the involvement of our members. We have a large number of dedicated members who give selflessly of their time, effort, and resources.

While we face challenges, we also are the beneficiary of great opportunity. At this writing, it appears that the sale of our parking lot parcel, several years in the making, is likely to occur this year. If this transaction is consummated, the proceeds can create an endowment for our Temple's future, enabling us to serve the needs of the community for generations to come.

As we face our challenges, and take hold of our opportunities, it is important to remember that our Temple consists not of buildings and endowments but, rather, of people. The people of Union Temple have accomplished great things for over 150 years, and I am confident that this greatness will provide the strength to meet our challenges and the skill to utilize our opportunities.

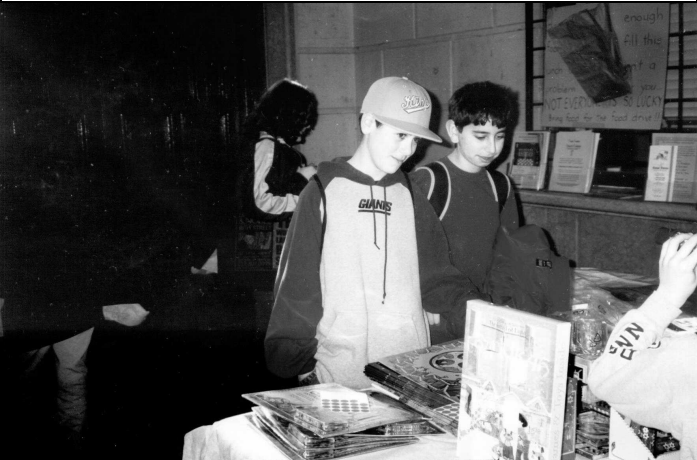
-Neil Cohen, Vice President

Temple Events



(Above) Jannette Katz (l.) and Ellen Kolikoff show off wares at the Sisterhood Gift shop. The shop will be selling beautiful Chanukah gifts through mid -December.

(Below) The Jewish Book Fair was held last month. Religious School students browse the selections. A wide variety of Jewish and other books were available for great Chanukah gifts.



Brotherhood

Thanks to all who participated in the Social Action Committee's annual pre-Thanksgiving food drive on November 23, to which the Brotherhood provides support.

I am confident this year's event will be as successful as prior years', both for Union Temple members who participate and, perhaps more important, the beneficiaries of the effort.

Participation in this activity is a peak Union Temple experience because it involves all of the following:

- Participating in an act of hands-on *tzedakah*, a central mitzvah of Judaism in general and Reform Judaism in particular.
- Providing examples of hands-on *tzedakah* to children of the congregation.
- Seeing the children of the congregation practicing what Judaism preaches: *tikkun olam*.
- Demonstrating to the members of the general community, Jewish and non-Jewish, that Union Temple is an active congregation, whose congregants take their roles and responsibilities as Jews seriously.

Again, thanks to all, especially to Zeva Roschko and Marty Shaffer, who, as always, gave extra effort.

And to those not participating, please consider reaping the benefits of participation in Brotherhood and Temple activities.

A Brotherhood event to which all are invited is the **December 7** book discussion of *Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction from the Edge*, a collection of irreverent fiction from 25 of today's leading new Jewish writers, edited by Paul Zakrzewski.

Old and new members are asked to send in your \$25 Brotherhood dues for 5764 if you have not already done so. Please make your checks payable to the Brotherhood of Union Temple, and send to the Temple, addressed to me.

Finally, to all, on behalf of the Brotherhood, Happy Chanukah, and may your Rosh Hashana 5764 wishes for peace, health and happiness continue to be fulfilled in year 2004 of the general calendar.

Arnold Kolikoff, Treasurer

Sisterhood

"Happiness," observed Rabbi Louis L. Mann, "is a perfume which you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself." Who should know that better than Amy Herrick, award-winning author of the acclaimed novel *The Happiness Code*? She spreads happiness wherever she goes—and she'll be spreading it to us Saturday, December 6, as a guest speaker at our annual Sisterhood Shabbat and Luncheon. Amy, who for five memorable years was the director of the Union Temple Preschool, earned her M.F.A. at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, is also the author of another novel, *At the Sign of the Naked Waiter*; the children's book, *Kimbo's Marble*; and many widely published short stories. We hope you'll be with us as a paid-up member when she reveals the keys to joy she has found. And bring your husband, partner, and friends. These days, we all need all the cheering up we can get—and it's only \$10 for guests.

