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The Talmud asks a most interesting question. Concerning Hanukah, it asks, “Ma’ai Hanukah?” - “Why Hanukah?” Simply put, it is asking for the reasons for Hanukah. This is quite astonishing since the Talmud never asks the reason for any other holiday. What was behind Hanukah that made it necessary to ask ‘how come?’

The reason is a bit disturbing. You see, Hanukah is a military holiday and, after the Hasmonians had rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem, it was not long before palace intrigue and all that it brings with it started to happen among the leaders of the Jews. Other than the actual dedication of the Temple, the time leading up to and the time right after the Maccabees was most certainly not a high point in Jewish history. Add to that the military aspect of the holiday and the early rabbis found themselves having to take a very small part of the story and magnifying its importance. And so the story of the oil and light and the 8 days burst forth as the reason to continue the festival.

This is very instructive. We very often see that our holidays are subsumed under someone else’s priority. Hanukah becomes a “Jewish Christmas” - whatever that means. Too many people spend too much money that they can hardly afford or, God forbid, put themselves into excessive debt, believing that presents are the focus of the holiday. We all know better. But certainly at this time of the year, with Hanukah so close, we ought to ask “Ma’ai Hanukah?” - “How come we are celebrating Hanukah like we do?”

The central theme of the holiday (it is not, technically, a Festival even though it is called the ‘Festival of Lights’) are the lights, the candles. In fact most of the Hilchot Hanukah - the laws regarding the holiday are about which way to light the candles, what they can be made of, how many menorot there should be (one for each person? One for each person for each night?), where to place the menorah, and so forth.

The light is our symbol of truth and of God’s Presence. The light was the still, small voice of potential and possibility when the Temple was rededicated. And even though the Greeks and, after the Maccabean revolt, the Hasmonians corrupted the light, there was still the possibility of light shining through all that blackness.

Today the light is ours. We are beset with an abundance of ignorance and apathy about too many things. During the recent political season, intelligence and critical thought and education were considered liabilities! Not only was ignorance bliss, it was celebrated. But it is not just our politicians who are to blame. There are too many people who joyously swim in the black waters of ignorance and whose life is dedicated to keeping out the light. ‘Don’t confuse me with facts’ seems to be a too-common motto.

As Jews, we are to be a ‘Light unto the Nations.’ Usually we use that expression to mean that we are to live by example. Maybe another meaning we ought to consider is that we must not fall into the same oblivion of ignorance as too many already has. There is no greatness in not knowing. There is even less greatness in not caring. Hanukah is about knowing, caring and keeping the light bright even though the world is dark.

Our rabbis knew what they were doing when they turned this non-holiday into a holiday. They brought forth the light and, in doing so, gave us a ceremony of rededication to impress upon us with a symbol of light, all that light symbolizes. The torch is ours. Let the blackness of ignorance be diffused with our light. In this way, Hanukah will come to mean so much more than latkes, presents, and parties. It will mean a real change in the world. And that is what our light ought to be.

Chag Hanukah Sameach

Hannukah Message from Rabbi Cy - [Click here](#)

5771 HOLIDAYS 2010-2011

September

- 6 Labor Day
- 8 Erev Rosh Hashanah
- 9 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah
- 10 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah
- 17 Kol Nidre—Erev Yom Kippur
- 18 Yom Kippur—YIZKOR
- 22 Erev Sukkot
- 23 1st Day of Sukkot
- 24 2nd Day of Sukkot
- 30 Shemini Atzeret—YIZKOR

October

- 1 Simchat Torah
- 11 Columbus Day

November

- 2 Election Day
- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
Move clock back one hour
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

December

- 1 1st Chanukah Candle
- 2 2nd Chanukah Candle
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 Tu B'Shevat—Jewish Arbor Day

February

- 21 Presidents' Day

March

- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Move clock forward one hour
- 17 Fast of Esther
- 20 Purim Reading of the Megillah

April

- 17 Search for Chametz
- 18 Fast of the First Born, evening
Erev Passover—1st Seder
- 19 1st Day of Passover—2nd Seder
- 20 2nd Day of Passover
- 25 7th Day of Passover
- 26 8th Day of Passover—YIZKOR

