How Chanukah Became a Home Holiday
—BY RABBI PETER S. BERG

Originally, Chanukah, founded by the Hasmonean Dynasty, was not celebrated in the home with latkes and dreidels. Rather, as described in the Book of Maccabees, it was a victory march celebrating defeat over the Assyrian Empire. Our holiday originated sometime near 164 BCE. One way to think of it is as an ancient Israeli Independence Day.

Of course, The Bible does not record holidays established by political leaders, and there is no commemoration of military events. Chanukah itself is an innovation in the style of Hellenism. If we look for a modern parallel to Chanukah as a state holiday of independence, the Zionist entity of the 20th Century comes to mind.

In the 1930s, the rising secular nationalist movement in Israel adopted Chanukah as its central holiday. Theodore Herzl concludes his famous book The Jewish State in 1896 with a prophecy: “The Maccabees shall rise again.” The new nationalist Chanukah in Israel in the early 1920s and 1930s consisted of public parades, often by torchlight, with youth pilgrimages to the graves of the Maccabees in the city of Modin (now between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv). In 1948, the public Chanukah candle lighting began at the graves of the Maccabees in Modin and traveled all the way to the Knesset in Jerusalem. Also of note, in the 1930s, people were asked “What bricks have you contributed to the rebuilding of the Temple?” The Third Commonwealth, meaning, metaphorically, the new Jewish political entity. (The Hebrew word for Temple is Bet Hamikdash “Sacred House” and the British term for renewed settlement of Jews in Israel is the Jewish National Home). So, to celebrate the emergence of Jewish consciousness from the home and minority status to the streets, the placement of the Menorah was on top of Jewish buildings, not only in private homes.

The point is, it would have made much more sense to commemorate a national victory in the streets and the Temple purification in the synagogue courtyard. In the Middle Ages, rabbinic law stipulated that lighting the candles happens in the home; it also became customary to light the Chanukah candles in the synagogue. The rabbis seem to go out of their way to make sure that Chanukah is celebrated in the home. While we don’t know the full historical development of this custom, the observance in the home offers us a spiritual message.

The medium in the message and the household ceremony offers us a new interpretation of Chanukah, transforming it from the sacred house (The Temple) to the rededication of the family sanctuary. Perhaps the rabbis did this in response to the Greeks who struck at the heart of family Judaism: brit milah, Shabbat, and kashrut (kasher laws) all were targets. The martyrdom of Eleazar and Hannah and her seven sons is a personal bearing witness to the public persecutors that God, not Antiochus IV Epiphanes, is the final authority.

When the rabbis teach us that we are responsible for publicizing the miracle of Chanukah, they are teaching us to share the message of Chanukah home to home. Chanukah is the act of a family bearing witness to the public that we are a family loyal to Judaism.

Both in antiquity and in contemporary life, the public usually overshadows the private realm. The street values of television invade the home and spread messages within the home’s sanctuary. Yet, the family of Maccabees rejected the external light and declared their loyalty to their ancestral lights. The inside triumphed over the outside, the ancient over the modern, the family values over the fads of the day. So, it makes sense for Chanukah to be celebrated in the home.

Usually, we at Temple are anxious to welcome as many people as possible into our doors. But, Chanukah is different. Beginning the first night of Chanukah, December 24, 2016—we encourage you to celebrate with friends and family—at home!
Celebrate Chanukah

Lighting the Chanukiah

The lighting of the Chanukiah, or menorah, takes place soon after nightfall, or as soon as the household is together. On Friday night, the Chanukah candles are lit first, followed by the Shabbat candles, as traditionally fire is not created on the Sabbath itself. The lights should not be used for any practical purpose. They should last for at least half an hour, during which time no work should be done.

The menorah is placed on a windowsill or table facing the street to publicize the two miracles of Chanukah: the miracle of the cruse of oil and the miracle of Jewish survival.

A. The shamash, which on most menorahs is set apart from the other candles, is always lit first. It is then used to light all other candles.

B. As you face the menorah, place the candles from right to left, starting with the first night, then two on the second, and so on. By the eighth night, you’ll have a full menorah.

C. Still facing the menorah, use the shamash to light the candles from left to right. This allows the current night’s light to be lit first.

D. Don’t forget to follow the order of the service for each night, listed below:

Order of Service

1. Begin with an opening meditation, listed at the bottom of the opposite page.
2. Recite the Chanukah blessings, listed to the left.
3. Light the candles, using the instructions above.

