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Religious school Kindergarten class prepares to celebrate Chanukah

Lights, is lit on Sunday evening, December 13. Each night we light another candle to celebrate the victory of the Maccabees over the Syrian-Greek army of the tyrant Antiochus.

Chanukah is, of course, more than a holiday commemorating a military victory. Though technically a minor holiday, Chanukah is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible, today it is a major family celebration. As we exchange gifts, join in playing dreidel, lighting candles, and eating latkes, we remember that the Maccabees' struggle of long ago is still our struggle today. We must struggle to remain loyal to the traditions and dreams of our people while participating in the best that the secular world has to offer.

CHANUKAH BEGINS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Submitted by Ann Kanarek

The first candle of Chanukah, our joyous Festival of

The synagogue and religious school have planned many exciting programs for the month of December to help us celebrate Chanukah as a congregational family, we hope that you will join us.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REPORTS

By Ann Kanarek

From "Dedication" to "Education"

The holiday of Chanukah teaches us many lessons. We learn about faith and belief in God. We learn about standing up for what is right, regardless of the odds. And, we recognize that our strength and our survival lie in our Torah and Mitzvot.

The word Chanukah means Dedication. This word comes from the Hebrew root, Chinuke, which means Education.

The key to realizing the messages of Chanukah is through education. We must teach our children and remind ourselves about our priorities and what is important. We must be role models for our children, showing by example that religious observance, dedication to Jewish ethics and values, and knowledge of Torah will assure our survival as a dynamic and spirited people.

On Chanukah, let's renew our "Dedication" to "Education." Wishing you and yours a Chag Sameach.

The following exciting programs for the month of December will help us celebrate Chanukah as a Congregational family and we hope you will join us.

School Wide Chanukah Program

On Sunday, December 13, 10:00am -11:00am, the Religious School will sponsor a Chanukah extravaganza. This event will be a musical concert by a popular Jewish composer and performer, Mark Bloom.

All students (K-7) will have regular class. Both early and late sessions will gather in the Sanctuary for the concert at 10:00am -11:00am. Early session students in the Alef and Bet (3rd and 4th grade classes) will have regular class at 9:00am and will be dismissed at 11:00am from the Sanctuary. Late session Alef and Bet students should arrive no later than 9:45am and meet their teacher and class in the Sanctuary. After the concert, early session students will be dismissed and the late session students will go back to the classroom until regular dismissal at 12:05pm. K-2 children will have regular class at 9:00am and should be picked up from the Sanctuary at 11:00am. Gimel, Dalet and Hei students (grades 5-7) will have regular morning class as well as have an opportunity to participate in the concert. Parents are very welcome to join us for this special event.

Chanukah Family Shabbat and Sing-A-Long

Friday, December 18, 7:00pm - 8:00pm: Chanukah Pre-Alef Family Shabbat Service. The service will include Mrs. Phyllis Edley's Kindergarten class, Ms. Stacy Thompson and Mr. Brian Grossman's first grade class and Mrs. Ziegler's second grade classes. With the help of our music specialist, Jeff Cohen, our children will lead the Congregation in many of our familiar tunes and Chanukah classics. Please join us for a great evening.

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SUPPORT OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Put your name on a flame; put your handle on a candle. Look for the Wall of Flame, our Religious School Menorah with your name in lights. For only a dollar each, you can buy paper flames for every member of your family. Or, for 18 big ones, you can buy a whole paper candle for your group. Anyway you choose, you are warming up to a great cause—your Religious School. For more information, check the flyer in this bulletin or in your child's bag.

On behalf of the Religious School staff and children we thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REMINDERS:



Tuesday, December 1, (5pm-6pm), Wednesday, December 2 (5pm-6pm) and Sunday, December 6, (9am-12pm): Religious School students will have an opportunity to visit the Sisterhood Judaica Shop. Affordable Chanukah gift items available for the entire family.



Sunday, December 6 - Sunday, December 13: Book Fair. Visit our Book Fair and check out the variety of Judaic reading material and at the same time help to support our school.



