



Congregation's Hanukkah Party Is Dec. 1 *Lots of Singing, Dancing and Latkes!*

Temple Israel will officially mark Hanukkah on Sunday, December 1, in the Crystal Ballroom, when the congregation will celebrate at a joyous holiday party, to be held from 5-7 P.M. In addition, there will be a carnival for children ages 2-12, to be run by Waxman Youth House teens, to raise funds for Philippine typhoon relief.

At the Hanukkah party Cantor Raphael Frieder will lead the lighting of the congregation's large menorah, but all are invited to bring their own family menorah and join in the candle lighting.

Singing, dancing, lots of traditional food, along with music by the Temple Israel Band, will highlight the celebration of the holiday, which this year begins on Wednesday evening, November 27, and lasts for eight days.

"This is a chance to celebrate Hanukkah with the Temple Israel family," said Rabbi Howard Stecker. "All of the generations of the congregation will be able to come together as one to mark the holiday," he said.

Cantor Frieder said he would lead the Temple Israel Band in singing and dancing to traditional Hanukkah songs, along with Israeli and Hassidic melodies, before and after the candle lighting.

Funds raised at the carnival will support efforts of the American Jewish World Service's Urgent Aid to the Philippines.

Hanukkah commemorates the Jewish people's successful rebellion against the Syrian Greeks in the Maccabean War from 167-160 BCE. A ritual cleansing and rededication of the Temple occurred after the victory by the Jews. It is believed that there was only enough consecrated oil to keep a lamp burning for one day, but the small bottle of oil miraculously lasted for eight days.

Although there is no Hanukkah Party admission charge, it is requested that reservations be made with the office by November 27 to make sure there are enough latkes and Hanukkah *gelt* to go around. The office can be reached by calling 482-7800.



All Is Set for Dinner Dance Honoring the Steckers

Final plans are underway for Temple Israel's 49th dinner dance, honoring Deanna and Rabbi Howard Stecker, on Saturday, December 7.

"There is still time to make reservations and place a journal ad—but just barely," said Dinner Dance Co-Chair Ronda Bloom. "Rabbi Stecker and Deanna have made a major impact on our congregation, and this dinner dance is an opportunity to show our appreciation."

She said the evening's celebration will have a community and social feeling to it. "Food will be diverse and interesting and the sit-down dinner will appeal to the vary-

ing tastes of the congregation. The live band, The Ike Walkover Orchestra, will be playing a wide variety of mainstream and *simcha* music. Given Rabbi Stecker's well-known love of music, we wanted to pay special attention to the evening's entertainment." The Dinner Dance Committee has even ordered up a special drink for the evening, a "Rabbinical Mojito."

"This evening will be a celebration of the Stecker's remarkable past ten years with us and an anticipation of what the coming years will bring," she said.

To make dinner dance reservations and place a journal ad, call the Temple Israel office at 482-7800.

IDF 1st Lieutenant to Speak at Men's Club Breakfast Nov. 24th

A first lieutenant in the Israel Defense Forces involved with the country's Iron Dome Defense System will be the guest speaker at a Men's Club breakfast on Sunday, November 24.

The breakfast, which starts at 9:15 A.M. in the Crystal Ballroom, will be followed by the presentation at 10 A.M. There is no charge for the breakfast or program.

Nitzan Elimeleh is assigned to the Operations Department of the Israeli Air Force, in charge of the performance of the Iron Dome Defense System. He decides where to deploy the system, who will operate it, and when. The system, designed to knock out incoming enemy rockets before they reach their target, has repeatedly been used successfully by Israel in recent years.

The lieutenant was born in Israel and grew up throughout the country because his father, a military man, traveled extensively until his recent retirement with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has a 27-year old sister who works in the prime minister's office and a 23-year old brother who is a pilot with the 69th Air Force Squadron.

Lieutenant Elimeleh enlisted in the army and joined a flight academy six days after graduating from high school. He left the academy to join Air Force Iron Dome training and was the first of three officers to graduate. He joined a team that set-up an Iron Dome battery in 2010 and received training to set-up the system quickly in the field, if needed.

The IDF has been guarding the State of Israel since it declared independence in 1948. The presentation is made possible through the Friends of the IDF, which has taken on the responsibility of providing soldiers with support in an effort to ease the burden they carry on behalf of Israel. They provide financial aid to soldiers in need, grant academic scholarships to former combat soldiers and helping bereaved families.