Less than two weeks after our Sisterhood Shabbat, we'll be lighting up our lives and our homes with our Chanukah candles. Thanks to Vice President Ellen Kolikoff, who runs the Sisterhood Gift Shop with enthusiasm and expertise, you'll have one-stop shopping for everything you need for the holiday—including gifts for everyone from grandparents to grandchildren. Ellen will have the shop open Sunday, December 7, and Sunday, December 14. As a special treat, on December 14, we'll hold our Annual Latke Sale. So bring your appetite and your gift list.

We have many more exciting programs coming, including a *Rosh Chodesh* Shabbat Service followed by a pot-luck Luncheon-Seder Saturday, January 24.

Sisterhood wishes everyone a happy Chanukah. May the glow from our candles bring warmth to our hearts and our homes—and illuminate the road to peace in our world.

—*Barbara Brett*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.--Sisterhood Shabbat and Luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m.--Gift Shop

Sunday, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m.--Gift Shop and Latke Sale

Preschool News

I usually paint a broad picture for you of what goes on at Union Temple Preschool. But this article will detail to one week in mid-October in our fours class.

This week, as all, was a very busy week in our school. Pam Apple and Marie Marino's class of four year olds (The Hummingbirds) were abuzz this week. The class has been learning about autumn. The children drew still life nature drawings in preparation of the class' visit to the Brooklyn Museum of Art next week, where they will do sketching. The purpose of doing still life drawings this week, was to give the children some experience sketching from an object. The class also used a microscope to observe leaves and other autumn finds.

Art activities this week included the creation of a media box with leaves, acorns and pods. The class also made handprints as part of another on-going unit, "Myself." During their morning meeting the children talked about jobs they don't like doing—like cleaning their bedrooms.

Taking advantage of the lovely fall weather, the class took a walk to observe the changes in the trees in the neighborhood. Afterwards, they drew pictures of something they observed on the class walk. On Wednesday they read the book, *Why Do Leaves Change Colors*. The book discussed how the combination of colder air,

inadequate sunlight, and less water, causes the trees to enter a state akin to hibernation. The children wondered if they took a brown leaf, placed it in water in direct sunlight, and blew warm air on it, would the leaf regain its green color.

On Thursday, armed with a hypothesis, the class set up a science experiment. They put several red, yellow, and brown leaves in a pan of water, placed the pan on the window sill, and took turns blowing hot air on them. The children made predictions about what they thought would happen to the leaves, which Pam recorded, along with an experience chart that detailed the steps of their experiment. Needless to say, the leaves did not regain their green color, but a great lesson was learned, excitement filled the air, new questions continue to be asked, and with them new experiments.

Each week the class has a new letter of the week. They learn about the sound that letter makes, and learn to identify that letter around their classroom. This week's letter was "M". The children shared objects they brought from home that begin with the letter "M," including pictures of mommy, and money.

On Friday, Alice Stevenson, our collaborative educator from the Brooklyn Museum of Art visited the classroom for the first time. —*Susan Sporer*



Join The Union Temple's Annual Toy Drive
Bring new but unwrapped children's toys and games to the Religious School through December 7. The toys will be donated to various area hospital pediatric departments.

Religious School Benefit

See the New Jersey Nets play the Boston Celtics January 25, 2004 at 1 pm
Tickets \$30 for members, \$32 for nonmembers. If interested call Pete Gomori at 718 489-5273. First come first serve!

Attention Parents of Children Born in 1992:

Please contact Rabbi Goodman before the first of the year to schedule a date for Bar/Bat Mitzvah during the 2005 calendar year.

Thank you

School of Religion

Chanukah!? Already!? As we approach the "Festival of Lights," things are also shining brightly in our Religious School. On December 14, we will hold our third family education program of the year. Parents and siblings of Religious School parents are invited to join us as we explore the miracle of Chanukah along with the quandaries and other issues associated with celebrating this holiday as Jewish Americans in the 21st century. It promises to be an entertaining, educational, and thought-provoking event. It also promises to be fattening.... latkes, applesauce, and sour cream will be served!

December 21 the school will celebrate with a mini-Chanukah party. Join us at 12:45 for a Chanukah candle-lighting ceremony. Reminder: We will collect new, unwrapped toys until December 7 for our annual toy drive for distribution to the pediatric departments of local hospitals.