May

- 1 Yom Hashoah
Holocaust Memorial Day
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Israel Independence Day
- 22 Lag Ba'Omer
- 30 Memorial Day

June

- 1 Yom Yerushalayim
Jerusalem Reunification Day
- 7 Erev Shavuot
- 8 1st Day of Shavuot
- 9 2nd Day of Shavuot—YIZKOR
- 19 Father's Day

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 19 Fast of Tammuz

August

- 9 Tisha B' AV—Fast of Av

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From the President

Addressing concerns about temple security is a very delicate topic, but I feel that I need to do so. It is difficult to balance the concept of complete safety without scaring everyone. In light of that, please don't overreact to the mere discussion of the topic. As Jews and Americans, we all live in a different world since September 11, 2001 and we should never forget that. We need to be vigilant without completely changing our lives and without being frightened. First of all, nothing specific has happened in Long Branch or New Jersey prompting this discussion. I am writing about it because I believe it is important and there was an incident on October 29, 2010, when terrorists from Yemen apparently mailed explosive materials, disguised as printer cartridges, to temples in the Chicago area. This prompted the URJ to issue a "security alert" to all member congregations after the report. Due to astuteness of law enforcement, this plot was thwarted. We need to take lessons from this latest plot since those who seek to harm Jews and Americans always seem to be planning to disrupt our way of life.

Many organizations, including the URJ, UJC Metro West, as well as the Anti-Defamation League have urged that no one panic, but institutions such as ours need to "be more careful and review their security plans." The URJ sponsored a recent webinar which, open to rabbis, temple staff, and officers, reviewed security issues, in which over 500 people, including Rabbi Stanway participated. Given the recent re-focusing on this issue, this makes this a good time to have this discussion and let you as congregants know how you can help keep us all safe.

First of all, you need to know that we have already been taking precautions, such as carefully examining all packages that arrive at the temple, improving our security system. We have trained our clergy and office staff to be alert for suspicious persons and packages. We have required photo identification for High Holiday services. We have hired Long Branch police officers for all High Holiday services. We have, for many years, had a very close relationship with the Long Branch Police in which we discuss any potential issues. Beth Miriam's House Committee Chair Harvey Straus communicates on a regular basis with the police and has always been pro-active on these concerns. We all owe Harvey a debt of gratitude for giving his time and expertise to this area of concern. Recently, the Long Branch Police designated a Lt. Michael McGlennon as the new security liaison for Temple Beth Miriam. In the near future, Harve and I will be meeting with him to give him a tour of our facility. We anticipate that Lt. McGlennon will be a guest at our Board Meeting in the near future.

You may also see some future changes as we seek to limit personal information on our website and in the Bulletin which is on line and available to everyone. We need to balance the concept of openness with sensible security measures. For example, we have removed personal telephone numbers of Board members from the Bulletin. Also, unlike many organizations, we do not post our membership list anywhere and do not make it generally available.

As members, you can also assist in making sure that we are all safe. The signs on the New York subway summarize it best: "If you see something, say something." As members, we can also take other common sense precautions: If you see a strange person walking around the temple, taking photos, videos or sketching, call the police; If you see a strange person walking around inside the temple, try to ascertain their purpose in a friendly manner; if you are not satisfied with their explanation, call the police; If you see a suspicious package outside the temple, contact the police;

You must remember that the human dimension of security is the most important part of the security infrastructure. With these thoughts in mind, we can make sure that safety and security are second nature and not matters to cause fear or panic. We are one community and we need to be aware of our surroundings. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Shalom
Brian D. Gillet
President



TBM Birthdays for December

Elyssa Costello	Lauren Harris
Jarred Crystal	Sarah Kaye
Samuel Fisher	Jonathan Krantz
Theodore Fisher	Bridget Lysaght
Lyla Gill	Robert Reisler
Olivia Gill	Eva Rondon
Jessica Glickman	Aaron Tretsky
Danielle Goldwert	Kevin Voorhees
Anna Greenberg	Sara Voorhees
Robert Greenberg	Lucas White
	Isabelle Wolpert

And for the 80 and above club we celebrate the following:

Harry Berger
Shirley Berman
Rhea Gordon
Harriet Herer
Robert Rubenstein

Please join Rabbi Stanway on
December 10th, at the 7:30 pm Shabbat
Service to receive your birthday blessing.



