



TEMPLE SINAI

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BULLETIN



HAPPY CHANUKAH FROM YOUR
TEMPLE SINAI FAMILY!

THURSDAY, DEC. 10-FRIDAY DEC. 18

Worship Services - December 2020



ALL WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON-LINE through Zoom, Facebook Live, and livestreamed on our Temple Sinai website.

Friday Evening Services are also available in-person in the sanctuary with socially-distant seating. Reservations are required, and masks must be worn at all times within the Temple building. There will be no Oneg Shabbat or Kiddush lunch receptions in the building for the time-being. Please check the weekly e-mail message and Temple website for up-to-date information about services.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with our Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (*On-line Only*)
Torah Portion: *Vayishlach* - Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30 p.m. Chanukah Lights on the Avenue Ceremony
6:00 p.m. Special Service for the Shabbat of Chanukah

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and the Bat Mitzvah of Janna Sherman
Torah Portion: *Vayeishev* - Genesis 37:1 - 40:23.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:15 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and the Bat Mitzvah of Sylvie Kahn
Torah Portion: *Miketz* - Genesis 41:1 - 44:17.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (*On-Line Only*)
Torah Portion: *Vayigash* - Genesis 44:18 - 47:27.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

9:15 a.m. On-line Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service (*On-Line Only*)
Torah Portion: *Vayechi* - Gen. 47:28 - 50:26

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TORAH STUDY THIS MONTH

We will continue to hold our weekly Torah Study discussions on-line through Zoom. Please watch the weekly e-mail messages and information on the Temple website for any changes.



Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

RABBI'S MESSAGE

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHANUKAH THIS YEAR

As we turn our attention to December, we eagerly anticipate our annual Winter Holiday – Chanukah! Some would say “it’s the most wonderful time of the year.” I am not sure I would go quite that far, but I always look forward to Chanukah. Chanukah is a fun holiday. It is our annual Festival of Lights when we light our menorahs, recite the blessings, sing songs, spin the dreidel, eat latkes, and exchange gifts. Many of us decorate our homes. There is a feeling of excitement and nostalgia as we take out the Chanukah candles and prepare our *Chanukiot*.

This year, however – as I seem to be writing each and every month – things are different. Because of the pandemic, Chanukah won’t be the same either. But that’s OK. If we can make Passover and the High Holy Days (as well as Thanksgiving) work under these special circumstances, then we will find ways to make Chanukah extra-special this year, as well. Here’s why I am especially looking forward to Chanukah this year.

First of all, on the Shabbat of Chanukah, our daughter Janna will become a Bat Mitzvah. 12-12-2020 is Janna’s 13th birthday. It is a day we have marked on our family calendars for a long time. Before I could accept the position of Rabbi at Temple Sinai, Janna wanted me to make sure that this Saturday was available for her Bat Mitzvah date. We have had to change our plans a number of times, and we are saddened that our families will be unable to join us in-person – but we are very excited about Janna’s reaching this milestone. Morgan and I invite our entire Temple Sinai family to join us on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. for our on-line Shabbat Morning Service, which Janna will help lead as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

I am also excited about Chanukah this year because of all of the celebrations we have planned for our congregation. There is something every night of Chanukah this year for Temple Sinai. No one should feel that they have to celebrate Chanukah by themselves. So we hope you will join us – all the details can be found in this month’s bulletin and on the Temple website.

Finally, I am excited about Chanukah because of the potential it offers us this year. It seems like we have been surrounded by darkness, gloom, and bad news. Chanukah is known as *CHAG HA-URIM* – the Festival of Light. By lighting our candles each evening, we help to bring light into our darkened world. This year in particular may we look to the light, feel the warmth of the light, and be a light – may our actions and observances help to bring light, peace, and blessing into our homes, our community, our country, our people and our world. To help with this, I would like to offer the following themes for each night of Chanukah this year:

1st Night (Thursday, Dec. 10): **TZEDAKAH** – Let’s begin Chanukah this year with a very special gift – the gift of Tzedakah. Donate a present or money to a local charity and support those who are in need. Sharing is an excellent way of celebrating Chanukah.