Social activism is alive and well in the Union Temple Religious School. All grades are actively involved with *tikun olam* (repairing the world) projects in conjunction with the temple's social action committee.

By the way, don't forget to ask your child what the Hebrew word of the week is in religious school. Here is our list so far: (translations will follow in the next issue of the newsletter) *Emet, B'rachot, Gemilut Chassidim, D e-rech Eretz, Halachah, Vikuach, Zichronot, Chachmah.* --Les Krevsky, Principal

Dates to Remember

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:30 am-Grade 5--Class Shabbat followed by luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 14, 9:30-1:00 pm- Family Education Program--"The Miracles and Mishugas of Chanukah"

Friday, Dec. 19, 6:15 pm- Temple Family Shabbat/Chanukah celebration. Our Choir will assist. Potluck dinner will follow

Sunday, Dec. 21- Religious School Chanukah party

Adult Education

The Sisterhood of Union Temple

**Invites you to the Sisterhood
Shabbat Service and Luncheon
With Award Winning Author
AMY HERRICK**

The former Director of Union Temple Preschool
will put the key to joy in your hand when she
reveals the secrets hidden in her acclaimed novel

The Happiness Code

**Put a smile in your heart! Join us on
Saturday, December 6, 2003**

**Service at 10:30 am followed by luncheon at
Union Temple
17 Eastern Parkway**

RSVP to Sue Singer (718)783-0181

No Charge for members, \$10 for guests.

You can join the Sisterhood at the luncheon.

**Send checks, payable to the Sisterhood of Union Temple to:
Union Temple, 17 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238**

Join the Union Temple Brotherhood For A Book Discussion Sunday, December 7, 2003

*Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction From The Edge,
Edited by Paul Zakrzewski*



A humorous battle between two
falafel stands threatens to escalate
into potentially deadly violence.
A Ukrainian translator enlists the
help of his anti-Semitic grandfa-
ther, and a dog named "Sammy
Davis Jr. Jr.", to help a college
student find his ancestral shtetl.

Lost Tribe is a collection of irrev-
erent fiction from 25 of today's
leading new Jewish writers.

You can purchase a copy from
Arnold Kolikoff while supplies last, from bookstores
or the internet.

*Please note that the content of this book and
the discussion are for adults.*

Union For Reform Judaism Biennial

I am delighted to report on the 67th Biennial of our Movement--a joyous collection of more than 4,500 Reform Jews from congregations all over North America in November. As Rabbi Goodman explained, it was the last Biennial of the UAHC and the first of the URJ, as our Movement's central organization has changed its name.

There were dozens of workshops on practical matters: enriching religious schools and adult education; raising and managing money; social action programs; finding volunteers and more. Many of the sessions were directly applicable to Union Temple. Although some congregations have thousands of members, more than a quarter of all URJ congregations have fewer than 75 families. As one panelist said, "All congregations are the same, and all congregations are different." The best tip I received during the convention was to learn what an enormous amount of material URJ on its Web site, www.urj.org. In a section called "Communicate!" congregations have sent in descriptions of programs that have worked for them: www.urj.org/comm/.

Many of Hebrew Union College's finest scholars and rabbis offered lessons. At the session, "Why Did God Choose Abraham?" Dr. Dvora Weisberg of HUC-JIR spoke about how the rabbis' interpretation of Abraham and how his story changed over the centuries as they used it to reflect their own faith. At "Newer Images of God," Rabbi Rifat Sonsino, Ph.D., described different visions of God over the last century. For Reform Jews, God represents different ideals which we can believe in or strive for, but what unites us as Reform Jews is not our definition of God or even our belief in God, but our search for God.

Thousands of Reform Jews praying together at a Shabbat service filled with fantastic music gave me an enormous feeling of unity in the sanctuary. The power of the moment reached its height during Rabbi Eric Yoffie's Presidential Sermon. He called upon us to social action, support Jews in Israel and Eastern Europe, and to study Torah. And he offered us the means to study, with a new e-mail program, Ten Minutes of Torah. "If we make time to answer our cell phones a dozen times a day and to check our e-mail five times an hour, surely we can find 10 minutes to contemplate sacred words that nourish the soul." You can sign up now for a one-page study sheet to be delivered to you each weekday at www.urj.org/torah/ten.