From the Principal...

How is it possible that we are already putting up Hanukkah decorations and dusting off our Hanukiahs? The year is just bustling our first Family service and

Family Ed weekend, featuring our grade 6 students. This is our largest class, numbering 29 students. They worked hard to prepare the Shabbat service, and also had an opportunity to read from the Torah, but only one verse. For their family Ed., which had to be held over two Sundays, they learned about crafting a Tallit, and the significance of each part of it, and finally each student designed a unique tallit that expresses the individuality of the that student.

Coming up on December 10th is the Grade 5 family weekend. Their teachers are voluntarily coordinating a warm family Shabbat dinner to precede the service. Again, on the following Sunday, December 12, parents will join with students to learn about the Mezuzah and its importance and make their own special piece.

Once again, our own Judyth Brown will be leading our students in our annual Purim Spiel. Practice is open to students in grade 3 and above, and will take place on Sundays after school. Practice will begin on December 12 (not December 5th as is indicated on the school calendar). Parents of participating students are asked to meet with Judyth on that day just to go over plans and needs.

Finally, an important safety alert: Thanks to our great new intercom system, dismissal has been going so much faster than in other years, less than 10 minutes on Sundays and less than 6 on Wednesdays. However, there continues to be a problem when people park in the circle *and leave their cars*. The line gets backed up and presents a danger when frustrated parents try to get things moving along. *Please, never leave your car at dismissal*, and after your child's name is called, pull up as far in the circle as you can to help the line advance. With your cooperation we can shave off another minute or two at dismissal.

One last note: *Winter vacation gives us one Sunday (12/26) and one Wednesday (12/29) off. We do return to school on January 2.*

Stella J Stanway www.bethmiriam.org 732.222.3754

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER



December 1

Hanukah Shop open
10AM-Theology Class
4PM-Religious School

December 2

1st Day of Hanukah

December 3

8PM-Shabbat Service

December 5

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS

Annual TBM Meeting 10AM

Hanukah Luncheon 12 - 2 PM

December 7

6:30PM-Book Club

December 8

10AM-Theology Class

4PM-Religious School

December 10

7:30PM-Grade 5 Family service

Birthday Blessings

December 11

9:30AM Tot Shabbat

6PM-Hot Chocolate Havdallah and movie
(Happy Feet)

December 12

Purim Spiel Practice Begins

8AM-Talmud Study

9AM-Religious School

9AM-Torah Study

11AM-Grade 5 Family Ed.

December 13

7PM-Membership meeting

December 15

10AM-Theology Class

4PM-Religious School

7PM-Intro to Judaism

December 17

8PM-Shabbat Service

Anniversary Blessings

December 18

5PM-Jonathan Krantz BM

December 19

8AM-Talmud Study

9AM-Religious School

9-12PM Echo Program Grade 5

December 22

10AM-Theology Class

4PM-Religious School

December 24

8PM-Shabbat Service

December 26

NFTY Ger Winter Kallah

No Religious School

December 29

No Religious School

December 31

6PM-Shabbat Service

January 2

8AM-Talmud Study

9AM-Religious School



Join us for a special blessing

[Click here to view calendar on line](http://www.bethmiriam.org)

From the Youth Group



The statistics that go along with youth group involvement are overwhelmingly positive. When TBM sent me to the Youth Workers Conference in 2009, I learned about the long-term research that proves why youth group involvement makes such a huge difference in a teen's life. From a superficial standpoint, it appears monthly pizza dinners might not make a huge difference, but if you look a little deeper, study the peer to peer interactions and the leadership opportunities; one will see why youth group is more than any other high school extracurricular. The long-term research conducted from the URJ stated that those who participate in youth group are more likely to earn better grades in school, maintain healthy and positive relationships with their parents attend and graduate from a 4-year college, and maintain a connection with their Jewish identity throughout their adulthood. What's my point? Parents! When your child shows one glimmer of interest in youth group... do back flips! It's the best news you can hear. Please support them, schlep them to events, volunteer to chaperone, and encourage their friends to participate too. What if your kid

doesn't show interest? Encourage their participation and if you need an older member of the youth group to welcome them, contact me! We all know when it comes to anything social, friends are more influential.

