

## BULLETIN

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Chanukah 2023

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## CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT TEMPLE EMANUEL OF NORTH JERSEY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 6:00 P.M.

**\$20 per person/Children under 12 Free**

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**RABBINICAL REFLECTIONS**

Friends:

Each year, we dispel the darkness of the winter nights with the increasingly luminous light of our Chanukah candles. In the words of the Chanukah song: “Ba’nu Choshech L’Garesh...” – “We come to banish the darkness / In our hands is light and flame / Each of us is a small light / Together we produce a mighty blaze!”

This year, as we approach Chanukah, the Jewish People is enduring dark times. As we celebrate the victory of the Hasmoneans – the Maccabees – against a cruel enemy intent on destroying Jewish life, the State of Israel is at war to eradicate a genocidal terrorist threat in the wake of atrocities and human losses not suffered by our People since the Holocaust. Antisemitism is rising in many countries including our own, painfully so on college campuses, and has metastasized on the fringes of both the political right and the political left. There is much darkness to dispel.

“Together we produce a mighty beacon” – During these dark times, Jewish unity and communal cohesion have grown dramatically. Investment in community – and the benefits and blessings that arise from identifying actively, openly, and personally with community – has led to a rise in participation and attendance here at Temple Emanuel of North Jersey, as elsewhere. I urge you to join that trend and to connect with community and congregation – with Jewish celebration and observance – at a time when the “small light” each of us can maintain needs to be fanned into a blazing spiritual, religious and moral beacon. That we can achieve most effectively only together.

What better time for rededicating ourselves to community, tradition, and advocacy for Jewish sovereignty, freedom, and security in Israel than Chanukah... the Festival of Light... the Holiday of Rededication?!

We as American Jews have an indispensable role to play as advocates for Israel and the Zionist cause during these dark days. Let us remember – and take to heart – the words of American Zionist leader and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis:

“As part of the eternal world-wide struggle for democracy, the struggle of the Maccabees is of eternal world-wide interest. It is a struggle of Jews today, as well as those of 2,000 years ago. It is a struggle of America as well as of [the Land of Israel]. It is a struggle in which all Americans, non-Jews as well as Jews, should be vitally interested because they are vitally affected.”

“Ba’nu Choshech L’Garesh...” – “We come to banish the darkness / In our hands is light and flame / Each of us is a small light / Together we produce a mighty blaze!”

Wishing you a luminous Chanukah and the blessings of faith and community... as we pray for ever brighter and more peaceful days for a free, safe, sovereign State of Israel,

Rabbi Joseph H. Prouser



**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I wish all of you a Happy Chanukah! The holiday begins relatively early this year, on the evening of Thursday December 7th. I hope you will join us at the temple for an evening of fun as we light up the night at our Chanukah Menorah lighting on December 11th at 6:00 PM. Whether you come for soup and Latkes, contests, or Vodka and Latkes, I know you will enjoy it and you won't want to miss out on a chance to win some great prizes.



As we enter the calendar year 2024, we should respond to the world situation by supporting activities even more at Temple Emanuel to demonstrate our strength and resilience for ourselves and the community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you on the evening of December 11th and have a Happy Chanukah!

Chag Chanukah Sameach.

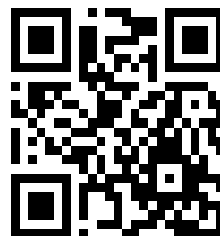
Bob Goldberg, President

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**If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at 201-560-0200 or email us at [office@tenjfl.org](mailto:office@tenjfl.org).**

## Guide to Lighting Chanukah Candles

Using an extra candle called the Shamash, light one candle on the first night (starting at the extreme right side of the chanukiah) and add a candle each night. Always begin by lighting the newest candle first. One should light Chanukah candles near a window, visible from outside.