Chanukah Blessings

Each Night the Following Two Blessings are Recited

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam a-sher
ki-d’sha-nu b’mitz-vo-tav v’tzi-ya-nu
Thad-lik ner shel Chanukah

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with Your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-a-sa ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu
ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z’man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our fathers and mothers in the days of old, at this season.

On the First Night Only

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu
meh-lech ha-o-lam, she-hecheyanu,
v’ki-y’ma-nu, v’higi-anu
la-z’man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
8 Nights of Meditations for Each Night of Chanukah

FREEDOM – First Night – CHAYRUT (Dec. 24)
We kindle these Chanukah Lights in memory of the dedication and courage of the Maccabees. They willingly sacrificed their lives for the freedom to worship God as their hearts and minds dictated. As we kindle these candles, we rededicate ourselves to work for the equal rights of all people, and for the realization of a society of democracy and freedom.

FAMILY – Second Night – MISHPACHA (Dec. 25)
Tonight, as we celebrate Chanukah together, we are conscious of our precious gift of family. So often we take one another for granted, forgetting to express our love and devotion. As we kindle these festive lights, let us rededicate ourselves to sharing our interest and time with one another. Like the Maccabees of old, let us share both tsuros and simchas, united by our family bonds.

STUDY – Third Night – TALMUD TORAH (Dec. 26)
As the Maccabees courageously fought to preserve our faith, we too are duty-bound to sustain our heritage by deepening our understanding of it. Study opens our minds and fortifies us against tyranny. Learning secures our freedom. As we kindle these candles, we rededicate ourselves to the study of our tradition.

HOPE – Fourth Night – TIKVA (Dec. 27)
Ours are times when many people live in fear and great despair. Like the Maccabees, we need to build our lives on the hope that ultimately truth will triumph over superstition, trust over suspicion, concern over selfishness. As we kindle these Chanukah lights, may our hearts be lifted by our tradition’s sense of confidence, optimism and hope.

RIGHTEOUSNESS – Fifth Night – TZEDAKAH (Dec. 28)
Our tradition tells us that during the Maccabean war for freedom, all Jews—children and adults—contributed generously toward the cause of defeating the oppressor. There are still many people afflicted by sickness, hunger, ignorance, and prejudice. Tonight, like our ancestors, we put aside gifts of charity in order that we too, may help to bring an end to oppression. (Each member of the family sets aside his/her gift of Tsedakah.)

PEACE – Sixth Night – SHALOM (Dec. 29)
The candles of Chanukah remind us of our chosen mission as Jews. One of our foremost tasks is to secure peace in our troubled world. When we end disagreements through mutual understanding, when we seek to mend hurt and wounded feelings, we make shalom a living idea. As we kindle our Chanukah candles, we rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of peace.

HUMANITY – Seventh Night – ENOSHIYUT (Dec. 30)
Humanity is founded upon whole-hearted respect for the precious liberty and freedom of all people; it is an important teaching of our tradition. As we kindle these lights, we rededicate ourselves to caring for humanity and to respect for all people which alone can bring dignity to all God’s children.

FAITH – Eighth Night – EMUNAH (Dec. 31)
Throughout the centuries, the Menorah has been a symbol of our Jewish faith. Tonight, as we kindle all the candles of our Chanukah Menorah, we rededicate ourselves to the living of a more meaningful Jewish life. We pray that throughout this coming year we may fulfill the ideals of freedom, family, study, hope, tzedakah, shalom, humanity and faith. (Much of the material in this Chanukah supplement came from the Temple Anshe Emeth Bulletin of New Brunswick, New Jersey.)
B’nei Mitzvah

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Daughter of Nancy Field & Michael Schulder  
*DECEMBER 3*

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*DECEMBER 3*

**SOPHIA LOIS GOLDMAN**  
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**AMIT SHANI RAU**  
Daughter of Steven Rau & Michal Ilai  
*DECEMBER 17*

**NOAH LEONARD SIMPSON**  
Son of Helene Erenberg & Kendall Simpson  
*DECEMBER 17*

Mazal Tov!

