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L'CHAIM

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CHANUKAH with SHOMREI TORAH

Put on your yarmulke...here comes Chanukah.

It's so much fun-aakah to celebrate Chanukah

(Adam Sandler, The Chanukah Song)

Saturday, December 10

10:30 am

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Sunday, December 11

12:00 pm

**PROJECT AVIVA
"FULL-COURT MIRACLE"**

Friday, December 16

**TOT SHABBAT &
SUNDAY SCHOOL SHABBAT
FAMILY SERVICE**

Sunday, December 18

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

9:30 am

Adult Ed with Joe Fleischer

11:00 am

Religious School Chanukah

12:30 pm

Sunday with Sokol

Monday, December 19

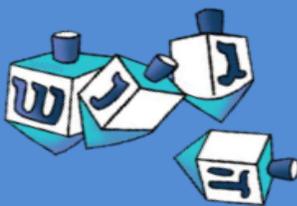
7:00 pm

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP
MENORAH LIGHTING
In front of Municipal Bldg
475 Valley Road**

Tuesday, December 20

5:45 pm

**CONGREGATIONAL
CANDLE LIGHTING
BYO Menorah/Chanukiyah
RSVPs appreciated**



**Please refer to weekly
“What’s Happening” or call the
Synagogue office for Zoom information**

SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 am Minyan

WEEKDAY MORNING MINYAN

Monday-Friday, 7:45 am

WEEKDAY EVENING MINYAN

Sunday-Thursday, 7:45 pm

TORAH STUDY THURSDAYS

Thursday 3:00 pm

FRIDAY EVENING

6:00 pm Shabbat Service

SHABBAT MORNING

9:30 am Shabbat Service

SATURDAY NIGHT

Havdalah after Shabbat ends

SHABBAT CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

12/2.....4:11 pm

12/9.....4:11 pm

12/16....4:12 pm

12/23....4:15 pm

12/30....4:20 pm

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FROM THE BIMA

November was a busy month at Shomrei Torah as we settled into a routine following the chaos of our Fall chagim. It was nice to be able to regularly study and pray together.

In the Jewish world, chaos continued to rain with antisemitic incidents taking place around NJ, around the USA and around the world. Antisemitism is nothing new, we have lived with it for centuries. However, it seems to ebb and flow. For much of my life antisemitism was something I read about, but didn't experience. And then the tide turned and I heard about incidents from every front. I counseled individuals who were unfortunate recipients. I was contacted and informed by authorities. I worked with synagogue leadership and staff to keep our institution safe. We are still dealing with the fallout from public figures making inappropriate comments, and who should know better. And just a few days ago, former President Donald Trump dined with racist antisemites.

And then at the end of the month we had our annual Wayne Township Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. It was our first in person gathering in three years. The in-person turnout was small, but it was so nice to be together again and hear the prayers of thanksgiving from so many different traditions – Buddhist and Hindu as well as Muslim and Christian. It reaffirmed for me that when people with differences get to know one another, we may not agree, but we won't hate each other either. Hatred can only thrive where people don't take the time to get to know one another. If we see them as "other," different, strange and threatening, then we can vilify them. But if we truly listen to each other with an understanding ear and an open mind, then they can transform into our neighbors and friends.

Being together reminded me that there is still reason to hope for a better tomorrow and that we can build it one friendship at a time. May 2022 end peacefully and may we all find the harmony and tranquility that we seek.

Shalom
Rabbi Randy Mark





**FROM OUR PRESIDENT,
SHERI TABACK**

I returned from an amazing women's trip to Israel just a few short weeks ago and I am still on Cloud Nine! The trip was run by *Momentum*, and I was honored to be the community leader for a group of amazing women representing the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah (one of whom happens to be our fellow congregant and my trip roommate, Marisa Smith!).

Unlike other trips to Israel, ours was not a sightseeing trip, rather an inside seeing trip! Every day we listened to inspirational speakers and reflected and learned with our "cohort." The goal of the trip was to help participants connect to our Jewish values, engage with Israel, take action, and foster unity—not uniformity. Each day of the eight-day journey was based on a different Jewish value: learning and growth (limud v'hitlamdut), courage (azut d'kedushah), peace and wholeness in the home (shalom bayit), faithfulness and trust (emunah), human dignity (kevod habriyot), generosity (chesed and tzedakah), unity and mutual responsibility (achut and areyvut) and gratitude (hakarot hatov).

Don't get me wrong, our journey included travel through the beautiful country of Israel, as well! We visited Tel Aviv, Tiberias, Tzfat, Masada, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem and had many wonderful experiences visiting an Ethiopian Heritage Center, welcoming Shabbat at the Kotel, enjoying Shabbat lunch at the home of Rena Quint, author and holocaust survivor, visiting and interacting with the students at Meir Shfeya Youth Village and touring Hadassah Hospital just to name a few.

