



Shir Tikvah

Song of Hope שיר תקווה

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Happy Hanukkah



Rabbi's Message

As I write,
Chanukah is fast
approaching.
Reflecting on one
of the holidays
themes, the theme
of miracles, Rabbi
Kerry M. Olitzky

writes: "...the Maccabees did not wait for a miracle, they brought one on their own and transformed the darkened Temple into a house of light. We can do the same." (Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky, Rabbi Lori Forman, *Sacred Intentions: Daily Inspiration to Strengthen the Spirit, Based on Jewish Wisdom*, Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, VT, 1999, Pg. 363) In a time such as is ours, this concept seems especially significant. With destruction and disaster engulfing our country and our world, it would

be easy to throw our hands up in the air and to simply say that it would take a miracle to change things. But as partners with God in the act of *Tikkun Olam*, the repair of the world, I think that we have an extraordinary capacity for healing that often goes unnoticed, or at least, unnoted. We look to God for the "big-stuff" and we forget that just as every journey begins with a single step, every "big" thing began with a "small" act. Don't underestimate the power that human-beings have to bring about literal miracles, or at least make a real dent in a bad situation. We may not be able to stop all the bad stuff from happening, but we sure can act in a positive manner, in order to restore some balance to a world that leans heavily toward

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darkness and despair. Bringing about miracles begins with actions that shine light on that darkness. And together, we can light up our community, and beyond. So this Chanukah, let's work together to bring about those miracles our world so desperately needs. Let's act to light-up our community by volunteering, donating time and money, or just practicing acts of random kindness. Organizations like Respond Now, South Suburban Shelter, PADS, the Jewish

Federation and others, are a really good place to start. Don't underestimate your power to be part of a miracle at this darkest and coldest of seasons. Together, we can make this Chanukah a time of light and hope for us, and for so many in-need around us.

Chag Urim Same'ach!

~Rabbi Carmit Harari



News from the Principal

Beit AmiChai will be off for winter break from December 23rd through January 6th.

An Update from Beit AmiChai Hebrew School

As we move into December we will focus on Chanukah! On December 9th during Sunday School our students will celebrate the holiday with songs, latkes and donuts! Thank you to all our room parents who helped get the holiday treats ready for the school to enjoy! Thank you to all who helped make our Latke fundraiser a success! Tommie Gbur did a fabulous job organizing everything. Our school board committee along with some of our parents worked very hard cooking over a thousand latkes!

And another huge thank you goes out to everyone who supported the Chanukah Mitzvah Project. Families in need of some help this year truly appreciated the gifts. Thank you to Becky Moeckler for once again spearheading this wonderful project.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Chanukah!

~Mindy Miller, Principal

President's Letter

It's December, the last month in the western calendar and the start of winter in the northern hemisphere. In the Chicagoland area that means snow and cold. For Jews around the world it means Chanukah, the festival of lights. Menorahs, latkes, dreidels and yes presents. It reminds us that miracles can happen and that we should have faith and confidence. It is a time to spend with family and friends.

It is also a time to spend with your temple family. The Shir Tikvah Chanukah party is fun for all ages. It is a spectacular light show to see all of the menorahs burning brightly. No, we don't set off the smoke alarm but it is truly enlightening. So, if you are looking to have some fun with your temple family, please join us on Saturday, December 8.

Safety and Security, words that have become an integral part of our daily lives. Growing up for many of us this was not a concern. Yes, we locked our doors at night, but during the day doors were open and we felt and were safe. We knew all of our neighbors, spent a lot of time outdoors and crime was low and petty. We grew up in a time when policemen were respected and our friends. It was safe to go to work, school or our place of worship. Today, all of this is in question.