2nd Night (Friday, Dec. 11): **SHABBAT** – Increase the light of the festival by lighting Shabbat candles, too. Join us at Temple outside at 5:30 p.m. for lighting our Chanukah Lights on St. Charles Avenue or come to our special Chanukah Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. And let’s rededicate ourselves to Shabbat observance in 2021.

3rd Night (Saturday, Dec. 12): **FAMILY** – Spend some time this evening or during the day with family members: whether in-person or on-line through Zoom, FaceTime or any other way that will allow you to see each other, interact with each other, and celebrate Chanukah together. If not, a phone call or card can help let them know that you are thinking of them at this time of year.

4th Night (Sunday, Dec. 13): **JEWISH LEARNING** – Looking for a good gift? Why not give a Jewish book or two? There are also some great Jewish movies, videos, and television programs available these days. And make a commitment to engage yourself in some kind of on-line Jewish learning at Temple in the new year.

5th Night (Monday, Dec. 14): **ISRAEL** – Let’s remember our brothers and sisters in the land of Israel on this night. How about purchasing a gift from Israel? Or learning more about our homeland and beginning to plan a trip to see and experience Israel once travel resumes. And try some *sufganiot* – special jelly doughnuts, which are a Chanukah treat in Israel.

6th Night (Tuesday, Dec. 15): **GEMILUT CHASADIM** – Acts of loving kindness help create the foundation for a healthy society. Do something to help someone: volunteer, lend a helping hand, visit the sick, tutor, be a mentor ... there are lots of opportunities. Give the gift of love and caring to support our community.

7th Night (Wednesday, Dec. 16): **TEMPLE SINAI** – Please consider giving a gift to Temple to mark our 150th birthday this year and to support all the wonderful things that take place at Temple Sinai. We cannot do this without your support, your assistance, your volunteering, and your service – for which we are very grateful.

8th Night (Thursday, Dec. 17): **GIVING THANKS** – Before concluding Chanukah, let us remember to count and give thanks to God for all of the blessings in our lives. At this time of year, we are especially grateful for the opportunity to practice and celebrate our religion here in this wonderful country in freedom.

HAPPY CHANUKAH! CHAG SAMEACH!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2020



Tracey Dodd

As I type this article for our December Bulletin, we are getting prepared for Thanksgiving. Having not grown up celebrating this American holiday, it is still a bit “foreign” to me, and this year is really no different... for many other reasons. What I do understand about Thanksgiving is the importance of being grateful...first and foremost that this year, 2020, is coming to an end, but more importantly that we have found so very many ways to stay connected this year in such challenging times.

As your Temple’s President, I am truly thankful for you, our congregants, who have been patient and participated differently in our worship and rituals this year. I am thankful for the health and well-being of our congregants, as well as the memories of those we have lost this year who have made such an impact on our lives and our synagogue’s history. Saying thank you and being thankful is absolutely a Jewish value. We thank God for so many things, including bread, fruit from the earth, the rising and the setting of the sun, etc. We simply have countless blessings that include our health, our friends and our family, and that makes 2020 no different than any other year.

Looking forward to December, at Temple Sinai we are wrapping Chanukah packages, preparing for some very special Bat Mitzvah services this month, and planning for Lighting on the Avenue. We will continue to find ways to connect with each other and celebrate our 150th year of our beloved congregation as we move forward in our “new normal.”

For this Thanksgiving, *Baruch atah Adonai*, Blessed are you God who has given us this bounty of food and the blessing of family.

B'Shalom,
Tracey Dodd
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HEY 2020, THANKS ANYWAY!
READERS GIVE MORE REASONS TO BE THANKFUL THIS YEAR

JOAN OPPENHEIM
Metairie
The Advocate- November 24, 2020

Besides being grateful for the good health of all my family, which includes seven great-grandchildren, I am grateful for the weather we have had. No three-digit heat day during June, July and August, relatively minor hurricane damage compared to our unfortunate neighbors – so we have been able to share “outside living” as much as possible. Neighbors within a few blocks have become “real” – with names (at least first ones) children, dogs out walking or biking – waving sometimes stopping to talk or exchange first names – we sat on the lawn drinking wine.