As I descend from my soap box, please read this article by Lisa Greengard from the Jewish Journal, "Youth Groups are Worth the Fight".

http://www.jewishjournal.com/education/article/youth_groups_are_worth_the_fight_20050826/

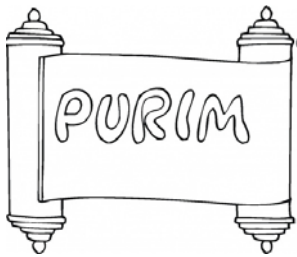
The Youth Group continued with high energy for the month of November. On Nov. 14th, The SALTeens (Grades 6-8) went to the JCC to enjoy lunch and see an illusionist perform amazing magic tricks. It was a fun afternoon!

SALTY was able to spend Shabbat together on Nov. 20th and the day was jam-packed full of activities. The event started with a program at the Tenement Museum where we experienced what it was like for an immigrant family when they first arrived to the Lower East Side. Then we had lunch at South Street Seaport and ended our event Havdallah in Central Park and ice skating at the Wollman Rink. Will Kashdan and Maxx McClelland led our Havdallah service and Sydney Beson, SALTY's Membership VP, did a great job publicizing the event. Special thanks to our loyal parent chaperones, Beth Laliberte and Andrea Ivey Harris. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Our youth groups are planning exciting events for December. If you would like to be added to the SALTeen or SALTY mailing list, please e-mail me at DeeARoss@yahoo.com.

Todah Rabah,
Dee Ross

Youth group web page http://bethmiriamyouthgroup.org/Home_Page.php



Purim is Sunday, March 20, 2011.

Beth Miriam will continue the custom of fulfilling the Purim mitzvah of Shalach Manot, the tradition of giving friends and relatives tempting, yummy gifts to spread the joy of the holiday. You or any member of your family can send a Purim basket to any Beth Miriam member, staff, teacher or family. We will assemble and deliver the packages for you, and cards will be attached identifying the givers. All packages will be the same, and each household can receive only one package. What a perfect opportunity to mix mitzvot with

pleasure!

Mid-January you will receive the Purim mailing with order forms for your Purim baskets. Once again, due to the economic conditions, we are holding the price of the Purim baskets at \$4.00 each despite continued rising costs. Please participate and have some fun. Last year we netted \$8065 which made a significant contribution toward balancing the Temple's budget. With your help, this year will be even better!



Please note that the order deadline is Wednesday February 16. Due to the enormous amount of work needed to be done once the orders are in, unfortunately we are unable to accept any orders after the 16th, so don't delay.

You don't want to miss being part of the tradition at Temple Beth Miriam.

Ilene Kellert
Purim Basket Chairman

<http://templebethmiriam.org/>

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 To Vita & Darryl Dworkin
 In honor of engagement of
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 To Judy Rubinstein
 In honor of marriage of Ben & Cheryl
 To Pat Kremens
 In memory of her son Mark
 To Barbara Holstein
 In memory of beloved mother
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Brotherhood of TBM

What a great time of year! Thanksgiving and Hanukah coming so close together! The only people happier than we are may be all of the health clubs who will see us on a more regular basis for the near future!!!!

So since last month we had the pleasure of making breakfast for the Teen Academy TWICE!!! Talk about food for thought! What a great and inquisitive group of young men and women. Our Temple truly is lucky to have a group like this!

It took 8-10 members of our Brotherhood to feed this hungry crew! They started cooking at 8 AM and wrapped up both days around 11. To these hearty Chefs' I want to extend a large word of THANKS!!!!

How is it that this month's article seems strongly related to food? Could it be that we are approaching Thanksgiving closely followed by Hanukkah? I can smell the Turkey and the Latkes following them! I can hear my children chasing their cousins around the house and I can imagine the looks on their faces as they open the gifts we have hidden away for them.