Sunday December 6, 10:30AM: Chai school program: Mr. Nate Nadler, a volunteer on the famous refugee ship "EXODUS" recounts the true story of the voyage. The EXODUS was engineered by the Haganah and enabled Holocaust survivors to reach Palestine in 1947. We urge all parents and high schoolers to join us for this important experience.



Sunday, December 13, 10:00AM -11:00 AM: School Wide Chanukah concert (K-7) with Mark Bloom.



Sunday, December 13, 10:40AM - 12:05PM: Chai School: Breakfast with the Rabbi.



Friday, December 18, 7PM-8PM: Family Shabbat and Chanukah Sing-A-Long (K-2).



Wednesday, December 23- Sunday, January 3: NO SCHOOL, winter break (School resumes Monday, January 4).

CHANUKAH MITZVOT

It's a mitzvah:



for each home to have its own Chanukah menorah.



to kindle the Chanukah lights each evening of the eight days of the festival.



for parents to relate the story of Chanukah to their children.



for the whole family to participate in, and bear witness to, the lighting of the Chanukah menorah.



to share the lighting of the menorah and the meaning of Chanukah with our friends and neighbors.



to give tzedakah during the eight days of Chanukah.

KADIMA KORNER

1. January - June Kadima Event Schedule will be mailed to all members the end of December and published in the temple newsletter and February/March HaKol.
2. A big thank you to all the congregants who supported the youth group bowl-a-thon!!
3. For membership information or questions about upcoming events - please call Michele Kleinman at 732-438-0083 or e-mail at MBK8372@aol.com.
4. Kadima would like to wish everyone a Happy Chanukah!!



Kadima is proud to announce their 1998-1999 executive board.

President - Erin Marx
Recording Secretary - Maya Behar
Historian - Jordon Diatlo

Vice President - Hannah Ehrlich
Corresponding Secretary - Shane Spigner

Kadima Calendar December 98 – January 99

Please check the Temple Newsletter and Kadima Mailings for updates.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/TIME
Wed. Dec. 2	Jackpot Bingo	Temple 7:30-9:00
Fri. Dec. 4-5	Shabbaton	Clark
Sun. Dec 6	Bowl-A-Thon	Carrolier Lanes/1:00
Wed. Dec. 16	Chanukah Party W/ USY	Temple 7:30 – 9:00
January 17	Kadima Day	JCC in Whippany 12:30 pm until 9:30 pm

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ADULT EDUCATION EVENTS

TORAH LISHMAH

Book Lovers Meetings

HOPPING CONVERSATIONS are happening at B'nai Tikvah's Book Discussion Group. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 7, 1999. We will be reading American Pastoral by Philip Roth. The host for this evening will be Ilene Karp, 19 Paul Avenue, Kendall Park (297-6646 - call if you can make it). Hallie Elkin will be the facilitator.

Following American Pastoral we will be

reading The Gifts of the Jews by Thomas Cahill. Our discussion will take place on Tuesday, February 23. The host for this meeting will be Cheryl Asnis (297-5379) with Ann Gold as facilitator. The Gifts of the Jews is written by a non-Jewish historian but by no means is this book "historically dry".

All are welcome, we begin our discussions at 8:00 p.m. and our group has been growing.

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Coming to B'nai Tikvah -- Israeli Dancing

Israeli dancing is coming to B'nai Tikvah! Starting on November 29 at 7.45 p.m., we will be having a weekly(?) lesson/dance session. Our instructor is Sara Alter, who has many years of experience teaching Israeli dance.

We will meet every Sunday night at B'nai Tikvah from 7.45 to 9:15 PM. This is a family event and we encourage children Kadima age and up (sixth grade and up) to attend. Babysitting will be provided for younger children.

If you don't know how to dance - this is for you. We'll teach you. If you don't know Israeli music - this is for you. You can hum. If you last did Israeli dancing at summer camp 25 years ago - this is for you. No cute counselors, though.

It will be a fun evening, so come out and learn new dances, meet new people, get some exercise, and do something as a family. We already have a group of dancers at every level eager to dance, so join us.

There is a nominal cost of \$3 to cover the cost of the instructor. If you have any questions, please contact... Arie Behar 732-422-1495.