Being a centenarian come March, I have struggled to be grateful. It is certainly not easy! I miss being with my grandchildren and knowing their families, but I am blessed with my children who are here, and my granddaughter. We have enjoyed a meal in one yard or the other almost every weekend and hope to do it again on Thanksgiving.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2020

Liz Yager
Executive Director

It's December - Happy Chanukah! We welcome December with our Chanukah celebration plans, family (virtual) gatherings and an emotional relief that 2020 will end. Even with all that has happened in 2020, the world is still celebrating the Festival of Lights! While we light our menorahs, make our potato latkes, give gifts, and reach out to our family and friends, we bring hope for a brighter path in 2021 as we continue to keep ourselves safe.

We hope that all of you continue to feel your connection with Temple Sinai. We have all had to reconfigure how we connect and engage with each other. Temple Sinai has tried our best to meet the needs of you, our members, during this past year. Our staff and leadership has continued work in and out of the office to keep Temple Sinai's virtual and physical doors open. We are fortunate to have a 1000 seat sanctuary where can safely hold Shabbat services and life cycle events. We invested in a camera system that enabled our members to experience the High Holy Days and all services comfortably from their homes. Please feel free to

call, text, or email us! We want to hear how you are doing and how we can help. We are here, ready to connect and provide for your needs in the way that is best for you.

We thank you, now more than ever, for your commitment to Temple Sinai. Today, we must provide a safe and secure environment both physically and digitally for our inspiring worship services and many other programming events.

We hope that you will remember Temple Sinai in your end-of-year giving and thank you in advance for your gift to our Annual Giving Drive. We have all had to face the challenges of 2020 and your choice to give, now more than ever, is truly appreciated. Please [click here](#) to make a donation or follow the link below:

<https://congregationtemplesinai.shulcloud.com/form/Annual%20Giving%20Drive>



LIGHTING OUR CANDLES, COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS



Rachel Chamness

*Oy ir kleyne likhtelekh
Ir dertselt geshikhtelekh
Mayselekh on tzol
Ir dertseylt fun blutikeyt
Beryeshaft un mutikeyt
Vunder fun amol.*

Oh little lights of mystery
You recall our history
And all that went before
The battles and the bravery
And our release from slavery
Miracles galore.

Every year on the first night of Chanukah I make sure to read Morris Rosenfeld's turn-of-the-century Yiddish poem, "Oy ir kleyne likhtelekh." It is a somber piece, speaking to the poet's complicated feelings towards Jewish history – there is so much sadness, yet still some joy; there are so many tragedies, yet still some triumphs. Chanukah is a time of great celebration, but it is also a time to commemorate the past and what we've overcome. Think of it like Passover; the bitter herbs help us to understand the suffering of the Israelites in Egypt, which makes our glee in commemorating their liberation all the sweeter.

*Oy ir kleyne likhtelekh
Ayere geshikhtelekh
Vekn oyf mayn payn
Tif in harts bavegt es zikh
Un mit trem fregt es zikh
Vos vet itster zayn?*

Oh little lights of mystery
You retell our history
Your tales are tales of pain.
My heart is filled with fears
My eyes are filled with tears
"What now?" says the haunting refrain.

The poem ends on this mournful, desperate note. As a Jew, as a person with whom all this historical and cultural baggage rests, how is he to move forward and preserve this tradition when it feels as if the world is against him? How is he to dream of a world in which he can joyfully pass on his beliefs and values to the next generation when the cycle of history tells him they will be ostracized? Yet if you notice, it is to lit candles he asks this question - not to a dark room and an empty *chanukiyah*. Still searching for answers, still saddened by the tragedies behind and before him, he carries on.

From my perspective as both a Jew and a member of the LGBTQ community, carrying the bittersweet memories of the past and its hardships is essential for building a better future. The world today is a much safer place for both LGBTQ people and Jews than it was when Morris Rosenfeld died in 1923. These communities have both suffered profound tragedies in the 97 years since, but they have also born witness to progress so phenomenal that I often find it hard to believe – achievements like marriage equality and the founding of the State of Israel.