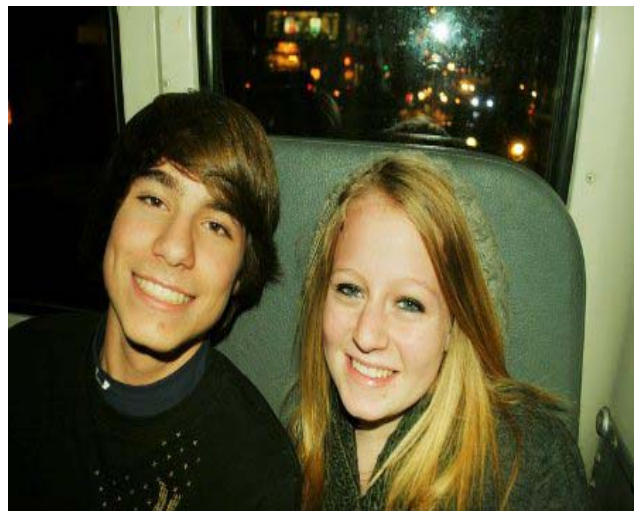
How lucky are we that we have the love, friendship and support of our families and friends? What about if we didn't have all that we do? There are many in our communities experiencing these things right now. Our Temple has a long history of giving generously of our time, talents, and ourselves. At this time of year let's not forget to think of those experiencing tough times. Our President and fellow Brotherhood member Brian Gillet has reminded us all year long on Friday nights about the needs of families in our local area who are finding these economic times more challenging than they would have ever imagined. A simple thing we can all help to do is fill the bins by the office in some small way. Any food essentials will be greatly appreciated and will go toward helping those who can use that help now more than ever.

For the Brotherhood we are still planning to have our screening of "The Quarrel" by the end of December. Now that we have a location and the DVD we will be setting a date shortly (yes there will be bagels and coffee!). We are also awaiting the date for our trip to see the Hawks play at Monmouth University's new field house. As soon as we post that you will want to get back to us to confirm right away as seating at this particular venue will be limited. I also imagine food will be involved!!!

In the mean time I wish you all the best while you spend time with family and friends!

Nosh well & Travel Safely!!!!

Tom Gavin



**Sydney and Matt on NYC
SALTY Trip**

TBM Renaissance Group upcoming events



TBM's Renaissance Group is for people who like to have fun; and admit to being 50 or older. Welcome to a wonderful and fun-packed year of adventures.

December 19, 2010, 5:00, Sunday evening dinner at "**Belmonte**" at 632 Cookman Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712, 732-776-7500

February 13, 2011, Sunday **dinner and a movie:** Vic's Italian Restaurant 60 Main Street, Bradley Beach followed by movies at the Beach Cinema

March 5, 2011, Saturday night, "**Bingo with Bob**" in the Temple
Desserts, prizes, and fun

April 10, 2011 @ 3 pm, Sunday the **Klezmatiks** at Monmouth University, dinner to follow

May 1, 2011, Sunday, **Grounds for Sculpture** in Hamilton, NJ

dinner at **Mastori's Diner**, the biggest diner in NJ

September 18, 2011, Sunday trip to **Lower East Side**, NYC

October 16, 2011, Sunday trip to the **Jewish Museum in Philadelphia**.

Singles and couples are always welcomed. Contact the Temple or email Terry Negin, tnegin@yahoo.com, if you are interested. Details of each event will be posted at later dates.



Happy Chanukah! Chanukah is full of family, food and fun. Chanukah customs include eating foods fried in oil — **latkes** (potato pancakes) and **sufganiot** (doughnuts); playing with the **dreidel** (a spinning top on which are inscribed the Hebrew letters *nun, gimmel, hei* and *shin*, an acronym for *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, "a great miracle happened there"); and the

giving of **Chanukah gelt**, gifts of **money**, to **children**. As you celebrate this season with your family, Sisterhood wishes you a Happy Chanukah!

Snow Birds...

please let the office know when we should change your mailing address thanks!
732-222-3754



Celebrate the Festival of Lights at our Chanukah Luncheon on Sunday December 5th from 12 – 2PM at the Temple. Bring your family to celebrate Chanukah with the whole TBM family! We will be serving latkes, lunch and dessert. There will be entertainment for the whole family as well. We will also be holding a raffle. You may be the winner of a beautiful holiday gift from the Gift Gallery!