Fundraising News

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK '99

B'nai Tikvah will once again be selling Entertainment books. These books are available for the low price of \$30 each. Once again, there are two Central NJ editions available

#4: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer Highlights, or

#5: Monmouth, Ocean, Mercer, Southern Middlesex

Buy one for yourself. Consider them as a gift. Order yours **today** by calling the synagogue office at 297-0696, Bill Greenberg at 297-6953 or Adrienne Ross at 422-0637. □

ANNOUNCING THE OLD AND IMPROVED "CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH SCRIP PROGRAM"

WHAT IS SCRIP?

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Scrip is a gift certificate issued from your favorite food stores (i.e., Shop Rite, Edwards, Foodtown and Pathmark). This scrip may be issued in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20.

HOW DO I USE SCRIP?

If you go food shopping, scrip is easy to use. Each dollar of scrip is worth one dollar of cash. When you shop, you pay with the scrip. No messy checks to write, no ATM records to enter into your checkbook register. Using scrip is painless to you and it benefits our synagogue.

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Our synagogue receives 5% from the sale of the scrip. Think of all the ways our synagogue could put extra funds to work without the added inconvenience to our wallets!

HOW CAN I ORDER SCRIP?

1. Call the synagogue office at (732) 297-0696. If you get the answering machine, do not hang-up. Press #5 to leave a message. Or,
2. Call a committee person; a full list of committee members is below.
3. Purchase at your favorite B'nai Tikvah organizational meeting (coming in the future).

No matter which method you select, just let someone know which store and the amount of scrip you want to buy. If you get an answering machine (at the synagogue office or a committee persons), leave your name, telephone number and your address.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE MY SCRIP ORDER?

Someone from the scrip committee will contact you to make personal arrangements.

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BRRRRR!

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GET IN THE ACT - I can always use help with the clothing drive - dropping off clothing at the Rescue Mission, Women's Shelter, Golden Opportunities, Amandala Crossing and Salvation Army. Call me if you can spare some time! Deborah Spigner - 732-545-8457.

MANY, MANY THANKS TO: Toby & Gary Ehrlich, Nan Kessler, Shiva Nili, Lynn & Arthur Biderman and most especially Cindi Kleinbart for shlepping around with their trunks and car seats filled with donations. Your help makes this effort easier and most successful!!! Also, thanks to all of you who have helped carry the bags to my trunk! Deborah Spigner

FIND THE WORD – CHANUKAH PUZZLE

SUBMITTED BY JACQUELINE MASTER


- Chanukah
- Dreidel
- Latke
- Maccabee
- Antiochus
- Menorah
- Candles
- Gelt
- Modin
- Shammash
- Donuts
- Festival
- Oil
- Chocolate
- Miracle
- Judah
- Matityahu
- Ner

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MEET MARK BLOOM

We are delighted to welcome to our congregation, for our Chanukah extravaganza, Mark Bloom. Mark is a world class musician, composer and performer. He is an artist with a broad range of musical talents who is extensively involved in Jewish music, both secular and liturgical. "Tikkun Olam" is Mark's first solo recording of contemporary Jewish music. In his latest "Funky Punky Holidays," Bloom combines a refreshing wit with musical know-how.

On Sunday, December 13, Mark will perform for our religious school children. He delivers a rollicking, bouncy, lively, concert that will entice the audience to sing, dance or just keep the beat...this is not just for kids—it's family entertainment.

A special thanks to the families who donate to the religious school education fund on an ongoing basis and to all of you who will support our Chanukah flames project that will help to sponsor this program. 

Nursery School News


Submitted by Fran Pearlson, Director

During the months of September and October, our students enjoyed learning about and experiencing the fall holidays. We dipped apples in honey, cooked with apples, made delicious fruit salad to eat in our sukkah, and made decorations to hang in our sukkah. We made flags for Simchas Torah and marched around our sanctuary while waving our flags high in the air. What a wonderful sight to behold! As we opened our ark to view our torahs we told the children that torahs must have known they were coming because they were all dressed up! These are some of the activities the children have participated in together.