The Art at Temple Israel

By David Feingold

EDITOR'S NOTE: A walk around Temple Israel reveals quite a number of worthwhile works of art, as reviewed in this Voice Guest Column by David Feingold, a curator at the Temple Israel Museum.

Temple Israel has a collection of beautiful and important works of art which is accessible to everyone.

In the sculpture garden at the rear entrance to Temple Israel can be found the large bronze sculpture "Aaron and the Tabernacles," by Bernard Reder. He was born in Czernowitz, Bukovina, and had a one-man show at the Whitney Museum in New York City. Also in the garden is "The Decalogue-Moses" by Chaim Gross. His studio in Soho is now a museum open to the public. Both sculptures were donated in memory of Dorothy Sanders by her family.

Next to the main stairway in the lobby is the Lucite and bronze "Ten Commandments," also by Chaim Gross. This work of art was donated by Ruth and Jack Wexler.

On the bridge corridor connecting the Sanctuary and the Grand Ballroom are many wonderful pieces. Be sure to note the large stone head, "The Prophet," by Sally Grosz Bodkin, donated by her son, Robert.

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Also, the pink marble sculpture "The Minyan," by Bernard Simon (1896-1980) which is worked on all four sides. This was given to Temple Israel by the Dorothy Sanders

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FROM THE RABBI

Decisions, Decisions

By Rabbi Howard Stecker

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rabbi Stecker delivered the following sermon a few weeks ago about the dynamics of making difficult decisions.

A long, long time ago, back in the day, before GPS, before Google maps and Waze, when people would get in a car and drive from one place to the other, they would listen to traffic reports and decide what roads to take based on hearsay and reasonably blind faith.

De and I would set out in our car from Long Island and head to New Jersey to visit my parents with our children joyfully co-existing in the back seat. And as we were

...tough decisions call for two things: focus and faith.

driving north on the Cross Island, the inevitable question would be raised:

Do we take the Throgs Neck to the Cross Bronx or the Triborough to the Harlem River Drive?

I would pose the question to De and, over time, she learned not to answer. Because if she answered and then we got stuck in traffic, while I didn't mean to blame her, my affect and tone of voice would sug-

gest otherwise.

I want to spend some time reflecting on how we make decisions. Indeed, it is easier now than it was 15 years ago to figure out what roads to take from point A to point B in the literal realm, but metaphorically it's another story.

Many of the decisions we are called upon to make, large and small, economic and emotional, remain quite challenging.

Do we pursue this career or that career? Do we take the job offer at the startup company or the established company?

Do we join this synagogue or that synagogue or no synagogue at all?

Do we commit to the person we're dating or not?

Do we seek this treatment or that treatment for a particular illness?

Of course, we can look to precedent, we can mine our faith traditions for guidance, we can consult a family member or a friend.

But ultimately, in most cases, we realize that these decisions are up to us, whether they affect us alone or impact others, as well.

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Support for Israel

By Alan Klinger

Much attention continues to be paid to the Pew Research Center's report on religion and public life. My last column focused on the reported figures for Conservative and Reform affiliation and steps being recommended by United Synagogue for changing the downward trend in our numbers. Another aspect that is garnering attention is the report's findings about Israel.

Approximately 70 percent of American Jews surveyed said they felt very or somewhat attached to Israel, a figure essentially unchanged over the past ten years. But only 38 percent expressed the view that the Israeli government is making a sincere effort to establish peace with the Palestinians (albeit a figure much higher than the percentage—12 percent—that believe the Palestinian leaders are sincere in seeking peace with Israel). Given the pressure Israel is facing with the possible rapprochement between the United States and Iran that could lead to lessened sanctions and allow Iran greater freedom in its pursuit of nuclear capability, the interests of Israel would, I

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believe, be better served if American Jewry became more supportive of its approach. This, of course, becomes quite controversial, for there is significant disagreement with settlement policy and related matters. It is with this backdrop that I'd like to relate two recent events that Susan and I attended.