Each night, before lighting the candles, the first two blessings below are recited. On the first night, the third blessing is added.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu L'hadlik Ner Shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe who sanctified us with his commandments and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבֹּתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם  
בְּזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam She-Asah Nisim La-avoteinu Bayamim Ha-heim Ba-zman Haze.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in those days, at this season.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ, וְקִיָּמָנוּ, וְהַגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam She-heche-yanu V'kiye-manu Vehigi-yanu La-z'man Ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!****December**

Ed Berkowitz  
Bruce Feller  
Bonnie Grossman  
Louis Grossman  
Julie LaPoff  
Harold Levison  
Linda Schwager  
Marc Zitcer

**January**

Larry Berman  
Rosalee Berman  
Hannah Lee Gold  
Alyssa Grossman  
Howard Schnoll  
Steven Schwager  
Kerry Skolnick  
Saul Sparber  
Ruth Susnick  
Allison Witkowski  
Susan Yudin

**February**

Ilyse Levison  
Ellen Lipschitz  
Jessica Safirstein  
Andrea Safirstein  
Barbara Zitcer

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!****February**

Ralph & Joan Gulko  
Mitch & Nancy Tanner

If your birthday or anniversary is within one of these months and you are a member, please let the office know and we will get it into the computer!

We would love to **spotlight your special moments**. Submit info of your and your family's milestones, celebrations, Bar/Bat-Mitzvah, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, births, graduations, trips, achievements, etc. to the TENJ temple office to include them here.

**Shabbat Simchah Greeting Cards**

can be sent for \$10 each. When there are 4 or more people celebrating in any on month, you can send greetings to everyone on the list for \$36. Donations from Shabbat Simchah Cards help fund our Kiddushes. Please contact the Temple Office to send a greeting card to one or more or to the entire Simchah list.

**Shabbat Simchah**

- ◆ Usually 3rd Shabbat each month.
- ◆ Join us in the celebration.
- ◆ You will be given the opportunity for an Aliyah in your honor.
- ◆ Help keep these wonderful good times alive by offering to help **sponsor the kiddush**.

**Shabbat Simchah dates in 2023-24!**

December 16  
January 20  
February 17  
March 16  
April 20  
May 18  
June 20

**Share your departed loved - one's story with TENJ's Yahrzeit Tributes**



Each week, TENJ publishes a bulletin for the Yahrzeits being observed in the coming week.

You are invited to submit brief (one paragraph) biographical sketch of the departed to be included.

You can submit your bio at any time. We will make sure it appears in the appropriate week. Please call the office at (201) 560-0200 or e-mail us at [office@tenjfl.org](mailto:office@tenjfl.org).

**Yahrzeitiyizkor Donations**

*The Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions which were made in memory of beloved departed.  
We identify our dear ones with eternity when we give in their names to the eternal Synagogue.*

<i>Anna Berkowitz</i> <b>Edmund Berkowitz</b>	<i>Milton Goodman</i> <b>Steve &amp; Debbie Goodman</b>	<i>Arthur Stuhlbach</i> <b>Miriam Nochimson &amp; Family</b>	<i>Steven Sherman</i> <b>Terry &amp; Kathleen Sherman</b>
<i>Lillian Braunstein</i> <i>Emanuel Braunstein</i> <i>Estelle Braunstein Rosen</i> <b>Lynda &amp; Allan Braunstein</b>	<i>Anita Gulko</i> <i>Benjamin Gulko</i> <b>Joan &amp; Ralph Gulko</b>	<i>Irving Kleinberg</i> <b>Bea Rittenberg</b>  <i>Fannie Rittenberg</i> <i>Paul Rittenberg</i> <b>Marty Rittenberg</b>	<i>Ethel Osder</i> <i>Raymond Osder</i> <i>Annette Stein</i> <b>Rona &amp; Alan Stein</b>
<i>Ida Chodosh</i> <i>Leona Chodosh</i> <b>Dr. H. Louis Chodosh &amp; Dr. Eliot Chodosh</b>	<i>Albert Sacks</i> <b>Harriet &amp; Harvey Halem</b>  <i>Ruth Koslow</i> <b>Sidney Koslow</b>	<i>Francis Grobert</i> <i>Sidney Grobert</i> <b>Merrill &amp; Laura Rutman</b>	<i>Harry Weiss</i> <b>Mitchell Weiss</b>  <i>Louis Westerman</i> <b>Sigmund Westerman</b>
<i>Isadore Davis</i> <i>Sylvia Davis</i> <b>Harriet Davis</b>	<i>Alyce Krawitz</i> <b>Michael Krawitz &amp; Family</b>	<i>Alice Safirstein</i> <b>Safirstein/Susnick Family</b>	<i>Anne Bograd</i> <i>Hyman Bograd</i> <b>Susan &amp; Bob Yudin</b>
<i>Barbara Stein Engel</i> <b>Peter Engel</b>	<i>Jerome Levine</i> <b>Charles &amp; Ellen Levine</b>	<i>Charles Panzer</i> <b>Howard &amp; Sheila Schnoll</b>	
<i>Shirley Gelerter</i> <b>Neil &amp; Dara Gelerter</b>	<i>Abraham Goldberg</i> <b>Joy &amp; David Levitt &amp; Family</b>		
<i>Sarah Falk</i> <b>Bob Goldberg</b>			