At our nursery school we think that reading stories is so special that not only do our teachers read them everyday, but during the month of November we invited all family members to take some time and read stories to their children's class. When children view reading as something that is enjoyed by their adult role models, reading stories becomes an important and enjoyable pastime to them. A desire to hear stories and enjoy books means future success in elementary school when children are learning to read. Any child who sees reading as pleasurable will learn to read. It should be noted that we welcome all moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other assorted relatives. We always have time for someone who would like to read!

Our nursery school children are very busy as they enjoy going to music, gym, and our computer-tots class. They are all enjoying playing and learning together.

More excitement follows as we make plans for our Thanksgiving feast and our Chanukah gift shop for kids only!]

For further information on our nursery school, please contact Fran Pearlson at 297-0295 



Sisterhood Sizzles

COMING EVENTS

December 9

Come join us for our recipe swap at 8:00. Great Food! Great Conversation! And Great Fun! Each participant needs to bring a kosher parve or dairy food item. If it is to be served hot, it should be warmed at your house prior to the meeting. Bring the recipe on an index card. Every body who participates will receive copies of all the wonderful recipes.

Please RSVP to Caryl Greenberg 297-3780 to let us know if you will attend. This meeting will be held at the home of Helene Feinberg. Directions: Take route 1 to Henderson Road (towards rte 27). Make the second left onto Crestview. Then make a left onto Eleanor. Helene's is #104 Eleanor. Also, please bring snack foods for the local food bank.

January 24

Sunday morning at 10:00 am Susan Pomerantz from the Central NJ Jewish Home for the Aged will discuss aspects of the home as well as issues around aging relevant to all. Please bring unscented baby wipes for a local woman's shelter.



Thanks to Marilyn Simon for her informative program.

Notes & Stuff

*After a brief hiatus we are bringing back the fashion show. Are you interested in chairing this event. Please call Beth @ 422-6926.

*Please continue to collect your Gallery Cleaners receipts. By forwarding your yellow copy to Shelly Talmud at 1 Point of Woods Dr. North Brunswick, Sisterhood will receive 10% of the bill. Any questions call Shelly at 297-3112.

*The gift shop will be open on Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd from 5:00 – 6:00 and Sunday December 6th from 9:00 – 12:00 for the Religious School sale. This is where children can buy Chanukah gifts for their siblings and parents at affordable prices. For last minute Chanukah shopping we will also be open Sunday December 13th from 9:00 – 12:00.

*Why go out to Hallmark when you can call Sandra and she can send a torah fund card. Please give her a call at 940-8744 and for \$3.50 a card can be sent for any occasion or just to let someone know that you are thinking of them.

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Three ¾ Bushels VALUE!/\$109	Gift # 3N3	Gift #3G3	Gift #3M3
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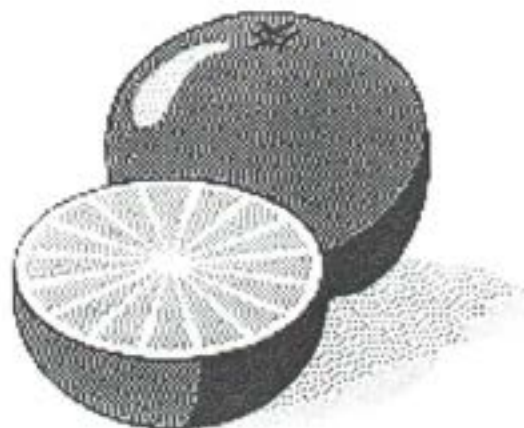
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Basic dinner includes (serves 4):

Chicken (1 large or 2 small)
1 lb salad
1 lb kugel
1 challah

Substitute Veg Cutlets for Chicken (add \$1.00)

For an additional \$5.00 we will deliver your dinner to your door (or to a friend's house as a special Shabbat gift). North/South Brunswick only. (exceptions can be made, please call).