Those who believe that violence will only occur in other communities are wrong. I am sure that people in Pittsburgh or Las Vegas or Sandy Hook thought they were safe. Today violence can and does happen anywhere and at any time. We at Shir Tikvah are being pro-active to prevent crime and violence. It is imperative that our members, staff and guests not just feel safe in our building, but are safe. We have reached out to the Homewood Police Department who have increased patrols in our parking lot and are checking our building regularly. They have inspected our doors and windows to make sure that they are secure.

Inside our building we have made some changes. Doors will be locked for all services

and we will have ushers on duty to let congregants in. All meetings in the building must be scheduled through Diedre in our office so that we know who is in the building at all times. Emergency numbers are being prominently posted throughout the building. Our Facilities Committee will develop a Security Policy for Shir Tikvah and review who has keys to the building to reduce this number. They will evaluate security improvements that can be made to make our building even safer. Our Facilities Committee is also reviewing a program being offered by Federation to temples of matching funds for security improvements like cameras, lighting, stronger doors and locks.

What can you do to help? You can be more aware of your surroundings, report things to the police that look unusual, suspicious or questionable. Be aware of people parked and sitting in our parking lot or loitering around the building. You can make sure that building doors are locked and that they stay locked. That you know who you are opening the door for and what their business is at Shir Tikvah. If in doubt, don't open the door and advise an officer or staff member.

Each of us should also review what more we can do to ensure that our homes are safe and secure. Make sure that doors and windows are locked and secure. If you don't have one, you may want to evaluate a home security system. Don't open the door to strangers. Get caller ID, so you know who is calling before you answer. Be aware of your surroundings, strange cars parked on your street and strangers canvassing the neighborhood. Don't be afraid or hesitant to call the police. They want and need our help to prevent crime and violence. We do not need to live scared or paranoid, but we do need to become more alert, questioning and pro-active when it comes to safety and security.

Your co-presidents,

Sherman and Sherry

Holiday Greetings 5779

Grigoriv & Tat'yana Abramov

Susan & Barry Bayer

Lynn Brown

Cathy Burnett, Nacho Tejada & Family

Gayla & Joel Cahan

Lawrence & Barbara Cohan

Stacey & Tony DeFillippo

Sherry & Ron Dieckman

Rabbi Ellen and Dr. James Dreyfus

DeeDee DuBrow & Family

Laura & Jake Eisenwasser

Philip & Rhoda Elias

Walter & Gretchen Falk

Carole Fefferman

Harlene & Irwin Friedman

Nancy & Stuart Friedman

Sherman & Ruth Friedman

Ginny Gilbert

Debbie & Dan Greenberg

Elliott Greenberg

Lloyd & Risa Graff

Rabbi Carmit Harari

Rob & Suzan Held

Janet & David Herbstman

Susan Johnson

Beatrice Kamen & Family

Ellen & Richard Kaplan

Ronda & Sheldon Lebold



Holiday Greetings 5779

**Marcia Lippert
Allan Lohn & Joan Brazzale
Judy Lohr-Safcik
Sharon & Henry Lorsch
Donelle Macey & Family
Bonnie Mosbacher
Marimonica Murray**

**Happy 
Hanukkah**

**Edna Pardillo
Rabbi Shalom & Dalia Podwol
Evelyn & Ed Rappaport
Diane Schwab
Barb & Gary Schwarz
Penny & Jerry Shnay
Robert Smith
Beverly & Edwin Sokol
Harriet & Sherman Susman
Celia Ann & Pam Toll
Jodie & Jeff Virene
Cheryl Warshaw**



**Gayle & Norman Weil
Diane Wolf
Sherry & Scott Wolf
Rabbi Leo & Helen Wolkow
Lenore & Burton Zeiger**

Service Times

Reform Services

Friday, December 7, 7:30pm
Lay-Led in the Chapel

Saturday, December 8, 10:15am
with Rabbi Harari & Nancy Friedman, Soloist
Parashat Miketz
Rosh Chodesh Tevet First Day
Genesis Genesis 37:1-40:23 Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Friday, December 14, 7:30pm
with Nancy Friedman, Soloist

Saturday, December 15, 10:15am
Parashat Vayigash
Genesis 44:18-47:27 Haftarah: Ezekial 37:15-28
Bible & Bagels follows service

Friday, December 21, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 22, 10:15am
Parashat Vayhi
Genesis 47:28-50:26 Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Friday, December 28, 7:30pm

Saturday, December 29, 10:15am
Parashat Shemot
Exodus 1:1-6:1 Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23



Bible & Bagels Saturday, December 15th
following services.