Rabbi Yoffie also spoke bluntly on Israel: our vital need to support it, his support for the Bush Administration's refusal to condone terrorist attacks on Israel (the only good thing he had to say about the current Administration) and the need for Israeli's government to end its illegal and self-destructive construction of settlements in the West Bank.

The Biennial was an instructive, inspiring and moving experience. Our neighboring congregation sent 10 people; surely we can do better than just two. The next Biennial is in Houston in November 2005, but from October 29 to 31, 2004, the Greater New York Council of Reform Synagogues will hold its Regional Biennial in Greenwich, Conn. I urge all of you, whether you are an officer, a board or committee member, or just a Union Temple member, whether you are a true believer, a skeptic, or a searcher, to attend: for your congregation, for your people, but most of all for yourself.--*David Lansner*

Confirmation Class Outing

On Sunday, December 7, the kids in our Confirmation Class will visit the Center for Jewish History on West 16th Street in Manhattan, to visit "Visions of Harmony: The Sculpture of Oded Halahmi." Halami is an Iraqi-born Israeli Jew, and this exhibit features creative Hanukkah menorot, among other works. The afternoon will include a hands-on workshop, specifically directed to post-Bar/Bat Mitzvah kids, and promises to be quite enjoyable and instructive. Confirmation kids are asked to meet Rabbi Goodman at the temple at 12:00 noon on Sunday the 7th, when we'll grab a bagel and head into the city. Please bring \$8 to cover the cost of our personal tour and workshop, plus some extra spending money for a bite afterward. Please respond to Rabbi Goodman at the temple so that we are sure to wait for you. Looking forward to seeing you all!

TZEDAKAH

UNION TEMPLE MEMORIAL FUND

Donated by.....	In Memory Of
Lisa, Jim, Josh and Gabe Wright	Father and Grandfather, Joseph Roschko
Harold Leviton.....	Lina Leviton
Mike and Ilene Baron	Joseph Roschko
Miriam Newman.....	Donald M. Newman
Miriam Newman.....	Lawrence Geyer
Doris Klueger.....	Arnold Schukin
Irene Schukin	Arnold Schukin
Florence Sklaren	Jules Sklaren
Irene Schukin	David Schukin
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John and Grace Timberlake	Joseph Roschko
Eleanor Forman	Joseph Roschko
Hy and Barbara Brett	Joseph Roschko
Nancy M. Greenberg and Family	Joseph Roschko
Alan and Harriet Katz.....	Joseph Roschko

HAPPY DAY FUND

Donated by.....	In Honor Of
Lucille Silvey	Richard Dreyfus, son of Rabbi and Mrs. A. Stanley Dreyfus, with hopes for a speedy recovery
Danielle Lednicer.....	Blessing the candles at Shabbat and Sukkot services
Lucille Silvey	Ben and Rose Sassin’s 50th wedding anniversary and wishing Jerry Jacobson a speedy recovery

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Donated By	In Honor Of
Sue Lobel	Lisa Lobel

Sharing Our Lives

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Ilene Baron
Stephen Dobkin & Roberta Greengold
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BIRTHDAYS

Janna Aulova
Ilene Baron
Richard Bompane
Lucy Cooper
Maxine Endy
Kenneth A. Hechter
Helen Heller
Scott Inwald
Cantor Todd Kipnis
Doris Klueger
Belinda Konigsberg
Dr. Gail Levine-Fried

Erica Marks
Lenore Max
Andrew Mirer
Michael Moss
Donald Schwartz
Dr. Elmer Twente
David White
Shelley White

CHILDREN’S BIRTHDAYS

Evan Scott Lieberman
Sophia Kate Lieberman
Ethan Van Metre
Oliver Goldberg-Lewis
Lucas Mirer
Jonathan Weinstock

If your Simcha is not included, please call
Heidi & Tom Oleszczuk at 437-1431 so we
can add it to our database

**We Express Our Deepest
Sympathy To
Anne Schwartz
On the death of her aunt
PHYLLIS KANTERMAN
and
Richard Merle
On the death of his mother
JEANETTE MERLE
זכרונם לברכה
May their memories
be for a blessing**

Social Action Committee

If you've looked in the corridor of the sanctuary lately, you've noticed all the names listed to help in our numerous food drives this year.

So what's cookin'? On Sunday, November 23 there were actually two food drives going on at once. Our synagogue was in front of Key Food collecting food and sundries. We were there at 9 and were joined by the 6th grade Religious School kids at 12 and stayed until 3. When we delivered a van full of food to CHIPS, our local food pantry.