Mark your calendars! Sisterhood Program on Nutrition is coming in February. This program was inspired by the fantastic suggestions from our Sisters at our Brainstorming Bagel Breakfast. If you have any additional ideas you'd like to share, please contact Debbie Gerbman at dgerbman@comcast.net or by calling (732) 383-8575.

Thanks to our Sisters for joining us for a fun-filled Rosh Chodesh on November 14th! Thirteen Sisters gathered together to celebrate Rosh Chodesh with delicious food and sparkling conversation. Our guest speaker was Elissa Bowes, a certified Art Therapist and founder of Higher Art, LLC. We explored our "inner artists" and created some beautiful (and surprisingly revealing) artwork. Special thanks to Debbie Gerbman for hosting!

Mah Jong Mavens and Wannabes – Come and play Mah Jong every second Tuesday of the month. The next Mah Jongg game will be on Tuesday, December 14th, at the Temple. Please RSVP to the Temple Office.

Be part of lively, thought-provoking discussions on The Torah: A Women's Commentary. We will meet at 9AM on Sundays at the Temple; the upcoming dates are December 12, 2010 and January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, and May 8, 2011. For more information, please contact Annie Raulerson by email (savannie@hotmail.com) or phone (732-531-4227).

Stop by the Gift Gallery and take a look at some of the new and beautiful gifts we have recently added. We have some beautiful gifts to celebrate all of our life events, including brit milot and baby namings, b'nai mitzvot, housewarmings, birthdays, weddings and more. **The Gift Gallery is open Sunday from 11:30 – 12:30, although we are always available (just give us a call).**

Heartfelt thanks go out to all of our Sisters who represented Sisterhood on the bima during November. Please note that if you would like to be on the bima for a special occasion, please contact Wendy Slotter.

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Howard Kastner
Mary Keller
Miriam Klein
Stanley Levine
Leon Pearl
Anna Stamelman*
Gilda Stanway
Ira Tiplitz*
Irving Weston*
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December 10

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December 17

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December 24

Lucille Brand*
Lena Budish
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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER

All flyers, photos and articles must be either emailed or delivered to office by **December 20th** to insure they get into **January newsletter**

All articles need to be emailed in final form to
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Tot Shabbat Service
Please join us on Saturday,
December 11, 2010 at 9:30 am

As we celebrate Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Stanway

Tot Shabbat is a time to celebrate our heritage and our children through storytelling, art and music. Introduce your children to the beauty of Sabbath and holiday melodies and the joy of sharing them with family and friends.

Parents are encouraged to model the behavior they would like to see in their own children. So remember: Dance with your children, sing and celebrate with us, but please wait to "socialize" with your friends until our brief "singing service" concludes.

Each service is followed by light refreshments and an art project. We invite parents to help their children with their art as a way to enhance the meaning of the project.

FAMILYAFFAIR

Our committee was available during the sixth grade service and oneg on Nov. 12th. We decorated the room with posters and "centerpieces" which illustrated all the things we do and discussed Family Affair. We are looking to add new members to the committee so if you are interested, call the temple office and they will let us know.

We provided breakfast for the teen academy on Nov. 14, and our next date is coming up on Sunday Dec. 12. If you like to cook, we will arrive at 8:30; serve at 9:00 and 10:30 for two different groups of teens. We can always use help.

We will be mailing care packages to college students for Hanukkah this year. They will go out before Dec. 1. We do another mailing for Passover, so watch for that. We have also purchased sports bottles for the religious school students. Each student will receive one to use for water breaks during religious school. They will be presented some time during the festivities on Dec. 5th.

Happy Hanukkah!

Mary Beth Nadler and Lois Pess, co-chairs

TBM BOOK CLUB



December 7: Yom Kippur
 in Amsterdam by Maxim
 Shrayer

Please keep an eye on future Elijahs and the Temple Newsletter for time and location of meeting.