The first was the keynote address at the recent Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York gathering delivered by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. There, Olmert opened up to the audience his view that a two-state solution was necessary and that compromises needed to be made to achieve a workable, though not perfect, solution. He questioned whether certain parts of East Jerusalem had historical, religious or practical needs for the Jewish state. He suggested to the audience that dialogue was needed within the Jewish people in order to reach a position that could lead to positive results with the Palestinian negotiators.

The second was a program this past week at the Jewish Theological Seminary

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IN MEMORIAM

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MAZAL TOV TO . . .

• **Dr. Karen Lewkowitz-Miller and Monte Miller**, and Dr. Robert Shpuntoff on the engagement of their daughter, Hilana Megan Lewkowitz-Shpuntoff, to Neil Ruben.

• **Bernice and Joseph Tanenbaum** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Molly Leah Tanenbaum, to Ian Scott Spiro.

• **Gail and Jeffrey Zahler** on the birth of their grandson, Grey Matthew Goldman.

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Sat., Nov. 23	8:45 A.M.	3:55 P.M.
Sat., Nov. 30	8:45 A.M.	3:50 P.M.
Sunday	8:15 A.M.	8:00 P.M.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Kindle the Sabbath lights!

Friday, November 22.....	4:14 P.M.
Friday, November 29.....	4:11 P.M.

IN QUOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE: "In Quotes" calls attention to passages from Jewish prayers and writings frequently overlooked or said by rote, but profoundly written.

This issue's quote, from Psalm 7, was submitted by Past President George Abrahams, a frequent contributor to this feature. Send your suggestion to The Voice, c/o Temple Israel.

“ O Lord, who ministers judgment to the peoples,
Judge me, O Lord,
According to my righteousness,
and according to my integrity that is in me. ”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

Nov.	24	Men's Club Breakfast Featuring Nitzan Elimeleh of the IDF	9:15 A.M.
	25	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Aloysius Church	7:15 P.M.
Dec.	1	Congregational Hanukkah Party	5:00 P.M.
	3	Sisterhood Discussion Group: "A Dual Inheritance" by Joanna Hershon	7:00 P.M.
	5	Men's Club "Latkes and Vodka" Program	7:30 P.M.
	6	Waxman Youth House Family Friday Night Dinner	7:30 P.M.
	7	Gala Journal Dinner Dance Honoring Deanna and Rabbi Howard Stecker	7:00 P.M.
	8	Temple Israel Players Auditions For Adults	5:00 P.M.
	9	Temple Israel Players Auditions For Children	7:00 P.M.
	9	Temple Israel Players Auditions For Adults	7:30 P.M.
	10	Sisterhood Lunch and Read Program	Noon
	11	Temple Israel Players Audition Callbacks	7:30 P.M.
	16	Sisterhood Luncheon	Noon
	19	Board of Trustees Meeting	8:15 P.M.
	22	Shalom Club Dinner Meeting	6:30 P.M.

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Celebrating Hanukkah in the Schools

By Rabbi Amy Roth



Samuel Chiche

Samuel Chiche will be celebrating his *Bar Mitzvah* on November 30. He is the son of Elizabeth Atkins and Stephane Chiche. Sam enjoys swimming, and has participated in the Great Neck North Middle Boy's Swim Team. He plays the piano and the double bass and is part of the school orchestra's bass section. Sam also likes to travel and learn languages, including French with his native-speaking grandparents, Freddy and Evelyn Chiche. Sam is enrolled in the Waxman High School and Youth House and he plans to continue to participate following his *Bar Mitzvah*. This December Sam's Great Neck grandparents, lifelong members of Temple Israel, Simmy-Lou and Robert Atkins, will accompany him on his first trip to Israel in honor of his becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.

As we welcomed the new Hebrew month of Kislev, we began our various explorations into the meaning of Hanukkah. Our youngest Beth HaGan children continue to learn songs and the blessings, while our Religious School students recite the blessings and discuss concepts of religious freedom, and our Youth House young adults find ways of expressing Jewish values of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) as we approach the Festival of Lights.

All of our children know that the fun, delicious holiday of Hanukkah has an important social justice component. We collect toys for the needy in our midst; this year one of our Youth House students has initiated a drive for Chai Lifeline (an organization supporting children with cancer, as well as their families). There are collection boxes throughout the school wing, as well as the Youth House. Please bring in new, unused toys for all ages. As we model for our children the value in giving *tzedakah*, we help add meaning to our Hanukkah celebration. Many families have the practice of dedicating (pun intended: Hanukkah literally means dedication) one night to giving gifts to those in need, be it through delivering food to a food pantry, or donating money or gifts to an organization. The confluence of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving this year presents an even more meaningful opportunity for giving *tzedakah* and sharing our blessings.

