

From the Rabbi

I hope that everyone is enjoying a wonderful Chanukah. Tonight (Thursday) is the 8th night and our chanukiyot will be at full blast, sharing the special light of Chanukah with the world. Many have asked how we can truly celebrate Chanukah when our brothers and sisters in our homeland are at war.

One approach can be to focus on the historical message of the holiday, as encapsulated in the popular Maoz Tzur. The poem-song focuses on the various kingdoms and peoples that at one time or another had it in for the Jews. Egypt. Babylon. Persia. Greece. Rome. They each were dominant world powers at different times. They were all guilty of anti-semitism and of persecuting the Jews in various horrible ways.

But in the end, none of them remained a dominant force in the world, but the Jewish People and the Land of Israel have managed to rise to their feet time and time again. We were down but never out. The same cannot be said of the other once mighty countries listed in the song. We have outlasted them all. May that be so in the future, as well.

Two notes –

1. I hope you will be in shul this week as **Cantor Joel Lichterman leads us** in tefillah. He will offer special Prayer for Israeli Soldiers during the service which will be moving and poignant.
2. On Shabbat afternoon, following our 4:05 PM Mincha, we will all have an opportunity to hear from **two survivors of the October 7th massacre**, who are part of a group raising awareness of exactly what happened on the terrible day in Israel.

Chag Urim sameach, Shabbat shalom...and see you in shul

Information and Inspiration

[Non Jewish Heroes Bringing Light in Dark Times](#), Sarah Pachter

[Video Games and Anti-Semitism](#), Dr Yvette Alt Miller

FRIDAY AND SHABBAT:
DECEMBER 15-16 /TEVET 3-4

Candle Lighting - 4:16 PM

BMH-BJ / TDK Kabbalat Shabbat - 4:20 PM

Shabbat Day Services:

Chapel/Shaaarei Simcha - 9:00 AM

Main Sanctuary - 9:45 AM

Torah portion-Miketz 41:1-44:17 (AS 222)

Haftorah- I Kings 3:15-4:1 (AS 1142)

*Cantor Emeritus Joel Lichterman will be lead
sanctuary this Shabbat.*

*Kiddush is sponsored by
BMH-BJ*

Mazal tov to Walter and Yelena Rabinovitch on the marriage of their
son, Leo, to Sonya Livitz, daughter of Anatoly and Larissa Livitz
on Saturday night.

**BMH-BJ / TDK Mincha, Refreshments and
Torah learning**

in the Gallery - 4:05 PM

Shabbat ends/Havdalah - 5:18 PM

Minyan Next Week: Dec 17th- 22nd

Sunday 8:30 AM

Monday & Thursday 6:30 AM

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:45 AM

Friday 6:20 AM

Fast of Tevet Begins 5:48 AM

Fast Ends at 5:11 PM

Refuah Shaleima/Speedy Recovery

Anschel ben Feigeh, Avraham Issur ben Chaya, Avraham ben Sara, Beila Feiga bat Avigail, Bruna bas Sarah, David Axelrod, Jacqui Beckett (Yacovah bat Bronsa Label), Allen Bemel, Jeffrey Blum (Yakov ben Golda Sima), Bracha bat Basha, Esther bat Chana, Beverly Church, Roger Druckman, Jeff Geller (Yaakov ben Yetta), Elaine Greenberg (Feige Esther bat Ita Liba), Leib ben Chasha, Yitzchak ben Beile (Isaac Krajmalnik), Shraga Feivel ben Sima (Fabian Krajmalnik), Dr. Fred Mechanik, Jeff and Miriam Miller, Mordechai Avraham ben Malka Yocheved, Mordechai Refael ben Perel, Natan Leib ben Cheyenne Rochel, Barbara Oxman (Breindel bat Sara), Penina Rina bat Raizel Shaindel, Rabbi Tracee Rosen (Masha Rachel bat Golda Leah), Lilian Schaeffer, Dr. William Silvers (Zev Shmuel ben Heleina), Dr. Robert Springer (Reuben Kalman haKohein ben Rosa), Jay Stark, Pam Zeldin

Classes This Week

Daily - Daf Yomi - Rabbi Fleischmann – 7:30 am
and 75 minutes after Shabbat ends on Saturday night

WhatsApp dial in number: 701-802-5213 ; Access code: 8622667
Online meeting ID: mfleischmann7

Monday- **Siddur Savvy with Sarina Kopinsky** 6:00 pm (Library)

Monday- Sefer haChinuch with Rabbi Stern 8:00 pm (Miller Library)

Tuesday-**The Poetry of Hope and Comfort: Exploring the Book of Psalms**

Rabbi Chaitovsky 7:15 pm on Zoom [Click HERE to join](#)

Wednesday-**Devarim Verse by Verse** Rabbi Chaitovsky 7:45 pm
on Zoom [Click HERE to join](#)