- The Interfaith Community Initiative recognized **Higher Ground**, which includes Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman, Rev. Joanna Adams, Imam Plemon El-Amin and moderator, Alicia Philip.
- Ronnie van Gelder, a founding member of MAC (Midtown Assistance Center), for being honored by MAC on their 30th Anniversary.
- Dr. Michael H. Mescon—“The Pied Piper of Private Enterprise” for being the recipient of the Freedom Award presented by the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.
- Yuritma Ibanez and Sara Anne Stirne on their marriage.
- Maksin Dovgal & Margarita Fayner on their marriage.
- Ryan Christopher Mandrell & Kate Jacob Heyer on their marriage and to Kate’s mother, Meg Heyer.
- Meredith Needle and Ben Lewis on their marriage and to Meredith’s parents, Valerie & Bill Needle.
- Josephine Tyra Nord & Andrew David Lorber on their marriage and to Andrew’s parents, Liz & Henry Lorber.
- Denise and Jonathan Lippert on the birth of Hazel Collettes Lippert and to big sister, Eloise and brother, Adam.
- Bette Codner on the engagement of her granddaughter, Dr. Martha Cohen to Slade Edward.
- Emily Grien and Chase Warden on their marriage and to Emily’s parents, Jim & Lauren Grien and grandparents, Burton and Barbara Gold.
- Michael Joel Freedman and Rebecca Matile Paskoff on their marriage and to Rebecca’s parents Sharon and Stephen.

May Their Memory Be For a Blessing

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:
- Donna Feiner Krakovitz
- Earl Donald Sisson (father of Sara Steinhfeld & grandfather of Jason)
- Karen Belkin (sister of Jeff Belkin)
- Ruth Fishman (grandmother of Wendi Aspes)
- Boris Kopelev (husband of Sophia Hyken & step-father of Ed Hyken)

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- Heather & Eli Robbins
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- Oliver Tischler

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YoFI Shabbat
Friday, December 2nd
YoFI Shabbat is a worship experience for young readers. Services are led by a rabbi and song leader and are followed by a dinner catered by Willy’s. December’s YoFI is hosted by the TBRS 2nd Graders.

To register for dinner, please visit www.the-temple.org by November 30th.
- Members: Ages 10 years and up $12, 2-9 years $10, under 2 are free
- Guests: Ages 10 years and up $15, 2-9 years $12, under 2 are free

Questions? Contact Kara Hoffman at khoffman@the-temple.org

PROJECT MERRY MITZVAH
Project Connect (our high school youth program) is gearing up for our annual social action initiative! Each December our teens host a Shabbat dinner and shopping evening for the residents of the Zaban Paradies Center for Couples. Teens will serve dinner, celebrate with the residents, and then give them an opportunity to go shopping in the “mall” for a gift for their spouse or partner. This can happen without help from you.

We need donations of the items listed below. Bring items to The Temple by Monday, December 5th.

Items should be brand new.
- Robe
- Slippers (mens and womens)
- New picture frames
- New neck ties
- New boxed costume jewelry
- Throw blankets, snuggies
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Boxed alarm clocks, clock radios
- Boxed irons
- Full sets of bathroom towels
- Full sets of kitchen towels and pot holder
- Full sets of pots and pans (boxed)
- 4 place settings of dishes (boxed)
- Boxed set of water glasses (not wine or alcohol related)
- Kitchen serving utensils (boxed sets)
- Boxed blender
- Boxed table lamps or floor lamps
- Boxed tool sets
- Boxed/packaged bath accessories (bathmats, shower curtains and rings)

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**DECEMBER 2016**

2 Project Create Night at the High Museum 5
YoFI Shabbat Services and Dinner | 6:00 PM

3 Project 678 Event | 5:00 PM

4 Religious School | 9:30 AM
4th Grade Family Education | 9:30 AM
Project Tolerance Rehearsal | 12:15 PM
Project Tzadikim Meeting | 12:15 PM
Religious School Committee Meeting | 12:15 PM

9 Project Merry Mitzvah | 7:00 PM

9-10 Project Connect Shul-in (8th-12th Grade)

11 Religious School | 9:30 AM
Kindergarten Family Social | 11:00 AM
Teen Israel Trip Meeting | 12:15 PM

15 Winter Break (through January 7)
NEWTOWN
What remains after all is lost?

Filmed over the course of nearly three years, the filmmakers use unique access and never before heard testimonies to tell a story of the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history on December 14, 2012. Newtown documents a traumatized community fractured by grief and driven toward a sense of purpose. Joining the ranks of a growing club to which no one wants to belong, a cast of characters interconnect to weave an intimate story of community resilience.