As parents and educators, we work hard to create strong, meaningful memories for our children. We are about to experience

a once-in-a-lifetime "Thanksgiving" (joint Hanukkah and Thanksgiving celebration!); why not mark this significant date with a family act of *tzedakah*, of giving either here at Temple Israel or elsewhere in the community. We are making a concerted effort in our classes to discuss and collect for the typhoon survivors in the Philippines, through various relief organizations (American Jewish World Service and Jewish Federation of North America).

In addition to ushering in the festive month of Kislev with song, dance and prizes, the Religious School monthly *hadashot b'radio* (our version of a radio news broadcast) began. Vav students have been creating the "*Hadashot: News about Jews Around the World*" bulletin board, and broadcasting highlights on our very own Temple Israel "radio" (read-intercom) show! This will be a monthly occurrence as the sixth graders learn to research and connect with current events in Israel, as well as issues relating to Jews in other parts of the world, including local news. They are using the schools' new ipads to assist them in their research, and are developing skills of finding Jewish news and teasing-out Jewish-related issues in general news stories. We are hoping that, in time, they hone their research skills and develop a sensitivity to Jewish points of view in the goings-on in the world around us.

Come visit the school wing! When walking the halls, you will feel the vibrancy in the colorful bulletin boards, walls adorned in Hanukkah splendor, as well as the artwork and faces of our Temple Israel children learning, singing, playing—and developing into young Jews.

Hag Urim Sameach—I wish you a joyous, happy Hanukkah. It is sure to be a memorable and historical one.

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entitled "Israel's Safety—Israel's Soul," featuring a debate between Yossi Klein Halevi, a senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, and David Senesh, a clinical psychologist who specializes in the field of restorative justice and conflict resolution and is also a lecturer at Levinsky College of Education in Tel Aviv. The discussion centered on Israel's use of power in the defense of her interests, with a specific focus on the treatment of Arabs within Israel's borders. While there was firm agreement on Israel's right to defend herself and the belief that Israel could not afford to risk losing any war, their positions diverged on how Israel should treat its Arab residents. Halevi argued that national security compelled the current limitations on freedom of movement while Senesh, himself a former prisoner of war (and nephew of the Israeli hero Hannah Senesh), contended that the restrictions on Arabs were injurious to Israel's moral standing. What I took from the discussion, however, was a point echoing one made by Olmert: that both Jewish camps need to be able to have civil discourse on these fundamentally significant issues if the "soul" of Israel is to be preserved. But the civil discourse need not only be in Israel. In response to a question from the moderator, both speakers agreed that American Jews have a right to be heard on these subjects. We need here that same type of tolerance for different views in order hopefully to achieve a productive dialogue that can help Israel. Let's hope in this season of Thanksgiving and the celebration of the miracles of the Maccabees that people both here and in Israel can engage in such fruitful discussions such that there can be a more united front in dealing with the thorny issues of peace in the Mideast.

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Hanukkah: An Ode to Latkes and Candles

By Rabbi Seth Adleson

Ah, the latke! It hits the Jewish palate with an unfettered, pleasurable mix of memory, satisfaction, and fried wonderful-ness. Of course, the use of oil reminds us of the Hanukkah miracle. But who can argue that this culinary treasure is an icon unto itself, a ritual that engages body and soul with Jewish history and peoplehood, pressing the savory, sweet, and holy buttons all at once.

Here's a new twist on an old favorite, appropriate for Hanukkah and Thanksgiving:

Spaghetti Squash Latkes!

- 1 average spaghetti squash
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour (use more if necessary for binding)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt; A couple sprinkles black pepper
- 1/2-3/4 cup olive oil (you can also use coconut oil for crispier results)
- Optional toppings: Sour cream, apple sauce, salsa, Sriracha, etc.