The world may feel overwhelming right now, the concurrent tragedies happening around us tempting us to fall into despair. But every candle we light this year is a candle that our ancestors fought for us to have; every blessing we say this year is a blessing that future generations will remember because you said it. The difficulty of a year in quarantine is unprecedented for many of us, but establishing that precedent will provide future generations with the knowledge and strength to get through whatever hardships come their way.

Chag Sameach, y'all!
Rachel

KINDLING THE LIGHTS OF CHANUKAH

The Chanukah lights mark each day of the holiday and are reminders of the menorah that burned in the ancient Temple. The candles should be placed into the menorah from right to left. On the first night, you will need two candles: one for the Shamash, and one in the far-right position. Add one candle each night, so that eight candles (plus the Shamash) are burning on the eighth night.

Begin by lighting the Shamash candle first. This “server” candle will then be used to light all the other candles. Light the candles from left to right, always starting with the newest candle.

The following two blessings are recited each night as the candles are lit

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

Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-sheh kid-de-shah-nu be-mitz-vo-tav, ve-tzi-vah-nu le-had-lik neir shel Cha-nuk-kah.

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who hallows us with Mitzvot and commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-ah-sah ni-sim
la-a-vo-tei-nu ve-i-mo-tei-nu bah-ya-mim ha-heim baz-ze-man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

*On the first night only, add this blessing:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֶחְיֵנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

*Ba-ruch a-tah Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-heh-cheh-yah-nu ve-ki-ye-mah-nu ve-hi-gi-ah-nu
la-ze-man ha-zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

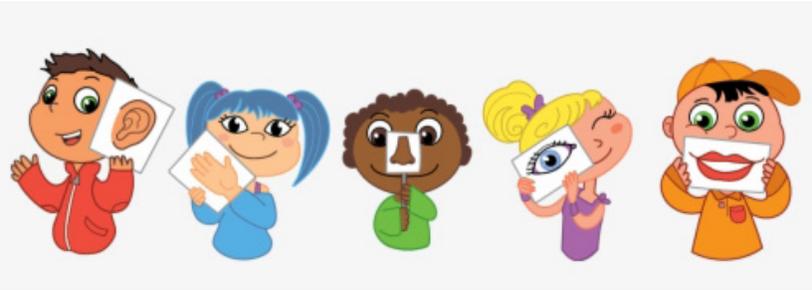
The following may be recited after lighting the candles:

HA-NEI-ROT HAL-LA-LU: We kindle these lights because of the wondrous deliverance You performed for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to behold them – so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous acts of deliverance. (From *On The Doorposts of Your House – Prayers and Ceremonies for the Jewish Home*, page 116)

MAKING CHANUKAH MEMORIES: EXPERIENCE WITH ALL 5 SENSES



Avital Kadosh



1. SIGHT



Chanukah is the Festival of Lights. Each night we light the Shamash and a candle for each corresponding night of the holiday. In your homes you can see the light from the fire of the candles lit.

For this year, we want to make sure that no one has to light candles alone. Temple Sinai will host a Zoom room EVERY night of Chanukah at 6 p.m. (with the exception of Shabbat—lighting will be at 5:30 p.m. online and on the Avenue).

You can see each other online, and see the glow of the Chanukah candles inside your homes.

2. SMELL

Smell is the sense that is most associated with memory. For many of us, we have similar memories tied to the smells associated with Chanukah. Candle wax, the fire burning from the candles, hot oil from the variety of fried food cooked at home or brought in, and the chocolate from our gelt coins.

For me, growing up, Chanukah was not a big gift-giving holiday. We did however get a new book every night. To this day, every time I smell that new book smell, I am taken back to the nights of Chanukah as a kid. My mom also had a great *sufganiah* recipe. So in addition to the smell of hot oil, our house was filled with scents of powdered sugar, lemon peel and different jam fillings.