**May the names of the departed mentioned above be a blessing. We fondly remember those who have gone before us and carry forward their memories from generation to generation.**



### **Help us keep you informed of Upcoming Events and Yahrzeit Minyans at TENJ!**

- Make sure we have your email or best way to contact you. If you are not receiving our weekly mailing, please let us know.
- If you don't check email often, but would like to be on our call or text list for upcoming Minyans or other events, please contact the office and let us know your best contact number and whether we can text it.

*The Congregation gratefully acknowledges the following contributions over the last month(s):*

### In Honor

*In honor of all those who celebrated a birthday and/or anniversary simchah in the months of October & November 2023 the following people sent Simchah cards.*

**Rosalie & Larry Berman  
Ellen Lipschitz  
Vicki Rosenblith  
Bob & Susan Yudin  
Yael Israel & Ray English**

*In honor of Herb and Sheila Guston being chosen as Kallat Torah and Chatan Bereishit*

**Sue & Bob Yudin  
Rosalie & Larry Berman  
Ellen Lipschitz  
Bob Goldberg**

*In honor of the birth of Cara Michelle O'Brien, Kerry & Bruce Skolnick's First Grandchild*

**Bob Goldberg  
Vicki Rosenblith**

*In honor of Susan & Bob Yudin's grandson Ezra Friedman's marriage to Michal*

**Marcia Hofflich**

*In honor of Phil Moss' birthday*

**Molla Reisbaum**

*In honor of Susan & Bob Yudin's Appliances for being voted #1 in the 2023 Jewish Standard Reader's Choice (12 years in a row) as First Place to Shop for the category of "Local Appliance Store"*

**Linda & Steve Schwager**

*In honor of Yael Israel's birthday*

**Bea & Marty Rittenberg  
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*In honor of Mickey Levine's birthday*  
**Bea & Marty Rittenberg  
Bob Goldberg**

*In honor of Sheila Schnoll's birthday*  
**Bob Goldberg  
Bea & Marty Rittenberg**

*In honor of Hana Prashker & David Noriega's granddaughter Sariyah Raquel's baby naming*

**Hana Prashker & David Noriega  
Larry & Rosalie Berman  
Bob Goldberg**

*In honor of Hannah Lee & Robert Gold's Anniversary*  
**Bonnie Karg**

*In honor of Howie & Sheila Schnoll's Anniversary*  
**Bob Goldberg  
Bonnie Karg**

### Thank You

*Thank you to our September, October & November Kiddush or Shabbat Dinner sponsors*  
**Ellen Lipschitz  
Rabbi & Ora Prouser  
Merrill & Laura Rutman  
Vicki Rosenblith  
Bob Goldberg  
Yael Israel  
Sheila & Herb Guston  
Hana Prashker & David Noriega  
Helena & Mark Jankowitz  
Susan & Bob Yudin**