I can go on and on about all that I learned and the incredible experience I had in Israel, but I will summarize by saying that the underlying feeling I had throughout my time there was PRIDE. Pride in being a part of the Jewish people, pride in the beautiful and strong country of Israel, and pride in Hadassah and the wonderful work that we do not only in Israel but all over the world. We as a Jewish people have so much to be proud of, and we need Israel just as much as Israel needs us! I already can't wait to plan my next trip back to Israel, God willing this time with my family.

L'hitraot!

From the Principal's Desk

November is always interesting in the religious school. We move past the busyness of the Fall chagim and try to set up a routine which is then broken up by school closures for Election Day, NJ Teacher's Convention and Thanksgiving. In spite of all that, we began to build structure.

Most of our students attend regularly which is good for their learning and good for the teaching environment. However, that routine will be short lived for us. One of our teacher's, Morah Zahava Gall, sold her house and moved out of NJ to be near her grandchildren. We ran ads, networked and made phone calls to try and find a teacher mid-year to replace her, but alas, we were not successful. There is a religious school teacher shortage that parallels the general teacher shortage here in NJ and nationwide. Many of my colleagues in northern NJ are teaching classes for which they could not find a teacher to hire. We are doing a number of different things to compensate for this loss. I will be in the classroom more than I have been, and we will combine Kitot Gimel and Daled once a week to learn Judaica. As Morah Zahava and Morah Ety often did sessions together, being together won't be new for the classes; doing it weekly will be the change.

As we look ahead to December, that means Hanukkah! Hanukkah falls on the later this year, so the school will learn about Hanukkah – candle lighting, songs, playing dreidel, history – but the Shabbat and Sunday of Hanukkah will come during Winter Break. We will celebrate Hanukkah as a school on Sunday, December 18 which is Erev Hanukkah and we will have our annual Congregational Tuesday Menorah lighting on the 20th at 5:45 pm like we do each year. Bring your Menorah and dismissal will be from the Pittel Social Hall. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Wayne Township Menorah Lighting on Monday 12/19 at 7pm as we join with our Jewish friends and neighbors from around town.

Wishing you a Hag Urim Sameyach, A Joyous Festival of Lights,

Rabbi Randy Mark
Principal

What a wonderful and delicious Sabbath dinner the Temple provided us with during our time of need. It was meaningful and so much appreciated.

With so much love,
Cynthia and Bob Brazer



CHALLAH MAKING!



S'MORES HAVDALAH!





Shomrei Torah is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** with a formal Gala on **Sunday April 30, 2023**. We hope to mark this special occasion with a walk down memory lane with a video collage on our lobby monitor. We would like the collage to include photographs of past and current members, special events, and any other milestones at Shomrei Torah over the last 50 years.

And to do this, we need your help! Please share photographs you may have taken at Shomrei Torah, whether marking special occasions, congregation events, candid photos, and even historical photos of our building and founding members. Whether your photos are digital or printed, we can work with them.

If you have digital photos to share, please e-mail them to:
galaphotos@shomreitorahwcc.org

Physical pictures can be mailed to or dropped off at the office. Your name and address must be written on the back of the physical photos so they can be returned to you. If you prefer not to leave your photos, please contact the office at office@shomreitorahwcc.org and leave a message for us. We will get back to you to schedule a time to scan your photos in your presence at the office and return them to you immediately.

The deadline to provide the photos is **Thursday February 2, 2023**.

Thank you,
Amy Morovati and Alan Asarch

SHOMREI TORAH SISTERHOOD

An evening filled with wonderful woman, good food and a terrific speaker . . .

Over 50 women came out on Monday, October 24th for paid up membership. The social hall was filled with beautiful mums and lovely place settings. The room filled up quickly and we were ready to begin! Dassy Mark recited a beautiful prayer, Rabbi blessed the bread and dinner was served. After filling up on a delicious dinner came the highlight of the evening. Author Felicia Berliner spoke about her debut novel, *Shmutz*. It is a story about custom and desire in the Orthodox community. Afterwards it was time for a yummy dessert. To top the evening off, two lucky gals won the raffle and one other woman won the 50/50.

Now, these fantastic events do not happen by themselves. I had tons of help. A heartfelt thank you to Sue Gordon, Phyllis Staloff, Marcy Marcus and Sue Feldman. Thank you also to all those who helped set-up and clean up. These marvelous women made this evening happen. There was nothing that they wouldn't do to make this evening a huge success. Yasher Koach ladies!!

Before we know it, Chanukah will be here. The first candle is December 18th. Now is the perfect time to stock up on SCRIPT. Take your pick from ShopRite, Kosher Nosh, Panera, Starbucks, Seasons, Macy's and so many more. Purchasing Script makes it so easy to shop and support Shomrei Torah at the same time. Just call Marcy Marcus at 201-396-6660, Phyllis Staloff at 973-495-0865, Roby Weiner at 973-595-5393 *or* the Synagogue office to purchase SCRIPT to your favorite store.

The Gift Shop has relocated to the library. Check out all of our wonderful items! Lots of Chanukah goods are in. Lee Ann Beck, our wonderful shopkeeper, is usually available on Sunday mornings or can be reached at 973-628-1388 for an appointment.