What are your Chanukah memories? What do they smell like? What do you want your future memories to smell like? What a fun way to think about planning your holiday of Chanukah!

3. TASTE



Follow the QR code above to reach Temple Sinai's Chanukah 5781 landing page where you can find more recipes, as well as all of our Chanukah resources.



CHANUKAH RECIPES



Oven Fried Latkes

Servings: Makes 18 latkes

Total Time: 40 Minutes

INGREDIENTS

-2 pounds russet potatoes (2-3)

-1 medium yellow onion, peeled (about the size of a baseball)

-2 large eggs

-2 scant teaspoons salt

-2 teaspoons baking powder

-1/4 cup all purpose flour

-1 cup vegetable oil

Equipment: 2 heavy non-stick rimmed baking sheets*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Set oven racks in center preheat & oven to 425 degrees.

2. Peel the potatoes, then coarsely grate them with the onion together in food processor or by hand using a box grater. Place potato mixture in a fine sieve and press down firmly with paper towel to remove excess moisture. Stir and repeat a few times with fresh paper towels until liquid is mostly drained. Transfer potato mixture to bowl and mix in eggs, salt, baking powder and flour.

3. Fill two heavy non-stick rimmed baking sheets with 1/2 cup oil each. Place pans in oven for 10 minutes to heat the oil. Wearing oven mitts, carefully remove pans from oven. Drop batter by the 1/4-cupful onto baking

sheets, spacing about 1-1/2 inches apart. Using the bottom of the measuring cup or a spoon, press down on pancakes to flatten just slightly. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until bottoms are crisp and golden.

4. Carefully remove pans from oven and flip latkes (tongs are the best tool as a spatula may cause oil to splatter). Place pans back in oven and cook until latkes are crisp and golden brown all over, about 10 minutes more. Remove pans from oven and transfer latkes to large platter lined with paper towels. Serve immediately with sour cream or apple sauce, if desired.

*It is very important to use non-stick baking sheets so the latkes don't stick.



Latkes with sourcream/ applesauce swirl

INGREDIENTS

-3 Large russet potatoes, peeled

-1 Small sweet yellow onion, peeled

-2 Large eggs

-2 tbsp flour

-1 tsp salt

-Vegetable oil, enough to fill your pan to 1/2"

-2 cups applesauce

-1 cup sour cream

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Grate potatoes and onion into a large bowl. Drain any excess liquid.

2. Add eggs, flour and salt to the bowl and stir to combine.

3. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Oil is ready when a drop of the latke batter sizzles.

4. Use a 1/4 cup measuring cup to scoop latke batter onto the hot oil.

5. Use a spatula to slightly flatten each latke.

6. Cook until brown and crispy, about 5 minutes, and then flip the latkes.

7. Cook until the second side is also brown and crispy, about 5 more minutes.

8. Move latkes to a paper towel lined plate to drain.

9. Place applesauce in a medium sized serving bowl and sour cream in a zip-top bag and cut the corner.

10. Starting at the center of the bowl, create a sourcream swirl on top of the applesauce by squeezing the bag and rotating the bowl.

11. Serve warm latkes with applesauce sour cream swirl and enjoy!



Sufganiyot-Jelly Donuts

INGREDIENTS

-2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting the baking sheet and rolling out the dough
 -1/4 cup granulated sugar
 -1 (1/4-ounce) packet active dry yeast (2 1/4 teaspoons)
 -1/2 teaspoon fine salt
 -2 large egg yolks
 -3/4 cup warm whole milk (105°F to 115°F)
 -2 tablespoons unsalted butter (1/4 stick), at room temperature
 -6 cups (1 1/2 quarts) vegetable or canola oil, for frying, plus more for coating the bowl
 -2/3 cup smooth jam or jelly
 -Powdered sugar, for dusting