Conservative Services

Saturday, December 1
Service held at Temple Anshe Sholom at 10:00am
as part of a mini-grant

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with Rabbi Harari in the Sanctuary

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Candle Lighting Times

Friday, December 7

4:02 pm

Friday, December 14

4:03 pm

Friday, December 21

4:06 pm

Friday, December 28

4:10 pm



Yahrzeits

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

Clara Aronson
Rosa Beber
Lillian Feinberg
Melvin Ginsburg
Eric Glaser
Alan Marc Goldberg
Mark Greenburg
Henry Greilsheim
Esther Hite
Eva Horwitz
Samuel Jaffe
Anna Kaplan
Eleanor Knight
Aaron Hyman Kroopkin
Celia Lippman
Jacob Litton
Benjamin Lurie
Bailey Manilow
Louis Mansfield
Jacob Marks
Phyllis McGrath
Alice Meyers
Berniece Mirsky
Bernard Narter
Sara Platt
Dr. Martin Rozenfeld
Morris Runes
Cindy Sax
Minnie Schneider
Matthew Smason
Herman Snyder
David I. Spark
Klara Stern
Samuel Strat
Morris Vinegar
Dr. Seymour Warady
Dorothea Wolf

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

Yetta Abelman
Kurt Altman
Irving Arine
Earl Arkin
Jacob Arkiss
David Beederman
David Benzecrit
Norman Blumstein
Carole Bransky
Benjamin Burrows
Sydney Choslovsky
Linnea Cutler
Benjamin Ehrlich
Dr. Arthur Falk
Sam Fine
Maureen Merle Gerber
Sam Gollay
Bela Gruen
Selma Heumann
Eva Hofman
Dorothy Katz
Joseph S. Klein
Fannie L. Mayer
Anna Noskin
Dora Paskin
Carl Reikes
Alex Rubin
Fred Schulein
Amy Michelle Shapin
Harry Shiff
Shirley Spindel
Lottie Steiner
Jenny Strassman
Helen Strat
Anna Tenny
Greta H. Wagner
Emmy Wolf
Nellie Wolf
Norman Wolf

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21

Max Adelman
Martin Berkowitz
Dr. I.R. Birnbaum
Sarah Birnbaum
Harry Block
Sam C. Brin
Marie Brower
Paula Buschke
Libby Cohn
Leona DeLue
Menachem Eisenwasser
Edmund Elend
Pink Feinberg
Sidney Friedman
Julius Garb
Louis Gershowitz
Meta Goldberg
Ida Handler
Henry Hesky
Seymour Kaplan
Sonia Kite
Manning Knapp
Anne Levene
Jerome Levitt
Esther Levy
Charles Lewis
Emma Mansfield
Rose Marks
Frederick Naschauer
Morris Pomerantz
Hyman Reznick
Benjamin Rosenblum
Max Roven
Joel Bernard Runes
Frank Safcik
Barbara Saxonberg
Sydney Switt
Hermine Weiseberger
Mary Zeman

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

Jack Batush
Dora Blitstein
Anne Brodsky
Sarah Vogel Cohen
Hertsell Conway
Ross DeLue
David Dorenfest
Morris Eisen
Lillian Flaschen
Zena Friedman
Paula Goetz
Charles Gollay
Helen Hartman
Rissa Henry
Anna Herman
Julius Kahn
Norman Kaplan
Morris Klein
Jacob Kwilecki
Louis Lacob
Rose Lieberman
Seymore Marks
Harry Merkin
Joseph Moore
Fabian Pincoffs
Marilyn Putterman
Henry Riffer
Sadie Roamie
Joseph Rosenstein
Hyman Schwedel
Rose Weil
Esther Weisberger
Bernard Wiss
Hedwig Zwang