Wednesday- **Torah from Israel** with Ellyn Hutt
(on break until Dec 27)

Thursday- **Science Fact/Science Fiction & Torah**
with Cantor Marty (on break)

Shabbat- **Practical Parsha** with Sara Wolfe - 10:30 am in the Gallery

Yahrzeits

Friday December 15, 2023 / 3 Tevet 5784

Rose Belleli, Morris Bernstein, Froma Charles, Theodore Epstein, Jacob Feder, Sarah Goldstein, Keri Hale, Henry L. Hendler, Sonia Hora, Joseph Jackson, Bessie Kantrowitz, Shirley Kasztl, Avigdor Katz, Ethel Katz, Joel Scott Kline, Rosa Leah Lehrman, Herbert "Ted" Levin, Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz, Sarah Littman, Gertrude Marcove, Lena Mintz, Zalman Pollak, David Primock, Morris Rifkin, Lena Robinson, Mary Rosenthal, Dora Schneiderman, Eileen Sclarow, Eugene Side, Susan Silberman, John E. Steltzer, Eli Tawil, Deborah Wine-Kramer

Shabbat December 16, 2023 / 4 Tevet 5784

Gloria Abrams, Rose Altberger, Rabbi Abram M Brener, Rebecca Chutkow, Walter Felsenburg, Lorraine Gardenswartz, Morris Ginsberg, Mary Goldman, Sam Greenstein, Marvin J. Kippur, Elsa Klaiman, Jennie Krasner, Harold Lustig, Nathan Mendelsberg, Thersea Millenson, Goldie G. Rabinowitz, Rakhil Risman, Nicholas Rosenthal, Elaine F. Rothenberg, Robert Schiff, Morris Schwartz, Anne N. Wittow, Isaac Wolf

Sunday December 17, 2023 / 5 Tevet 5784

Meyer Averch, Emil Berkowitz, John Gawerc, Hyman Gerskovitz, Lily Halpern, Emil Hecht, Louis Hellerstein, Sam Horwitz, Bertha Jacobs, Lev Katsnelson, Jean Z. Kolinsky, Heinz Kotlarczyk, Jacob Lewin, Gerald Merenstein, Sophie Miller, Mona Milzer, Libbie Steinberg, Annemarie Tuteur Tucker, Arthur M. Wald, Belle Weinberg, Diana G. Weinstock, David Zahn

Monday December 18, 2023 / 6 Tevet 5784

Malcolm Albert, Blaine Lee Block, Betty Epstein, Phyllis Frank, Earl E Friedland, Boruch Fruman, Hazel Gardenswartz, Benjamin Ginsberg, Minia Gorelik, Abraham Grossman, Alfred Gunn, Elsie Haber, Arnold Held, Donald F. Kaatz, Vera Kessler, Ralph Korklin, Lester Leight, Irving Lesser, Rose Litvak, David Jacob Paillet, Frank Quicksilver, Carl Richman, Abraham Rubin, Esther Seligson, Khaim Shmit, Sarah Stern - Fox, Thelma Zeppelin

Tuesday December 19, 2023 / 7 Tevet 5784

Rae Butterman, Bessie Cohen, Sam Eagle, Alan L. Feuer, Phillip Figa, Jerome Friedman, Saul Galansky, Boris Gurevich, Anna Lackner, Rose M Levin, Jake Levitt, Beryl Lustigman, Helen Maier, Richard Male, Bruce Methner, Donn Samuelson, Pauline Schechtel, David Silverstein, Morris Thaler, Harry Wasko

Wednesday December 20, 2023 / 8 Tevet 5784

Sam Appleman, Joseph Burger, Ida Davis, Margaret Eskanos, Sarah Finkelstein, Adele Finstein, Ruvim Gershovick, Isaak S. Lerman, Jacob Lowen, Fanny Mutnick, Rena Nurmatov, Rose Zaler Olken, Laura Pearl, Myndel Schneiderman, Ida Schnitzer, Marilyn Shames, Ben Siegel, Samuel Sontag, Jessie Sosny, Sol Stahl, Liliya Vayner, Ellis R. Weis

Thursday December 21, 2023 / 9 Tevet 5784

Harry Aarons, Irene Alexander, Naomi Bat Avraham, Jeanne Claire Cohan, Max Dym, Sam Fireman, Max ben Peisah Frenkel, Morris Glavins, Ruth Glick, Ruth Goldberg, William F. Gross, Jacob Hailpern, Morris Hayutin, Joseph G. Karsh, Basya Kononov, Leatrice Lewis, Bonnie Seldin Margolin, Nevet Montgomery, Bernard Novicoff, Rita Sandler Raiter, Dorothy Rollnick, Gladys Rosenthal, Rose Rotenberg, Albert Rubin, Jennie Ruderman, Sarah Schoenberg, Abraham Sheftel, Barnett Sicker, Norton Singer, Maurice I. Solomon, Augusta Steinhardt, Pauline Tepper, Bessie Vean, Myer Wolfgang

**Gift Shop Hours:
Sunday-Friday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM**



Due to the overwhelming support for Israel in the recent months, the BMH-BJ Gift Shop would like to feature their selection of men's Mogen David necklaces.