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the flour, sugar, yeast, and salt in the bowl of a stand mixer and whisk to combine. Add the yolks and milk and mix, using the hook attachment, on medium-low speed until a shaggy dough forms, about 1 minute. Add the butter, increase the speed to medium high, and mix until the dough is smooth, shiny, and elastic, about 5 minutes.
 2. Coat a large bowl with oil. Form the dough into a ball, place in the bowl, and turn to coat in the oil. Cover with plastic wrap or a damp towel and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
 3. Lightly flour a baking sheet; set aside. Punch down the dough, transfer to a lightly floured work surface, and roll until about 1/4 inch thick. Using a 2-inch round cutter, stamp out as many dough rounds as possible and place on the prepared baking sheet about 1/2 inch apart. Gather

the dough scraps into a ball and roll out again, stamping rounds until you have 30 total on the baking sheet. Cover loosely with plastic wrap or a damp towel. Let rise in a warm place until puffy and about 1/2 inch thick, about 30 minutes.
 4. Place the vegetable or canola oil in a Dutch oven or a large, heavy-bottomed pot and set over medium heat until the temperature reaches 350°F on a candy/fat thermometer. Meanwhile, line a second baking sheet with paper towels and place a wire rack over the paper towels; set aside. Place the jam or jelly in a piping bag fitted with a 1/4-inch round tip; set aside.
 5. Using a flat spatula (don't use your hands—this will deflate the donuts), carefully transfer the dough rounds, one at a time, into the oil. You should be able to fit about 6 at a time, leaving at least 1 inch of space in between and keeping the oil temperature at 350°F. Fry until the bottoms are golden brown, about 1 1/2 minutes. Carefully flip with a fork and fry until the second side is golden brown, about 1 1/2 minutes more. (If air bubbles appear in the donuts, pierce with the tip of a paring knife.) Remove with a slotted spoon to the wire rack. Repeat with the remaining dough rounds.
 6. When the donuts are cool enough to handle, use a paring knife to puncture the side of each to form a pocket in the center. Place the tip of the piping bag into the pocket and pipe about 1 teaspoon of jam or jelly inside. Dust with powdered sugar before serving.



Homemade Applesauce

-4 pounds apples
 -1 lemon
 -2 cinnamon sticks
 -1/2 cup apple juice, cider or water
 -Honey, brown sugar or maple syrup to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

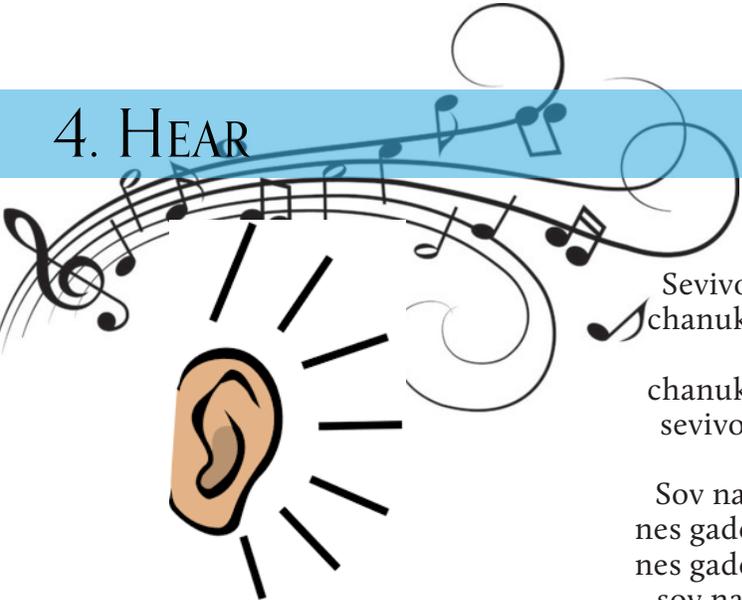
1. Quarter the apples and the lemon. Place in a heavy pot with the cinnamon sticks. Add apple juice, cider or water.

2. Cover, bring to a boil, and then simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally to turn

the apples and making sure they do not stick. You may want to add some liquid. Cook about 20 minutes, or until apples are soft. Remove cinnamon sticks.