December Birthdays

- 1 Jacob, David and Isaac Plofsky
- 2 Joel Weiss
- 4 Ada Pechter
- 7 Pam Toll
- 8 Stephanie Sigale
- 10 Ed Rappaport
- 13 Deedee DuBrow
- 14 Bettie Gilbert
David Herbstman
- 15 Marimonica Murray
- 16 Lloyd Graff
Elena Marone
- 18 Scott Hite
- 20 Gary Schwarz
James Dreyfus
- 23 Linda Wilkins
- 24 David Spector
- 25 Larry Malis
- 28 Jeff Virene
Caylon Gwinn
- 29 Marilyn Tannebaum
- 30 Jared Hite
- 31 Janet Herbstman
Evie Plofsky



January Birthdays

- 3 Sophie Kern
- 3 Evelyn Rappaport
- 7 Fern Katz
- 7 Jose Salas
- 8 Cathy Burnett
- 8 Lior Rafalovitz
- 10 Sherman Susman
- 12 Edith Feldman
- 16 Jacqueline Burnett
- 15 Merle Hurowitz
- 18 Meira Burnett
- 18 Burton Garbow
- 19 Ida Anger
- 22 Jodie Virene
- 27 Donelle Macey
- 28 Barbara Blumstein
- 29 Sandra Stelzer
- 30 Rori Narter

January Anniversaries

- 19 Roy and Dale Robinson
- 24 Larry and Nancy Burrows
- 30 Evelyn and Ed Rappaport
- 31 Grigoriy and Tat'yana Abramov

December Anniversaries

- 4 Shelley and Ben Ritter
- 21 Dr. Joel and Gayla Cahan
- 22 Alene and Ron Rutzky
- 26 Adeline and Leonard Lasker
- 28 Pat and Mitch Simon
- 30 Judy and Ken Fleischer



Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of

Louis Aisuss from Vivan & Sandy Stelzer
 Fannie Gerber from Vivian Gerber
 Iris Ourach from Nancy & Stuart Friedman
 Frederick Stein from Louise & David Stein

General Fund

In memory of

Felix Bartfeld from Rabbi Leo & Helen Wolkow
 Reva Copen from Margie Copen
 Dr. John R. Fox from Charlotte Fox
 Ester Frishberg from Donelle Macey
 Monica Hesky from Susan Johnson
 Bernard Lieb from Richard & Judy Lieb
 Gaye & Jim Mollin from Debbie & Dan Greenberg
 Joan Noven from Jeff Brodsky & Family
 Neal Russell from Ron & Sherry Dieckman

 Louis & Hellen Sher from Cathy L. Sher
 Barbara Silverman from David & Judith Silverman
 Genevieve Sosin from Jeffrey, Bettie & Barbara Gilbert

Adult Education & Programming Fund

In memory of

Chester Ulman from Larry & Barb Cohan

Choir Fund

In memory of

Shirley Ruth Mandell from Craig C. Kulwin
 Robert J. Mayer from Nancy & Larry Burrows
 Leo Schwarz from Gary & Barb Schwarz

Marv Snyder PADS Fund

In memory of

Irving Weinberg from Roz & Oren Conway

Family Concerns/Shiva Fund

In memory of

Rose Hirsch, Bernard Kruglick from Carole Fefferman
 Pearl Kliff from Bev & Ed Sokol

Sisterhood Tributes

In memory of

Estrella Abadi from Elena Morone
 Jan Byrd from the Women of Shir Tikvah
 Lou Margolin from Judy Lohr-Safcik, Carole Fefferman
 Frank Safcik and Celeste Safcik from Judy Lohr-Safcik

Women of Shir Tikvah Sisterhood News

Gold cards are available at a cost of \$5.00. Please send your request to the office.