### Speedy Recovery

*To Rita Berzin on your knee surgery*  
**Bob & Susan Yudin**

### In Memory

*To Dara Gelerter & Family in memory of Dara's mother, Judith Blake*  
**Ellen Lipschitz  
Larry & Rosalie Berman  
Bea & Marty Rittenberg  
Bob Goldberg  
Merrill & Laura Rutman  
Susan & Bob Yudin**

*To Ruth Brooks in memory of her sister, Judith Blake*  
**Rosalie & Larry Berman  
Bea & Marty Rittenberg**

*To James Blake in memory of his mother, Judith Blake*  
**Bea & Marty Rittenberg**

*To Sara Gail Chessin Carpe, in memory of her sister, Judith Blake*  
**Bea & Marty Rittenberg**

*To the Kaner Family In memory of Tzvi Kaner*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman**

*To Helen Glustrom & Family in memory of Rabbi Simon Glustrom*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman**

*To Katie Friedland, in memory of her brother, Casey*  
**Larry & Rosalie Berman**

*In memory of Kurt Herrmann, father of Joe Herrmann.*  
**Bob Goldberg  
Merrill & Laura Rutman  
Vicki Rosenblith  
Bob & Susan Yudin**



## *Thank you to our Sukkah builders, decorators and sponsors!*

Thank you to Mickey Levine for helping with and coordinating our sukkah build with Joe Persaud, Jr. Bob Goldberg, Sam Greenblatt and Eli Friedman. Thank you also to our creative decorators - Sisterhood President, Rita Berzin, Helena Jankowitz, Allison Witkowski, Susan Yudin and Joe Persaud, Jr. A very special thanks to all those who contributed toward the decorations and our wonderful Sukkot luncheons which were also sponsored by Sisterhood.





Over the past few weeks we emailed or mailed the letter below which is a request to help us with the additional expenses we have incurred as a result of obtaining regular security personnel during Shabbat and other Temple Events. So far we have received a wonderful response and with our deepest gratitude we thank all those who have sent in additional donations. It is not too late if you did not receive this prior request or have not had a chance to make a donation. Thank You!

Dear Friends of Temple Emanuel

In order to be sensible and wise, Temple Emanuel of North Jersey has extended our use of security personnel to make our congregants feel secure and safe in these unstable times. I am pleased to report that our Shabbat attendance has been good during this world situation.

I am sure you will understand that although we have a security fee as part of our dues structure, we have nevertheless seen a significant drain to our budget in order to provide the additional security measures needed during these troubling times. Regrettably, I must ask you for additional support so we can continue to provide the security that our members expect and deserve.

Our increased security costs us from \$60 to \$150 per hour depending on the circumstances. A typical Shabbat Service requires 4 to 6 hours of security coverage. Franklin Lakes police do provide some drive through surveillance at no cost, and we are grateful for that. But it is not enough.

Please consider donating \$180 (10 Chai) or more to Temple Emanuel to allow us to continue our security support. However, any amount you are able to give would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made by check or online at [www.tenjfl.org](http://www.tenjfl.org).

Praying for peace and brighter days,

Bob Goldberg

President, Temple Emanuel of North Jersey



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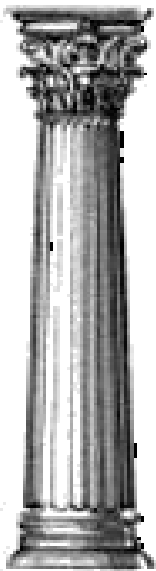
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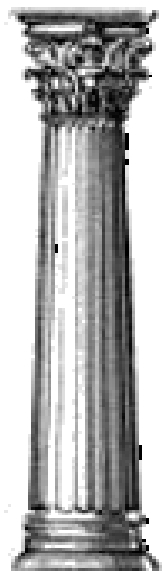
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Monday Morning ~ February 19, 2024



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