Linda Gaba, President

PROJECT AVIVA

A Jewish Youth Social Group

GET IN THE HANUKKAH SPIRIT!!

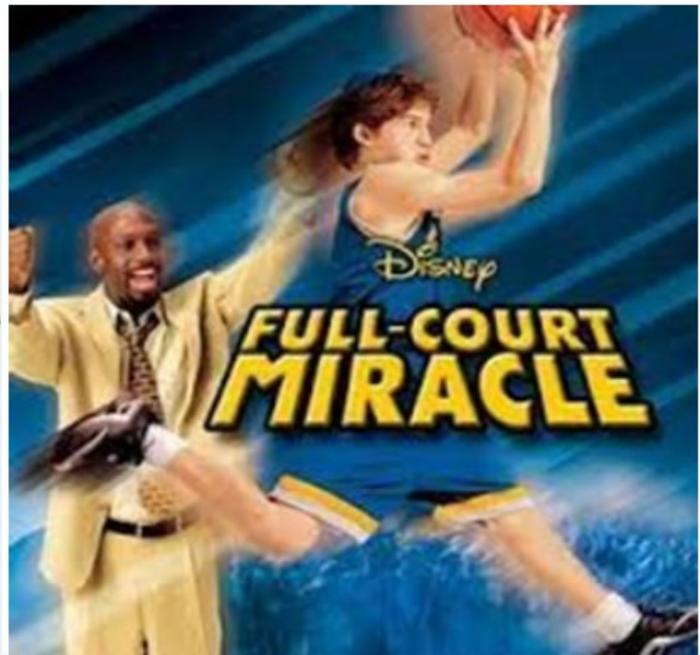
Disney
**FULL-COURT
MIRACLE**

**Sunday December 11
12 - 2:30pm**

Lunch and Snacks provided

**All are welcome to our
movie event!**

RSVP to Dassy at
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Full-Court Miracle is inspired by the true story of University of Virginia Cavaliers basketball star Lamont Carr, the film centers on a group of young Jewish basketball players who search for a coach to help them out of a slump during the Hanukkah season.



SHOMREI TORAH ADULT EDUCATION

WHAT WE CHOOSE TO REMEMBER: THE HANUKKAH STORY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
9:30 AM – MULTI-ACCESS
LED BY OUR OWN JOE FLEISCHER**

In the context of ongoing controversies about what should be included when teaching history - a discussion about what we choose to remember -- and not remember -- about the story of Hanukkah.

Focusing on the first two books of Maccabees, consider the different aims of each book, the first of which is a historical narrative and the second of which strives to establish Hanukkah not only as a military victory but also as a divine affirmation worthy of an eight-day celebration like that of Sukkot.

We will look at what events each book emphasizes, what methods each book employs to convince readers of its authority, and the influence of each book in elevating Hanukkah as both a national and religious holiday.



Hebrew School parents...come join the program after dropping off your children. RSVPs appreciated.

Contact office@shomreitorahwcc.org or 973-696-2500

Shomrei Torah, 30 Hinchman Avenue, Wayne, NJ 07470

SUNDAY WITH SOKOL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:30 pm

At 12:30 PM on Sunday December 18, 2022, at Shomrei Torah – Wayne Conservative Congregation, 30 Hinchman Avenue, Wayne, we will be showing a one-hour Chanukah video, **“Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas”**, plus two film shorts. The film shorts are **“Hot Bagels”**, which shows how hand-made bagels were made in the 1950s at a Brooklyn NY bagel bakery, and the film short **“Famous Jews Who Changed Their Names”**. There is no charge for admission or refreshments. RSVPs are not required, but are appreciated.

Inclement weather postpones the program. To confirm, or for more information, please call the synagogue at (973) 696-2500, visit our web site at www.ShomreiTorahWCC.org, or call Charles Sokol at (973) 694-7613.

Annual Community Township Menorah Lighting

Join us for the
ceremonial lighting of the
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Monday, December 19
7:00 pm

Wayne Municipal Building
475 Valley Road, Wayne



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Contact Suzanne Katz Zofi, our administrative assistant in the synagogue office who will record the boxes (1-100) you want on the computer. Don't forget to pay! **Please make checks payable to: Shomrei Torah Men's Club. NO BILLING! Cash or Checks only!**

When all 100 boxes are sold, a copy will be sent out for everyone to follow.

****To keep everything kosher, the numbers and names of our playoff teams will be pulled from a hat, and placed on our Super Bowl Pool chart only after all the boxes have been purchased.**

Happy
 birthday
 to you!

**DECEMBER
 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1st
 Cheryl Hayet
 Alvin Lakind
 Maya Delman
 Jodie Epstein
 Harper Hollander

2nd
 Jeffrey Hayet
 Max Seplow
 Nathanya Simon
 Carol Frankel
 Garry Rothstadt

3rd
 Jodi Kashmann
 Charles Sokol

5th
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30th
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