On the same day, our sister synagogue Beth Elohim distributed lunches in front of CHIPS.

On **Monday, December 22**, Union Temple will make a return visit to the Hebrew Union College Soup Kitchen, where we will donate and distribute clothing and serve food to hungry guests.

On **January 25 and February 29**, we will be serving lunches in front of CHIPS. Religious School children will again join us.

There is a continuing drive at early services to contribute one dollar (\$1) with your dish to help the Argentinian Jewish community combat hunger.

—Zeva Roschko

Come Light the Chanukah Candles

Chanukah Blessings

(Candles are added to the menorah from right to left, and kindled from left to right.)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו

וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Ha'olam

Asher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu

L'hadlik Ner Shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe,

Who has sanctified us with Your mitzvot,

and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ

בְּיָמֵם הָהֵם בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Ha'olam

She'asah Nisim La'avoteinu

Bayim Hahem Baz'man Haze.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe,

Who did wondrous things for our ancestors

In those days at this time.

On the first night only:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם

שֶׁהֵחֵינֵנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּינֵנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Ha'olam

Shehecheyanu, V'kiy'manu, V'higiyanu Laz'man Haze.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe,

For giving us life, for sustaining us,

and for enabling us to reach this season.

An Activity or Event?

Publicize it in the Union Temple Bulletin!

Send your information to David Rapheal at drapheal@aol.com or leave the information in the Temple office

SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2004

To demonstrate overwhelming majority support for a woman's right to choose safe, legal abortion and birth control, the largest pro-choice majority in history will march on Washington on Sunday April 25, 2004. The Union for Reform Judaism, is one of the co-sponsoring organizations. More information to follow.



Thanksgiving at CHIPS will be a lot heartier thanks to the efforts of the Union Temple Social Action Committee and the Religious School. Many pounds of food were collected. Union Temple members (Above) Beth Kurfirst(l.), and Lisa Rose encourage people to remember those in need as they do their shopping.

Memorial Plaques

December 5th & 6th

Max Goldberg	December 1, 1947
Elizabeth Perlo	December 2, 1948
Jacob Fogel	December 3, 1917
Meyer Kasdan	December 3, 1940
Bernard Van Raalte	December 5, 1908
Herman L. Sherrer	December 5, 1969
Jacob M. Shaffer	December 5, 1972
Max Baar	December 6, 1936
Abraham L. Lippin	December 6, 1970
Sol A. Liebman	December 6, 1978
H. Broadman Epstein	December 6, 1997
Minnie Reiss	December 7, 1921
Solomon Hamburger	December 7, 1923
Harry C. Levinson	December 7, 1987

December 12th & 13th

Michael Dumey	December 8, 1939
Margaret Boley	December 9, 1973
Jacob Block	December 10, 1931
Max Hess	December 10, 1941
Rachel Heimberger	December 11, 1947
Bertram Heimberger	December 10, 1985
Lena H. B. Lax	December 10, 1990
Anita M. Mandelbaum	December 11, 1947
Sarah Marienhoff	December 11, 1958
Myrtle David	December 11, 1977
Michael Kraus	December 13, 1930
Fanny Petetsky	December 13, 1931
Sylvia Hamburger	December 13, 1996
Solomon Igelheimer	December 14, 1907
Fannie Igelheimer	December 14, 1930
Abraham H. Frankel	December 14, 1943
Alexander Davidson	December 14, 1978

December 19th & 20th

Bernard Bender	December 15, 1926
William Meruk	December 15, 1928
Mary Eilperin	December 15, 1994
Harry N. Needle	December 17, 1972
Alfred Newman	December 18, 1932
Byrdie Hymes	December 18, 1961
Gussie Epstein	December 18, 1969
Kate Heller	December 18, 1980
Helen H. Bernstein	December 19, 1924
Lee Ornitz	December 19, 1996
Aaron Polisar	December 20, 1969
Jacob Iason	December 21, 1946

December 26th & 27th

Edward Drexler	December 22, 1928
Louis Schnell	December 22, 1946
Esther Davidson	December 23, 1928
Eva Jacobs	December 23, 1942
Rubin Rodecker	December 23, 1969
Eve Freiman	December 23, 1978
George Kershner	December 23, 1982
Alexander Spitzer	December 24, 1941

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