Basic Dinners: _____ x \$23.00 = _____
Substitute Vegetarian cutlets _____ x \$ 1.00 = _____

Choices: (choose one from each category for each dinner ordered)

Salad: _____ Potato _____ Cucumber
_____ Coleslaw _____ Health
Kugel: _____ Potato _____ Noodle _____ Apple
Challah: _____ Traditional _____ Raisin _____ Whole Wheat

Additional Items (available after at least one basic dinner has been ordered)

Salad: _____ Potato _____ Cucumber _____ x \$ 2.75
_____ Coleslaw _____ Health
Kugel: _____ Potato _____ Noodle _____ Apple _____ x \$ 3.75 =
Challah: _____ Trad. _____ Raisin _____ W.W. _____ x \$ 2.75 =
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While bread is the staff of life; BLOOD is the *stuff* of life! Each time you donate a pint of blood, you give the gift of life to people in desperate need. Becoming a blood donor is a *mitzvah* that ought to become part of one's life in early adulthood, and continue through the senior years. And multiple donations each year are the ideal!

The demand for blood is constantly increasing, yet the pool of blood donors doesn't seem to grow in answer to the need. For whatever reasons, only 5% of all of us eligible donate blood. There's no substitute for human blood.

On January 10th 1999 we'll be holding the Synagogue Annual Blood Donor Drive, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Last January's drive collected 45-pints from over fifty people attending. We look forward to an even better response this drive. We hope to collect fifty or more pints, **with your help!**

Think about the following and make a commitment to join us as a donor.

WHAT GOOD IS A BLOOD DONOR? A BLOOD DONOR IS GOOD FOR:

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The New Jersey Farmers Against Hunger truck was there to whisk the 2/3 of a ton of food to soup kitchens to feed the hungry. Students got down and dirty in the process, but equipped with rubber gloves and determination, the task was an exercise of satisfaction in knowing that those less fortunate than them would 'reap' the benefits of their reaping!

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AN INTRODUCTION TO CHANUKAH

Submitted by Jacqueline Master

Chanukah – Festival of Lights

In 165 BCE the Hellenistic Syrians led by Antiochus tried to impose their language, customs, and religious practices on the Jews. Many Jews refused to follow the Greek practices and would not bow down to their idols.

Judah Maccabee (Maccabee means hammer in Hebrew) and his brothers led a small group of fighters from Modin in a successful revolt against the Syrians despite being out armed and outnumbered

Upon their return to Jerusalem they found that the Holy Temple in Jerusalem had been defiled. The Jews set to work cleaning and re-sanctifying the Temple, but when they went to light the Ner Tamid (Eternal Light), there was only enough sacred oil left for one day.

The journey to obtain additional oil took eight days round trip. That single days worth of oil burned for the entire eight days it took to replenish the supply. It was a Miracle.

For this reason we celebrate Chanukah (Hebrew for dedication) by lighting candles for eight consecutive nights.

We place an additional candle in the menorah each night going from right to left, and they are lit with the shammash (servant). On the last night all eight candles are lit.

A Chanukah tradition is the game of dreidel. A dreidel is a four-sided top with a letter on each side, Nun, Gimmel, Hay, and Shin. It stands for the Hebrew phrase Nes Gadol Hayah Sham, "A Great Miracle Happened There." Some say the dreidel originated when the Jews were forbidden to study Torah by the Syrians. They would use the dreidel to make the Syrians think they were playing a game when all the while they were studying.

We eat foods such as latkes, potato pancakes fried in oil, or jelly donuts to commemorate the miracle of the oil.

Happy Chanukah! 🕯️



Mazal Tov To Our B'nai Mitzvah



Jessica Halpern - December 5
Eva Kaminker - December 12
Harry Uniman - December 19
Jordan Asch - January 16



What is a Minyon?


Submitted by Nicole Danto

What is a minyon? A minyon is a quorum of 10 adults that come together to pray. Seven years ago, my grandmother passed away. My family & I were very fortunate that people in the congregation came together to make a minyon so that my mother could say Kaddish. Since then, this has become a daily "ritual" in our temple. At anytime, if someone needed a minyon, we (as a congregation) would be available.

