



SHOFAR

December 2018 - Kislev/Tevet 5779

Torah Portions

December 2018

December 8—30 Kislev 5779

Miketz (At The End Of)

Pharaoh brings Joseph to interpret his dreams

December 15—7 Tevet 5779

Vayigash (And He Approached)

Joseph's brothers refuse to return to Canaan without Benjamin.

Joseph reveals true identity and the entire family moves to Goshen.

December 22—14 Tevet 5779

Vayechi (And He Lived)

Jacob dies after seeing his children stand together. Joseph dies.

End of the book of Genesis

December 29—21 Tevet 5779

Shemot (Names)

Pharaoh demands all Israelite baby boys be killed at birth. G-D tells Moses to free Israelites from slavery

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

December 7 3:54 p.m.

December 14 3:56 p.m.

Friday Night Services

December 7, 20187:30 pm

December 14 2018.....7:30 pm

December 21 2018.....7:30 pm

December 28, 20187:30 pm

SATURDAY MORNINGS

Torah Study

Every Saturday 8:45 am
Samson Social hall

Saturday Shabbat Services 10:00 am in the Chapel

December 8, 2018

December 15, 2018

December 22, 2018

December 29, 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Big thanks go out to Temple Sinai members, Patti Green, Ruth Newman, Sandee Eichberg, and Sandy Weisenberg. These ladies were responsible for the fabulous success of the David Syme Piano Concert. The concert generated a fundraising profit of \$18,130.00, certainly the biggest fundraiser since I became a member in 2009.

Now, let's build on that success by supporting our next fundraiser, the Klezmer Concert on December 9, 2018. Nancy Shorr and her committee have worked very hard to make this a financial success since we already know the show will be great.

Have you ever been to Torah Study on Saturdays at 8:45 a.m.? Come early and enjoy lox & bagels, If you are early, you might get tomatoes too. There is lots and lots of coffee. Rabbi Bentley is in his element as explains each week's Torah portion. Fred Fabricant moderates, so everyone has an opportunity to give their thoughts and opinions. Not everyone agrees, but they show respect for other people and their opinions. This group is warm and welcoming to all. They set a great example for everyone to replicate on Friday night and, especially, at the Oneg Shabbat. No special skills or knowledge required. As you once heard—"Try it, you'll like it."

This year is going by quickly. The first night of Chanukah is December 2nd. Enjoy. Reach out to new and old friends to wish them Happy Chanukah.

Thank you for your support.
Bob Glast
President



Chanukah - A Light in the Darkness

During this busy holiday season, it can be difficult to remember the true meaning of Chanukah. It is actually a celebration of religious freedom over religious suppression as told in the story of the Jewish victory over Antiochus IV, Syrian ruler over the Greek Empire. He sought to impose the Greek religion over the inhabitants of the Land of Israel, prohibiting Jewish religious rituals, such as Shabbat observance and circumcision, and desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem by erecting statues of Greek gods and sacrificing pigs on the altar.

Today, we remember when the small group of Jewish fighters, led by Judah the Maccabee, finally broke through and were able to recapture the Temple. By lighting candles each year, we commemorate the re-consecration of the Temple and remember this victory that has served to comfort the Jewish people through many dark periods of persecution and religious repression.

Living in the United States over the last few years, we have unfortunately begun to see a rise in anti-semitic attacks on our community, culminating in the tragic modern day pogrom at the Tree Of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. There is a war being fought on all fronts against extremism of all kinds, which eerily resembles the time of Antiochus. There are no borders. Sadly, as well as the attacks against the Jewish community, those hit the hardest are the many minorities from all over the world who are coming under attack. This has led to a humanitarian crisis, which cannot be ignored.

This Chanukah, as we light the menorah, we must remember who we are. In the darkness of religious extremism and intolerance, we should be a light by staying true to our values and not giving into fear and hatred. Although we should stay diligent in protecting our communities and families, we cannot ignore those who are suffering. So during this holiday, reach out to those in need and be an example of tolerance and understanding.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Leslie Pepper
Director of Education



As our Festival of Lights is around the corner, the Religious school students will be participating in a school—wide Chanukah program, thanks to the efforts of our wonderful PTO. They will play spin the dreidel, have a Chanukah sing-a-long, crafts, pin the candle on the Menorah and, of course, latkes, sufganiyot (jelly filled donuts) and pizza! Then on Tuesday, December 4th we will be gathering for a Chanukah celebration at the Westfield Mall to celebrate the festive holidays with singing, crafts and yummy latkes from Sherman's Deli!