Jewel Cards are available for purchase in the office.



Mazel tov to Rabbi Ellen and Dr. James Dreyfus on the marriage of their son David to Lauren Butterfield.

Lauren is the daughter of Amy Siskowitz of Dedham, MA. The wedding was December 1 in Boston, MA.

The happy couple lives in San Francisco, CA.

Mazel tov to Ben & Shelly Ritter on the engagement of their son, David Ritter to Jessica Dickerson on Sunday, October 28th!

News You Can Use

Chanukah Holiday Party:



Saturday, December 8th, 6:30pm. We will have a dinner of Soups, Latkes, Cole Slaw and Potato Salad. Please bring a dairy or veggie side dish, salad or dessert to share! Cost is \$10 (\$5 for kids

13-7, FREE for kids 6 and under). Please RSVP to Eila Koltun by December 3rd at ekoltun6@gmail.com or call the office.

Rabbi Harari will lead a Conservative Service on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm, and be with the Reform Service on Saturday, December 8th at 10:15am with Nancy Friedman, Soloist. The Friday Evening Reform Service at 7:30pm will be lay-led in the Chapel, and the Saturday Morning Conservative Service at 9:45am will be lay-led

in the Chapel.

Bible and Bagels will follow morning services on Saturday, December 15th. Join the discussion and study while enjoying bagels!

On Tuesday, December 25th at 4:00pm enjoy a meal and a movie. Watch for details.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
STR = Shir Tikvah Reform STC = Shir Tikvah Conservative (C) denotes Chapel (S) denotes Sanctuary Chanukah Dinner and Party on Saturday, December 8th at 6:30pm. Bring a dairy or veggie side, salad or dessert to share!						1 No Services at Shir Tikvah 10:00am mini-grant with brunch workshop at TAS
2 Yahrzeit Minyan 7:30pm Chanukah 1st Candle	3 Caring Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Ad Book Mtg. 7:15pm Chanukah 2nd Candle	4 Chanukah 3rd Candle	5 Chanukah 4th Candle	6 Yahrzeit Minyan 7:30pm Chanukah 5th Candle	7 4:02pm STC 7:30pm with Rabbi Harari (S) STR 7:30pm (C) Chanukah 6th Candle	8 STC 9:45am Lay Led (C) STR 10:15am (S) with Rabbi Harari & Nancy Friedman Rosh Chodesh Tevet 1st Day
9 Rosh Chodesh Tevet 2nd Day Chanukah 7th Candle	10 Exec Board Meeting 7pm Board Meeting 8pm	11	12 Transition Team Mtg. 7:00pm	13	14 4:03pm STR 7:30pm Nancy Friedman Flossmoor Book Club Meets	15 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am Bible & Bagels after services
16	17 WOST 10:30am	18	19 Fundraising Mtg. 7:00pm	20	21 4:06pm STR 7:30pm	22 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am
23	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED Possible 4:00pm Movie & A Meal	26	27	28 4:10pm STR 7:30pm	29 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am
30	31 New Year's Eve					

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6	7	8	9	10 WOST Birthday Club Luncheon 12:30pm at Aurelio's, Homewood— All Welcome	11  4:23pm School-Led Family Service at TAS 7:00pm	12 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am
13	14 Exec Board Meeting 7pm Board Meeting 8pm	15 CJC Mtg. @ TAS 7pm	16	17	18  4:31pm STR 7:30pm	19 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am
20 Tu Bi'Shvat Seder	21	22 WOST Mtg. 10:30 am	23	24	25  4:40pm STR 7:30pm	26 STC 9:45am STR 10:15am with Nancy  Friedman
27	28	29	30	31		