The varying colors are sure to fit an array of styles and tastes.

Supplies are limited, so act fast before your favorite is gone.

Sephardic Jews: Before and After the Expulsion

**A three-part series of lectures
by Van-Troi Perozo.**

\$45 for all 3 classes.

All proceeds will be donated to BMH-BJ.

Monday, December: 4th, 11th and 18th.

Time: 7:15 p.m. in the Gallery

**First night will consist of a buffet style dinner,
featuring Sephardi/Israeli cuisine.**

Other nights we'll have light refreshments.

Go to BMH-BJ.org to register



**COHEN'S CUISINE AND BMH-BJ
PRESENT TAKE-OUT
CHINESE SHABBAT DINNER
DECEMBER 22, 2023**



Package includes:

Spicy Asian Bean Dip (GF & parve)

(homemade bean dip with sesame oil, soy sauce and Asian spices)

Chopped Asian Salad with Sesame Ginger Dressing (GF)

(shredded cabbage with carrots, peas and mandarin oranges in a tangy sesame ginger dressing)

Sesame Chicken (GF)

(bite sized chicken dredged in gluten free flour with sautéed green and red peppers in an orange glaze)

Beef Stir Fry

(tender beef strips and Asian vegetables marinated in a teriyaki sauce)

Eggrolls with Dipping Sauce (2 per person -vegetarian, parve)

(homemade eggrolls with shredded cabbage and carrots marinated in a teriyaki sauce and fried)

Steamed White and Brown Rice (GF & parve)

2 Plain small Challahs per family order

Fortune Cookies

ORDERS ONLY FOR COMPLETE DINNERS: \$39.25 per person

Orders are due by December 18th.

Pick up will be Friday, December 22nd between 11 & 1 outside the BMH-BJ kitchen.

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WINTER charity drive



THROUGHOUT ALL OF DECEMBER!



Please drop off new packages of:

**SOCKS, UNDERWEAR,
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DROP OFF LOCATION:

**BMH-BJ: 560 S Monaco St Pkwy,
Denver, CO 80224**

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Dr. Herzl Melmed Presents:
Topics of importance
for the Jewish people and the State of Israel.
7:00 pm in the Chapel

"Fighting Media Bias Against Israel" - December 20, 2023

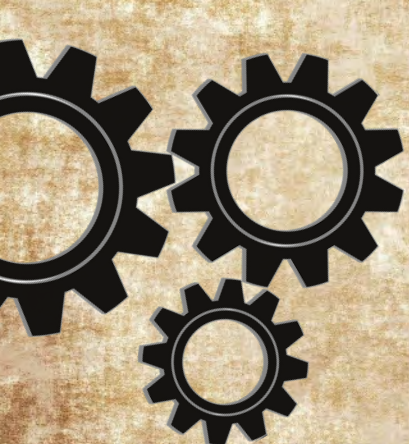
Drawing on his extensive knowledge and experience, Dr. Melmed will delve into the challenges Israel faces in the global media sphere, exploring strategies to counteract bias and promote a more nuanced understanding of the nation's complexities.

"Is a Two State Solution Possible?" - January 10, 2024

In this thought-provoking lecture, Dr. Herzl Melmed addresses one of the most crucial and debated issues in the region—the possibility of a two-state solution for Israel. Dr. Melmed will provide insights into the historical, political, and social dimensions of this complex topic, examining the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

"Israel's Contribution to America" - February 14, 2024

Dr. Herzl Melmed will highlight Israel's profound impact on the United States in this lecture. Exploring the multifaceted contributions ranging from technology and innovation to cultural influences, Dr. Melmed will provide a comprehensive overview of the ways in which Israel has enriched American society.



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Join us for a creative and enjoyable winter day filled with plenty of exciting craft activities. It's a bit like a craft round-robin, where you can rotate between stations and choose two activities to start with, but feel free to explore more if your creative spirit soars.

Jewelry, stencils, decoupage, iron-on, and more!

Pick your favorites, get your creative juices flowing and discover the artist within!

Reserve your spot today for a fun filled crafting experience.

Admission is \$20 for two items per person and if you'd like to explore any additional activities, it's just an extra \$8.

We can't wait to see your artistic talents shine!

All ages are welcome!

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Sunday, January 21st
1:00-3:00 PM

BMH-BJ: 560 S Monaco St Pkwy,
Denver, CO 80224

RSVP

<https://www.bmh-bj.org/event/crafts-caboodle.html>

For questions please contact:

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