On Sunday, December 02, our Hebrew Chai and Teens will be participating in the Jewish National Fund's "Love of Israel" brunch, representing Temple Sinai.

Our school will be closed for winter break from December 23-January 8th enjoying time with family and friends.

Warmly,
Leslie



Nun	נ	do nothing	
Shin	ש	add a piece to the pot	
Hay	ה	take half the pot	
Gimmel	ג	take the whole pot	



One candle is added to the menorah each night. The first night, you light only the shammas (the one at a different height) and one Chanukkah candle. By the eighth night, you light all of the candles.

Candles should be added to the menorah from right to left (like Hebrew writing)

Blessing over Candles

Light the shammas candle first, then recite the blessings while holding the candle. Do not light the other candles until the blessings are done!

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם 

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe

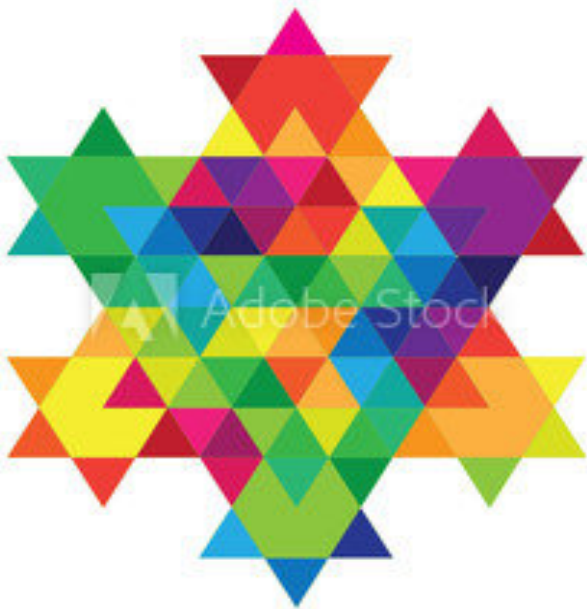
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו

asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu

Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us

להדליק נר של חנוכה: (אמן)

l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)



ZIMRA SHABBAT

December
21st



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WOMEN OF SINAI

by Reesa Manning, President

It's hard to believe that it is already December and that Chanukah is upon us so early this year. I encourage you to visit the Temple's Gift Shop for all your gift and decor needs for celebrating Chanukah. Also, Women of Sinai will be doing gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble in the Westfield mall on December 2 and then again during the week before Christmas, as a fundraiser for our religious school.

We have two spectacular events in January for you to mark on your calendars. On Tuesday, January 15, we will have a luncheon with a fabulous fashion show that you won't want to miss. And on January 25, we will celebrate Shabbat with a special women's service, and we hope you'll join us.

Special thanks to my Board for the beautiful luncheon that we were able to give to our dues-paying members and their invited friends in November. We're sorry if you were unable to join us.





Fashion Show, Luncheon and Raffle

Tuesday, January 15

12:00—1:30 pm

Temple Sinai

**Featuring Mario's
unique designs
for women of all ages
and sizes**



Reservations and payment due by Tuesday, January 8 to Women of Sinai, 73251 Hovley Lane West, Palm Desert, CA 92260, 760-568-9699.

Cost: \$25 for dues paying and honorary members of Women of Sinai, \$30 for all others.

Join Women of Sinai for \$36 for regular membership or \$72 for silver membership. Contact Marcia Stein, marcia1130@gmail.com.

Name _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

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Sherman Kramer

Michael Zaifert

Susan Ardell

David Strauss

Anne Tyer
Gloria Vann

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nona Solowitz & Michael Cheley
3-Dec
7-Dec

3-Dec Mindy & Robert Rose
Hannah & Jerome Solomon
4-Dec 17-Dec

Sherry & Fred Fern
Eve & Gordon Kramer
7-Dec 20-Dec

Nancy & Arthur Shorr
8-Dec 21-Dec

Stephanie & Paul Ross
22-Dec

Jacqueline & Richard Comras
27-Dec

Vicki Fetzer-Blair & Sam Rhine
29-Dec

JoAnn & Joel Kocen
31-Dec

Evelyn & Steve Alden

14-Dec

18-Dec

21-Dec

24-Dec

26-Dec

29-Dec

30-Dec



TRIBUTES 11-15-2018 THROUGH 12-15-2018

GENERAL FUND

WALLY & IRENE FRANSON
Wishing you a Happy Chanukah and Thank you
for all you do
By: Kathy Kapler