Cut squash in half, remove seeds, place on a baking tray, and bake at 350° for 30-45 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for at least 10 minutes. Remove squash strands with a fork. If necessary, cut strands on a cutting board to make them more manageable. Place squash strands in a bowl and mix with beaten egg, flour, salt and pepper. Heat oil in a nonstick pan. Drop squash mixture into 3-inch round patties. Fry until brown and crispy. Remove latkes from oil and place on a platter layered with paper towels to absorb extra oil. Serve hot!

Savor the taste of Hanukkah, remember the miracle, and don't forget to light the candles!

Lighting the Hanukkah Candles

Before kindling the lights, the following blessings are recited, the first two every night and the third one only on the first night:

Barukh attah adonai, elohienu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with Thy commandments, and commanded us to light Hanukkah lights.

Barukh attah adonai, elohienu melekh ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man hazeh.

Blessed are Thou, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has performed miracles for our fathers in those days, and in our time.

On the first night of Hanukkah add:

Barukh attah adonai, elohienu melekh ha-olam she-heyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la z'man ha zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life and sustenance and permitted us to reach this season.

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Sisterhood Sending Gift Packages To Students Away at College

Sisterhood's college mailing committee sent the first "Welcome to College, and Happy New Year" package to more than 40 college students whose parents are members of the congregation. They enjoy receiving the packages and the Sisterhood has been receiving wonderful feedback from students, parents and family.

There will be three more mailings, with care packages relevant to Hanukkah, Purim and Passover. Since Hanukkah and Thanksgiving will be celebrated together this year, the package to students will include a chocolate turkey along with special dreidels.

It is not too late to participate in the program. Contact Marlene Handelman at 570-0037 to add your student's name to the Sisterhood gift list.

The Art at Temple Israel

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Memorial Fund, the Aaron Louis Shor Scholarship Fund, and Elayne and Harold Bernstein and family. The bronze sculpture "The Sacrifice," by Bruno Lucchesi, was donated by Ruth and Jack Wexler in honor of their granddaughter, Yvette. Other pieces by Lucchesi can be found in all the major museums of America.

Also, on the walls of the bridge corridor can be seen two paintings by artist Tully Filmus: "Morning Prayer" and "The Hasidim." Both were donated to Temple Israel by the artist. Two lithographs by Reuben Rubin (Romania 1893-Israel 1974) add vibrant color to the walls.

At the main entrance, by the Sanctuary, are a pair of large iron synagogue candelabras, probably dating from 18th century southern France. They were a gift of Norbert Schimmel in memory of his wife, Evelyn.

There are many other notable works of art at Temple Israel which will be covered in a future Voice Guest Column.

From the Rabbi: Decisions, Decisions

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Last week, the New York Times featured an article by an economics professor at University College London called, "Why We Make Bad Decisions."

She wrote about how stress and anxiety impact our decision-making, using her own situation to illustrate her points.

It seems that she came down with a condition that initially defied diagnosis, a condition that caused her to lose 30 pounds in a short period of time and, periodically, to experience intense pain.

Faced with a range of expert advice regarding a course of action that included lumbar injections and anti-depressants, she found herself having to evaluate her options in a state of anxiety and stress.

Here are a few things she learned: Stress can make people lose patience, leading to rash decisions. Anxiety can make people deferential, afraid to challenge experts who, the author discovered, are not always right.

Moreover, many people are innately optimistic about their own lives and that can sometimes cloud judgment, as well. For example, research has demonstrated that many people continue to smoke because they believe on some level that statistics about potential negative outcomes of smoking will not apply to them.

She urges that we be aware of what we are feeling so that we can do our best to identify if our judgment is being clouded.

She concludes by writing, "With brain switched on and eyes wide open, we can't always guarantee a positive outcome when it comes to a medical decision, but we can at least stack the odds in our favor." ("Why We Make Bad Decisions," New York Times, October 19, 2013, Noreena Hertz).

I'm sure that all of us here who have navigated medical decisions for ourselves and for loved ones can recognize many of the issues that the author raises.

Each issue is different and may call for a slightly different approach. But I want to suggest, based on this article and based on what our Biblical tradition teaches us, that tough decisions call for two things: focus and faith.

Focus, thinking carefully about something, weighing our thoughts and our feelings, determining what our priorities are.

And faith. Understanding that the ultimate outcome, in most situations, is beyond our complete control. Giving space for life to take its course with all of our forethought and planning.