Making a minyon is not a chore. In the Torah it is a Mitzvah - a commandment. Many people have needed a minyon and sometimes we as a congregation have NOT pulled together to help these mourners to say Kaddish. Do we realize that without a minyon, the mourner can NOT say this prayer?

It is time to change this. We as a congregation must make a commitment to fulfill this basic need of our fellow congregants. We must realize that, unfortunately, all of us at some point will need to say Mourners Kaddish ourselves. No one should have to worry whether a minyon will be present to do so. Let's not let this tradition die like so many others.

How can we change this? It's simple. Minyon is held Sunday through Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in room 3 in the Religious School Wing. Make a commitment to yourselves and your fellow congregants to attend minyon a few times a year. On nights when you have meetings at the temple arrive at 7:30 instead of 7:45 or 8:00 (trust me most meetings won't start until Kadish has been said). If you're home watching Jeopardy, hop in the car and head for the temple instead. You'll be doing yourself and someone else a huge favor.

Weekday minyon lasts between fifteen and twenty minutes (twelve if Irwin Millinger leads it) and is not only painless but can be a rewarding experience knowing you were able to assist someone else in fulfilling a necessary obligation. I hope to see you there soon. 

Everything you need to know for lighting your chanukiyah

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Place one new candle in the chanukiyah for each night of Chanukah, increasing one candle per night (plus the shamash). Candles should be placed from right to left. Say the following blessings first. Then light the shamash first and use it to light from left to right.

On each night:

ברוך אתה יי אל ה' מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה:

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam
ahser kidishanu bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik
ner shel Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has made us holy by mitzvot and instructed us to light the Chanukah candles.

On each night:

ברוך אתה יי אל ה' מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו
במים ההם בזמן הזה:

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam
she'asah nisim lavotaynu bayamim hahaym
bazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days.

On the first night only:

ברוך אתה יי אל ה' מלך העולם שהצונו וקיימנו והצונו להדליק
למנו הזה:

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam
she-hecheyanu vekimanu vehigyanu lazman
hazeh.*








Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us to reach this day.

After you have lit the candles, read the following prayer called *Hanerot Hallalu*.

הנרות הללו אנו מדליקין על הנסים ועל הנפלאות ועל
התשועות ועל המלחמות שעשית לאבותינו בימים ההם
בזמן הזה על ידי פנהיך הקדושים. וכל שמונת ימי חנוכה
הנרות הללו קדש הם, ואין לנו רשות להשתמש בהם אלא
לראותם בלבד, כפי להודות ולהלל לשמך הגדול, על נסיהך
ועל נפלאותיך ועל ישועתך:

In order to recall the miracles and wonders that You performed for our ancestors through the agency of holy priests, we kindle these lights. We hold these flames sacred throughout the eight-day Chanukah period; we shall not make any profane use of them. Instead, we will simply look at them so that we may recall Your reputation as a God who makes miracles, does wonders, and delivers our people.

Remember:

-  Load from the right; light from the left.
-  Place your chanukiyah in the window nearest the street so all can see.
-  Candle holders in traditional chanukiyot are all on the same level, with a higher or separate shamash.
-  On Shabbat Chanukah (December 18th), light the Chanukah candles before you light the Shabbat candles. Candle lightings should be at 4:15 PM.
-  Light your candles after nightfall but early enough so that people can see them.
-  At the end of Shabbat Chanukah (December 19th), do Havdalah first and then light the Chanukah candles.
-  Don't use the lights of Chanukah for practical purposes, like reading.



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Congregant Corner

Submitted by Albert Sway

My father, David Sway, of Blessed Memory, was Editor and Publisher of THE JEWISH WORLD in Cincinnati for many years. One of the stories he wrote, I thought, the readers of the HaKol would like to read...

Once upon a time, in the city of Snipichok there was a Rabbi by the name of Reb Schmul. The Jews of Snipichok lived from Sabbath to Sabbath. It means that on the routine days they lived on whatever came to hand — a piece of bread, a plate of soup, or a piece of herring. On the Sabbath, however, they enjoyed themselves amply — chicken, fish, "kugel" and all the trimmings of sumptuous feasting.