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Happy Chanukah
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In Memory of her Yahrzeit
By: Joyette Hillyard

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By: Thomas & Iris Smotrich
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Stephanie's candle lighting

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In honor of her birthday

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In memory of Yahrzeit
By: Carole & Jerry Gorngold

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In Memory of his passing
By: Fred Fabricant

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From the Melamedet

Rabbi Bentley has been working with our Kitah Zayin, 7th grade class, learning a beautiful Jewish folk Song. As the students learn the words to our liturgy and songs, they are always challenged to reflect on meaning. Here are the words (translation) to Ani V'ata (You and I) that our students have been learning and reflecting on.

*You and I will change the world, you and I, then all will join us.
Though it's been said before, it doesn't matter. You and I will change the world.
You and I will start from the beginning. You and I will try. It may be difficult, but it's nothing,
it's not so terrible.*

Words and music by Arik Einstein and Miki Gavreilov

I think if there is at least one person who cares, things can change for the better. Nothing is impossible, as long as there is one person who speaks up and wants to make things better. Sometimes, it seems there is so much stuff to fix in the world that it's just too hard. However, even if it takes 10 years or a lifetime, it's worth it to make things better. I read about a teenager who was so upset about the plastic in our oceans that he decided to do something about it. He was just one person, but he convinced others to join him and, after 8 years, he was able to remove 2 billion pounds of trash which has helped not only to clean the ocean but make it a safer environment for all sea life.

Rachel Sanford

Everyone has the power to change the world. I think if you believe in what you are doing, others will follow and help. Sometimes, it's worth the extra work just to prove others (who doubt you) wrong. All great changes start with an idea. Sure, you may hit some bumps in the road, but knowing you are helping the world become a better and safer place for all is the motivation. A way I change the world is by having a mitzvah list. I did this with my friends, and it was not only fun, but we put more goodness in the world! All we did was commit every day to say "Hi" to 5 people a day, give 3 high fives and make at least one person laugh. I think small acts of kindness are a good way to inspire people to be nicer to one another.

I think changing someone's perspective isn't easy, but it can be done.

Coco Mazet

Convincing people that it is important to make the world better is the challenge. If people listened better and were kinder to each other, I think the world could be fixed. We shouldn't mistreat one another. My dad is a doctor and, every day, he works hard to cure people. I think my dad, through his work, inspires others to help with the healing. Maybe they will become doctors themselves or just remember how my dad helped them get better. This could cause them to be better people and change their perspective.

Asher Stone

Toni Robinson

Temple Manager

It has been pointed out to me that there are many funds that are designated to support limited aspects of temple life. Among those funds are the Religious School and Music Fund. These two help to defray the cost of giving our children a superior Jewish education; an education that they will take with them throughout their lives and hopefully, pass on to their own children, so that we may perpetuate Jewish life for generations to come. The Music Fund helps to defray the cost of the fabulous musicians that inspire our Friday night services and our High Holy Day choir. Consider directing your donations to one of these funds when you are honoring or memorializing a person or event that is important to you. Over the next few months, I will highlight various other funds that have been set up by congregants over our many years serving Coachella Valley Jews.



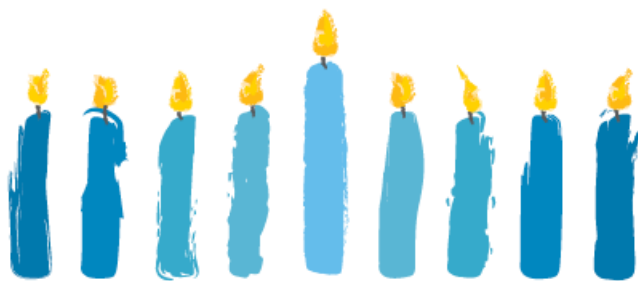
If you are interested in learning some Israeli Folk dance in January and February, call the office and let me know. There will be a wonderful teacher in the valley this winter, and she has offered to teach here at Temple Sinai. Days and times will be determined by your response. The cost will be \$5 per lesson. All levels and ages are welcome. Just let me know if you have an interest.