Generations ago, father Abraham was worried about finding the right life-partner for his son, Isaac.

He sends his servant with ten camels, much bounty, to the family's hometown. The servant says (I'm paraphrasing): Dear God, I'm standing at the local watering hole. Give me a sign. When I ask a woman who comes to the spring to feed her flock if she can give me some water to drink, I will know that the woman who offers to give me as well as my camels water is the right woman for Isaac.

Was this just an arbitrary test? Not according to Rashi, who wrote that the servant was trying to determine if the woman was kind.

The servant was focused. He considered carefully what he was looking for, just as Abraham had done by insisting that the servant go to the family's hometown.

Just after the servant makes his statement, Rebecca comes forward. She's related and she fulfills the requirements by offering water for the servant as well as his camels.

She agrees to travel to Canaan with

him, she meets Isaac and, we are told, he marries her and loves her.

Abraham and his servant had focus and faith—focus to help them determine strategy and objective and faith that the intangibles would work out. As the author of the New York Times article might put it, they stacked the odds in their favor and then hoped for the best.

The balance between focus and faith is harder to achieve than we might imagine.

We could probably identify situations where we left too much to chance and situations where we probably should have relaxed a bit more than we did. And at a certain point we do need to try to relax, especially when things are out of our hands.

We can only study so much for a test, or spend so much time on a paper or a project, and then we have to take the test or present what we've prepared.

We can only spend so much time considering a college application or a career move and then we need to make our decisions and let others make theirs.

We can only spend so much energy identifying the ideal qualities of prince or princess charming before we let fate and pheromones do their part.

But the absence of study, calculation and energy—faith without focus—would be foolish, an abdication of our influence and responsibility.

And once the dust settles from our focus and our faith, from the decisions we make and the realities that crystallize around those decisions, we likely have to consider the next issue that presents itself, as Isaac may have when he turned to Rebecca and said, "Sweetheart, it's time to visit my father. Should we take the Cross Canaan or the Jordan River Drive?"

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D'VAR TORAH

By Rabbi Marim D. Charry

Vayeshev

Saturday, November 23

In this portion, the cycle of Joseph stories begins. Joseph, Jacob's favorite, angers his brothers by tattling and by recounting dreams in which he is clearly designated lord over his family. In retaliation, the brothers sell him into slavery and he is brought to Egypt. The story is interrupted at this point to recount an incident in the life of Judah. The narrative resumes with the account of Joseph's fortunes in Egypt. He is sold to a high official and becomes his major domo, but he runs afoul of his master's wife and is jailed. There, Joseph interprets the dreams of two fellow prisoners, Pharaoh's chief cup-bearer and chief baker. The cup-bearer is subsequently restored to his office, but he completely forgets about Joseph. The events of this story demonstrate the working out of God's carefully devised plan for His people and serve as the prelude to the drama of oppression and redemption which is the heart of the Biblical narrative.

Miketz

Saturday, November 30

The Joseph narrative is continued in this portion after two years. Pharaoh has two dreams which no one can interpret. The cup-bearer finally remembers Joseph, who is called from jail and interprets the dreams to mean that there will be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine. Joseph advises Pharaoh to store up food during the years of plenty, as a reserve for the famine. Pharaoh designates Joseph to implement such a plan. When the famine comes, Jacob sends his sons to Egypt for food. By way of testing their character, Joseph, whom they don't recognize, although he recognizes them, puts his brothers through a series of tests involving their father and youngest brother, Benjamin. In these episodes we see the prediction of Joseph's dreams realized as God moves His plan inexorably forward through human agency.

Happy Hanukkah!

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday, November 22

N'Ranenah / Evening Service 6:30 P.M.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner 7:30 P.M.
For College Grads and Friends

Saturday, November 23

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.
Weekly Portion: Vayeshev; Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6 - 3:8

Sabbath Service Officers:

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Havurah Service 10:00 A.M.
Machon Family Service 10:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation 10:30 A.M.
Toddler Service 11:00 A.M.
Minhah and Ma'ariv 3:55 P.M.
Havdalah 5:14 P.M.

Friday, November 29

Evening Service 4:15 P.M.

Saturday, November 30

Morning Service 8:45 A.M.

Weekly Portion: Miketz

Genesis 41:1 - 44:17; Numbers 7:24 - 35

Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7

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