Following the film, join a collection of interfaith organizations and community groups for a conversation about trauma, healing and the array of actions individuals can take to address gun violence nationally and locally.

WHAT: Screening of Newton and post-film discussion on trauma, healing and actions individuals can take to address gun violence
WHERE: Hendrix Chenault Theater at The Lovett School
WHO: Screening for audience of approx. 300 (run time 1 hr, 25 mins)
WHEN: Wednesday evening, December 7, 2016
  • 6:00 PM – Guest Registration & Reception
  • 6:45 PM – Film Introduction
  • 8:15 PM – Film Concludes, Panel Discussion
  • 9:00 PM – Program Concludes

PANELISTS:
• Newtown Director Kim Snyder
• Rabbi Peter Berg, The Temple, Georgia Outcry
• (tentative) Imam Plemon El-Amin
• Linda Degutis, Adjunct at Emory / Former Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
• Moderator, John Bare, Blank Family Foundation

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www.NewtownFilm.com
Library News
Out of the darkness of the year, comes a holiday filled with light and joy. In his book *Chanukah*, (244.1API) Apisdorf calls the holiday not as a season of giving, but as one of growing. “It’s about a tiny people that is able to overcome the most daunting of foes.”

We have come to celebrate Chanukah in many different ways. Menorahs are lit for eight days, each day adding more light to ward of the long darkness of the season. Oily foods, such as latkes and doughnuts are eaten. The dreidel is spun to remind us that a great miracle happened. If you’re lucky to land on the gimel, you get all the candy in the pot. Yum!

Some people have friends and family that celebrate both Chanukah and Christmas. *The Guide to Jewish Interfaith Family Life* (304GUI) has suggestions for those in that situation.

For more ideas on how to celebrate the holiday, check out the books on to Chanukah in the 244.1 and in the 304.4 sections of the Library/Media Center.

Zaban Paradies Center
The Zaban Paradies Center offers great opportunities for Temple members looking to volunteer as the year winds down. With the residential season fully underway, the Center is looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- **Job readiness effort** – coaches to help mentor and assist 8 residents for 6 weeks in their employment search
- **Mental health programs** – psychiatrists to assist with diagnosing residents and supporting the Mental Health Coordinator
- **Wellness services** – nurses who can provide basis screenings
- **Jobs program** – business owners looking for PT or FT help through the holidays

And, for those looking to make end of year donations, please visit www.zabanparadiescenter.org.

Thank You
DEAR PRECIOUS TEMPLE FAMILY,

THANK YOU! Thanks to all of you who brought food for the Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) – we had more food this year than anyone can remember! We broke our own record! And a special thanks to all of you who came to MAC to help us unload, sort, and resort all of the food – we filled their pantry 3 times over. What a blessing and what a mitzvah! Lastly, special, special thanks to Todd Slutzky and Mitchel Wirth, whose commitment to MAC and to this food drive continue to inspire us as we help to transform the lives of those who desperately need the support and love. We look forward to next year when we’ll break our own record again!

Thank you to the following for helping to unload the truck: Lenora Alexander, Maya Alexander, Nolan Alexander, Pamela Alexander, John Berry, Jon Desimone, Dylan Desimone, Tessa Desimone, Dan Friedman, Jane Gole, Ava Granot, Hannah Granot, Wendy Granot, Brad Kaplan, Cole Kaplan, Ellen Kaplan, Maya Kaplan, Valerie Kessler, Kaitlyn Klimbach, Adam Laurie, Isaac Laurie, Max Laurie, Jesse Ratner, Jill Ratner, Josh Ratner, Juliet Ratner, Robin Robbey, Ben Rodbell, Harrison Rodbell, Max Rodbell, Millie Rodbell, Phyllis Rodbell, Sidney Rodbell, Eric Schwartz, Isaac Schwartz, Gabe Slutzky, Todd Slutzky, Heather Uhl & Ronnie van Gelder.

With love,
The Temple

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHABBAT**

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, January 13, 2017
Dinner: 6:30pm | Service: 8:00pm

Guest Speaker: Rev. Raphael Warnock,
Senior Pastor, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

RSVP Required by January 6, 2017. Space is limited.
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You must go through the online enrollment process. Have your Kroger Plus card handy. Once you have created an account, scroll down to the bottom of the page to the Community Rewards section. Put your information in and the search for the NPO number. The name you will see will be listed as “The Temple: THE HEBREW BENEVOLENT CONGREGATION”.

Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, The Temple automatically starts earning a rebate. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to the registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see The Temple’s name on the right side of your information page when applying the NPO number. Enrollment takes up to 7 days to start earning money towards The Temple community rewards.
TEMPLE FINANCIAL CONDITION

For the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 total revenues were $4,727,422 and total expenses were $4,701,778 resulting in a slight surplus for the year of $25,644. This amount was transferred to the Endowment Fund in repayment of the cumulative balance due to subsidizing Temple operations in past years. Our lay and professional leaders continue to identify cost containment opportunities in light of the economic times. This year’s budget plan includes some increases in education, human resources, and other unavoidable increases in costs for facility support and other products and services. Thanks to the continued generosity of our members in supporting The Temple by paying membership dues and other fees, we are operating at break even for the seventh straight year.

The Finance Committee chaired by Treasurer Kent Alexander continues to set a path for The Temple to meet its day to day operating requirements. The Finance Committee continues to review in detail all expenses to ensure proper controls and efficiencies. The Finance Committee appreciates our members’ payments for Temple dues and fees, which are the lifeblood of meeting our operating expenses.

Temple expenses in the security and insurance areas remain high and unavoidable. The safety and security for Temple members is a high priority. In order to meet this challenge, a security fee is assessed to all members. The fee for regular members is $200, a $25 increase from last year. Young Couples and Young Professionals pay an adjusted security fee of $125 and $95, respectively. We hope everyone continues to understand the necessity of funding this very necessary expense.

Basic dues for 2017 will be $2,380, a slight 3% increase over 2016. Members who currently support The Temple at the basic level will be asked to consider raising their dues level to a Leadership Dues Circle such as the Menorah Circle at $2,500. Members who currently support our synagogue at leadership levels will be asked to consider moving to a higher level of generosity. Other members will participate in the Dues Drive with increased support of either $36 (double Chai) or $54 (triple Chai) depending on their current level. We are pleased to report that many of you do “dig a little deeper” and increase beyond your current level of dues support. This generosity helped achieve the slight surplus of last year and will go a long way to help us break even this year.

The pie charts shown represent projected revenues and expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. If there is any communication desired regarding Temple finances, please contact any Temple officer, Kent Alexander, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.

Your timely payment of dues and increasing your annual support, if possible, is critical to The Temple’s meeting its operating needs. Our Temple family has always risen to the challenges it faces. The Temple Board is confident and most appreciative of The Temple family responding as it always does in meeting the needs of our membership and community.

DONATION OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Temple members will be receiving their Temple dues statements for the 2017 year during the month of December. The Temple dues year is the calendar year, January – December, and statements are mailed at this time should members wish to take advantage of a tax deduction for the current 2016 year.

Many members may wish to donate securities to fulfill their commitments. The donation of appreciated stock may be of considerable benefit considering tax consequences. Consult your tax advisor. If you wish to transfer stock, your broker will require the following information: Charles Schwab & Co., DTC #164, Temple Account #8769-3467.

For members who have reached age 70 1/2, the IRA Charitable Rollover provision allows individuals to donate up to $100,000 directly from their IRA without treating the distribution as taxable income.

Please let us know of the transaction so we can follow up properly. Call Mark Jacobson, Executive Director, with any questions if you wish to donate stock to The Temple at 404-873-1731 or email at mjacobson@the-temple.org.
LEADERSHIP DUES GROUPS

Many Temple members participate in leadership dues level groups such as the Covenant Circle ($50,000+); Torah Circle ($25,000+); Minyan Circle ($18,000+); Rabbi's Circle ($10,000+); Mitzvah Circle ($7,500+); Temple Dome Circle ($5,000+); Double Chai Circle ($3,600+); and Menorah Circle ($2,500+).

Members in these categories help The Temple be a religious home to members of our community who are not in a position to pay full dues. In addition, names of Leadership Dues group participants are displayed in the lobby outside the Covenant Chapel.

We hope we can either add or move your name to a higher Leadership Dues group level. Our Temple family would be most appreciative. If you would like information on these groups, call Lauren Grien, Temple President, Kent Alexander, Treasurer, or Mark Jacobson, Executive Director.