Mah Jongg

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR 2019 Mah Jongg card(s). Contact: Picce Glast
760 -636-4554 or pglast@gmail.com for more information.

TEMPLE SINAI

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Jackie Leany—Tikvah Pre School Director

Hirschberg Family Education Center

We are thankful for so many things at Tikvah. We appreciate our play yard, exploring learning environments, painting, our teachers, going to Shabbat, and our family and friends. This month, we want to share some of the pictures of what we are grateful for!

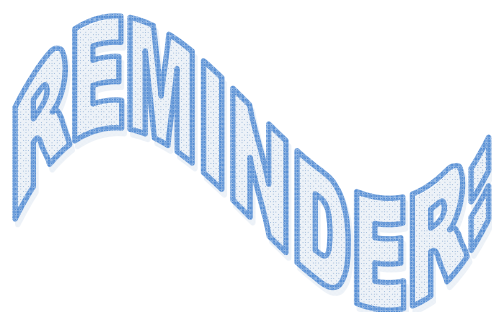




Our fundraiser was a great success. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to the 4 families who won certificates for \$500 off their tuition. We are so appreciative of each family who supported us and are very grateful to the many donors who helped make this a wonderful event.

Be sure to view and like us on our Tikvah Facebook page so you can see the amazing things we are doing.

Also, check out the Tikvah Website to see all of the generous donors from around the valley that supported our fundraiser. www.templatesinaipd.org/Tikvah-Preschool



BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2019,
FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES WILL
BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. FOR
ZIMRA SHABBAT, WE HOPE TO
HAVE DINNER AFTER SER-
VICES—POSSIBLY AT A LOCAL
RESTAURANT. STAY TUNED;
WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

Event Calendar—December 2018

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
2 1st Night of Chanukkah 9:30 AM Religious School 11:30 AM Hebrew Chai	3 2nd Night of Chanukkah Temple Office Closed	4 3rd Night of Chanukkah 11:30 AM Pirkei Imahot 1:15 PM Ten Paths to God 4:00 PM Religious School/Chanukkah Celebration at Westfield Mall	5 4th Night of Chanukkah 12:00 PM Lunch & 21st Century Judaism 1:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 1:00 PM Bereavement Group 4:00 PM Mah Jongg 5:30 PM Tikvah Chanukkah Play & Pot Luck 6:00 PM Pirkei Imahot	6 5th Night of Chanukkah 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	7 6th Night of Chanukkah 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 5:30 PM Family Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	8 7th Night of Chanukkah 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
9 8th Night of Chanukkah 9:30 AM Religious School 11:30 AM Hebrew Chai 6:00 PM Klezmer Band Concert	10 Temple Office Closed	11 12:00 PM Intro. to Judaism 1:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 1:15 PM Ten Paths to God 4:00 PM Religious School 5:00 PM Confirmation	12 12:00 PM Lunch & 21st Century Judaism 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	13 12:00 PM JFS Cafe Europe Chanukah Party 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 5:30 PM Brotherhood Dinner & A Movie	14 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	15 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
16 9:30 AM Religious School 11:00 AM Private Event 11:30 AM Hebrew Chai	17 Temple Office Closed	18 12:00 PM Intro. to Judaism 1:15 PM Ten Paths to God 4:00 PM Religious School 5:00 PM Confirmation	19 10:30 AM Book Club 12:00 PM Lunch & 21st Century Judaism 1:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	20 1:00 PM Mah Jongg 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	21 Tikvah Preschool Closed 5:30 PM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	22 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services
23 No Religious School 10:00 AM Board Meeting	24 Temple Office Closed Tikvah Preschool Closed 6:00 PM Private Event	25 No Religious School Temple Office Closed Tikvah Preschool Closed	26 Tikvah Preschool Closed 1:00 PM Adult B'Nai Mitzvah Class 4:00 PM Mah Jongg	27 Tikvah Preschool Closed 11:00 AM Private Event 1:00 PM Mah Jongg	28 Tikvah Preschool Closed 11:00 AM Tikvah Shabbat 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	29 8:45 AM Torah Study 10:00 AM Shabbat Services 6:00 PM Private Event
30 No Religious School 6:00 PM Private Party	31 Temple Office Closed Tikvah Preschool Closed	1	2	3	4	5



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