On Thursday evening, the Rebetzin Bessie gave a small bottle to Reb Schmul and asked him to buy yeast so she could bake "challe" in honor of the Sabbath. On the way to the grocery he met his colleague, Rabbi Eliezer. Seeing Rabbi Eliezer's face wreathed in smiles, he asked the reason for his good humor.

"Don't you know that the Grand Rabbi, the Tsadik of Sadagura who is Rabbi of tens of thousands of Chassidim and known the world over is coming for the Sabbath in the city of Yanova, just 20 miles from here?" Rabbi Eliezer asked.

"Then what are we doing here?" replied Reb Schmul. "Let's go over to Yanova and have a real Oneg Shabbath."

They lost no time, took the next buss and arrived in Yanova on Friday morning.

The Rebetzin spent a sleepless night, worrying over what could have happened to Reb Schmul. As soon as it was day she made a careful inquiry for her husband, searching every where, and helped by neighbors and

townsfolk who beat the bushes on the edge of town.

Thus, while the town of Snipichok was dejected with misgivings over the fate of Reb Schmul, the city of Yanova glowed in ecstasy over the sermons, the singing and the festive spirit of the Tsadik of Sadagura and his Chassidim. And Reb Schmul was in the midst of the most festive ones. Thus, passed the time until late Saturday night.

In the jollification and the merry karahot with the rabbis and Chassidim clasping each other and pinching each other's beards and pulling on their coat lapels, Reb Schmul lost his footing, tumbled to the floor. While on the floor, Reb Schmul felt the bottle that the Rebetzin gave him to buy yeast.

All the festivity deserted him as he thought of the consequences to follow his neglect of the Rebetzin's errand.

Leaving the crowd he hurried to the street boarded a bus for the return to Snipichok. Arriving in town, he ran to the grocer, purchased the yeast, then hurried home.

At the threshold of his house, the Rebetzin greeted him with pleased surprise —

"Oh, Reb Schmul And alive!"

Hurrying indoors, Reb Schmul tripped over the threshold and dropped the bottle with its contents of yeast.

Looking anxiously at the Rebetzin, and glancing at the shattered bottle with its contents spilled, Reb Schmul took refuge in a favorite aphorism —

"Well, that comes of doing things in haste!" 

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Kim's Kitchen

Well, it's time for Chanukah and what would Chanukah be without some delicious foods fried in oil. However, this year I'm going to break with tradition just a little. Yes, the obligatory latke recipe follows but I'm going to suggest the unthinkable, a non-stick pan and only one tablespoon of oil. I know you die hard latke fryers out there have probably fallen out of your chairs but there are those of us who are watching our waistlines (we keep watching as they grow bigger and bigger... well you know what I mean).

Anyway, what follows is a low fat latke recipe given to me by Caryl Distel. I tried it out some weeks ago and got the thumbs up from my husband (an extremely critical latke eater). However, there are a few tricks when preparing this that I would suggest:

1. Use a very good non-stick pan.
2. Make sure the pan is good and hot so the latkes develop a crispy coating quickly. When I cooked these over a medium heat they stuck more than over a medium-high heat.
3. Make sure you have a good spatula that you can get underneath the latkes with otherwise you'll leave the crispy brown coating stuck to the pan.

It's a little extra work, but they taste pretty good and believe it or not are good for you. Of course, if you don't mind the extra calories use the same recipe but pour that oil freely. Enjoy!

- 1 1/2 pounds baking potatoes -- cubed/peeled
- 2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 2 egg whites
- 1 small onion -- quartered
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil -- divided
- 6 tablespoons non-fat sour cream

1. Place first seven ingredients in food processor
2. Pulse a few times or until finely chopped.
3. Heat oil in large non-stick skillet over medium high heat.
4. Spoon about one heaping tablespoon of batter per pancake into skillet; cook one and one-half minutes on each side or until browned.
5. Repeat procedure with remaining oil and batter.

Serve pancakes with sour cream garnished with minced green onion.

Yield: 6 servings each 4 pancakes and 1 tablespoon sour cream.

For anyone on weight watchers one serving equals two points.

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Thank you,

Rabbi David M. Eligberg

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