3. Put the sauce through a food mill and adjust seasoning by adding honey, brown sugar or maple syrup to taste.

4. HEAR



Light One Candle

Peter Yarrow

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
With thanks that their light didn't die
Light one candle for the pain they endured
When their right to exist was denied
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
Justice and freedom demand
Light one candle for the wisdom to know
When the peacemaker's time is at hand
Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our hope and our tears.
Light one candle for the strength that we need
To never become our own foe
And light one candle for those who are suffering
The pain we learned so long ago
Light one candle for all we believe in
Let anger not tear us apart
And light one candle to bind us together
With peace as the song in our hearts
Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our hope and our tears. (2)
What is the memory that's valued so highly
That we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
When we cry out they've not died in vain?
We have come this far always believing
That justice would somehow prevail
This is the burden, this is the promise
This is why we will not fail!
Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!

Sevion Sov Sov Sov

Sevion, sov sov sov
chanukah hu chag tov

chanukah hu chag tov
sevion, sov sov sov.

Sov na sov, ko vacho,
nes gadol haya po/sham
nes gadol haya po/sham
sov na sov, ko vacho.

Spinning top, spin spin spin,
Chanukah is a great holiday.

Chanukah is a great holiday.
Spinning top, spin spin spin,

Spin here and there,
A great miracle happened here/there,
A great miracle happened here/there
Spinning top, spin spin spin.

Ocho Kandelikas (Ladino)

Chanukah linda sta aki
Ocho kandelas para mi
Chanukah linda sta aki
Ocho kandelas para mi, oh
Una kandelika, dos kandelikas
Tres kandelikas, quatro kandelikas
Sintyu kandelikas, sej kandelikas
Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi
Muchas fiestas vo fazer
Kon alegria i plazer
Muchas fiestas vo fazer
Kon alegria i plazer
Los pastelikos vo kumer
Kon almendrikas i la myel
Los pastelikos vo kumer
Kon almendrikas i la myel, oh
Una kandelika, dos kandelikas
Tres kandelikas, quatro kandelikas
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Siete kandelikas, ocho kandelas para mi

Not by Might, Not by Power

Lyrics by Debbie Friedman

Adapted from Zachariah IV:6

Not by might and not by power
But by spirit alone shall we all live in peace
The children sing, the children dream
And their tears may fall, but we'll hear them call
And another song will rise
Another song will rise, another will rise
Not by might, not by power, shalom

Rock of Ages – Maoz Tzur

מְעוֹז צוּר יְשׁוּעָתִי לְךָ נֶאֱחָה לְשִׁבְחָה,

Mah-oz tzur ye-shu-a-ti, le-chah nah-eh le-sha-bei-ach,

תִּכּוֹן בַּיִת תְּפִלָּתִי וְשָׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְבַּח,

ti-kon beit te-fi-lah-ti, ve-sham to-dah ne-za-bei-ach.

לַעֵת תִּכְיִן מִטְּבִיחַ מִצָּר הַמְּנַיִחַ,

Le-eit tah-chin mat-bei-ach, mi-tzar ha-me-na-bei-ach.

אֶז אֶגְמֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנִיכַת הַמְּזִיבָה.

Az eg-mor, be-shir miz-mor, cha-nu-kat ha-miz-bei-ach.

Rock of Ages, let our song
Praise Your saving power;
You, amid the raging foes
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But Your arm availed us.
And Your word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us. (2x)

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing:
Which will see all go free,
Tyrants disappearing.

I Have A Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel,
I made it out of clay;
And when it's dry & ready
Then dreidel I shall play!
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel
I made it out of clay,
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Now dreidel I shall play!

It has a lovely body,
With leg so short & thin;
And when it gets all tired
It drops & then I win!
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
With leg so short & thin,
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
It drops & then I win!

My dreidel's always playful,
It loves to dance & spin.
A happy game of dreidel:
Come play, now let's begin!
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
It loves to dance & spin,
O dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Come play, now let's begin!

AL HANISIM

Al hanissim, ve'al hapurkan, Ve'al hag'vurot ve'al hateshu'ot, Ve'al hamilchamot she'asita la'avoteinu Bayamim haheim, bazman hazeh.	In honor of the miracles and deliverance, Heroic deeds and salvation wrought And wars You fought, for our fathers, In days of yore and in present time.
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O Chanukah, O Chanukah

O Chanukah, O Chanukah, come light the menorah.

Let's have a party; we'll all dance the hora.

Gather 'round the table, we'll give you a treat:

S'vivonim to play with and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing, the candles are burning low.

One for each night, they shed a sweet light to remind us of days long ago.

5. TOUCH



Play a game of dreidel or get hands-on with some of these fun craft ideas, follow the QR code for full directions and more craft ideas!

THE GAME OF DREIDEL

The spinning game of dreidel has been popular for centuries. The dreidel (“top”) has four sides; each side is imprinted with a Hebrew letter. The letters on the dreidel stand for: “NEIS GADOL HAYAH SHAM – A Great Miracle Happened there.”

Begin the game by giving all players an equal number of pieces (coins, candies, etc.). Each player must “ante up” any time the pot is empty. Players take turns spinning the dreidel until it lands on:

נ NUN: “None” – get nothing

ה HEY: “Half” – take half of the pot

ג GIMMEL: “Get” – take the entire pot

ש SHIN: “Share” – put one in the pot

The player with the most pieces at the end of the game wins. Good luck!



<https://www.momsandcrafters.com/how-to-make-a-dreidel-out-of-clay/>



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Festival of Lights



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<http://www.paintedpaperart.com/2016/12/festival-of-lights-menorah/>



Altoids tin Menorah

<https://biblebeltbalabusta.com/2013/11/12/altoids-tin-menorah/>



<https://kidscraftroom.com/star-of-david-suncatcher-craft/>

BAT MITZVAH SPOTLIGHTS

Janna Devora Sherman

DECEMBER 12, 2020

Janna Sherman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday morning, December 12 - which is also her thirteenth birthday, 12-12-2020. Janna is the daughter of Morgan and Rabbi Daniel Sherman and the younger sister of Shai. Janna is a 7th grader at Metairie Park Country Day School. She is an excellent student and good friend. When she is not working on her Bat Mitzvah preparation, Janna loves doing arts and crafts, cooking, playing volleyball and basketball at school, dancing, taking care of the dog, and trying to talk her parents into getting her another dog. While she is disappointed that not all of her family and friends will be able to join her in person, Janna and her parents are looking forward to sharing her Bat Mitzvah experience with everyone on-line.

Janna helped to organize a food drive at her school for Second Harvest Food Bank following Hurricane Laura. She and her classmates collected over 700 pounds of food for hurricane victims. For her Mitzvah Project, she is continuing to work with Second Harvest to help those in need in our community and across Louisiana. She wants to thank all of those who have helped support her efforts.



Sylvie Kahn

DECEMBER 19, 2020

Sylvie Kahn will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday morning, December 19, 2020. Sylvie is the daughter of Anne Boudreaux and Morris Kahn. She is a 7th grade student at the Louise S. McGehee School. Sylvie likes to play sports, sing, and have fun with her family and friends. Some of her special interests include riding her bike, singing, and cooking. Sylvie is looking forward to becoming a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Sinai, and her parents and family are very proud of her.

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Becca Brenner Grooss and Frankie Grooss, on the birth of Aubrey Willow Grooss. Mazal Tov as well to proud grandparents, **Kelley and Guy Brenner** as well as **Robyn Honquest and Frank Grooss**.

Andrea & Rabbi Ed Cohn and Jennifer & Aaron Kesselheim on their grandson and son, Maxwell Cohn Kesselheim, who was called to the Torah as Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 14 in Brookline, MA.

Elizabeth & Austin Kent on the birth of their son Leo Hanes Kent on October 21, 2020.

To our immediate Past President, **Judge Robin Giarrusso** on her re-election to the Civil District Court.

Maddie Fireman for receiving the Elissa Froman Inspiring Leadership Award for her work with NCJW New Orleans.



THE DEPARTED WHOM WE NOW REMEMBER - MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

S. Gene Fendler, the husband of Linda and father of Julia (Nico Denzl) and Abby (Billie Barker) and of the late Ben Fendler.

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Shea McCoy
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