Thanks to Pat Shapiro for
 helping in the office during the
 month of November



Mazal Tov to

Cyndi & Ron Sopenoff on the
 engagement of Adam and Jasmine



To Paul and Jill Levchuk on the
 marriage of son Jody to Jill Peveler



Mazal Tov To Jonathan Krantz

Jonathan is a seventh grader at Solomon Schechter Day School. He is on the honor roll, served on the student council and is on the Continental Math League Team.



He performed in the school play and is on the basketball team. He has won several awards for scholastic achievement and was accepted into the John Hopkins Center for talented youth. Jonathan loves to surf, play soccer and basketball. In his spare time he loves to play X-box and hang out with friends.

For his Kishrei Halev project, Jonathan is helping feed the hungry at the Lunch Break in Red Bank. He helps prepare and serve the food, and also had a food collection drive which he donated to the food pantry.

<http://www.lunchbreak.org/>

At the Gift Gallery

New and exciting things are going on at the TBM Gift Gallery. The Sisterhood has invested in new merchandise for all age groups and life cycle events. We now have several lines of tallitot to choose from. They are hanging up in the gift gallery for you to try on. We will be able to help parents of upcoming bar/bat mitzvahs with choices for kippot, tallitot, gifts such as yads, books and the like. We have a wide range of mezuzot and kosher scrolls. There are many new Shabbat items such as moderately priced challah covers and candle sticks, holiday items for **Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah**, as well as specialty items such as Miriam Cups, toys, puzzles, educational games and, of course, beautiful jewelry.

One of our specialty items is the JEWISH ZODIAC. Invented by a rabbi's son, they are whimsical and fun. We carry place mats, magnets and t-shirts, for children and adults. Come on over to find out what your sign is; are you a bagel or a schmeer, are you compatible with the pickle or latkes. The placemats are a fun way to gather around the table and perhaps discuss your "sign."

Come on by and check us out! If you don't see something that you are looking for we will do our best to try to find and order it for you.

Our hours of operations are every Sunday that there is religious school and just a phone call away after school ends.

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Membership/Outreach

What an exciting month this has been for our Committee!

We initiated our first general mailing campaign! We sent out over 4000 cards inviting unaffiliated Jews in eastern Monmouth County to "check us out"!

So far the response has been better than we could have hoped for! We have had over 25 new families contact us to ask about our Temple family and what opportunities they may experience for their families or themselves at Temple Beth Miriam! We have seen new faces at our Friday evening services as well as at Tot Shabbat on Saturdays! So if you see a new face that you don't recognize at one of the services or events you attend, go up and introduce yourself - YOU are the reason our Temple family is perceived as so warm and welcoming!!!!

Our committee has also been planning for our Hot **Chocolate Havdallah!** Saturday night, December 11th. At 6PM we will have a short service, followed by a light repast, a movie, and best of all - SMORES!!!! Follow this link <http://www.bethmiriam.org/upcoming-events/> for more details! All of the students in the religious school received personalized invitation post cards last week on Sunday so we hope their parents got a chance to see them and plan to join us! What a fun filled family evening!

Have you ever wondered how all of the fun and exciting things get done in our Temple? Well we have the answer for you - **VOLUNTEERS!!!** We have been looking for more people to volunteer a small portion of their time during the year to participate in our various functions that bring all of us closer as a community. To that end the Membership and Outreach Committee is contacting members who have joined in the last two - five years. We will be asking you to consider investing time in doing something you love! Do you like talking to people, can you cook, are you musically inclined, looking for a group that wants YOU? Well we can help (and so can you!) So when you get a call or an email, give this serious thought on where your talents could add to the family feel here in Temple Beth Miriam!

Lastly, at this time of year when we all celebrate with family and friends many joyous events, it is good for us as Jews to consider the two holidays that will be so close this year. Hanukah and Thanksgiving will be shared within days of each other. Before the Turkey is finished the Latkes will be filling our homes with that aroma we all love and anticipate with great joy every year. But, in this season of Thanks for the foods we all love, there are many who are doing with less than they are used to, or nothing at all. Please remember those who are in need at this time by filling a bag with simple food necessities and dropping it off at the Temple in the bins near the office. This mitzvah is one we can do so easily yet has such lasting rewards.

With that, our committee wishes you and your family the joys of sharing Thanksgiving with those you love and of the fun Hanukkah brings to the child in all of us!

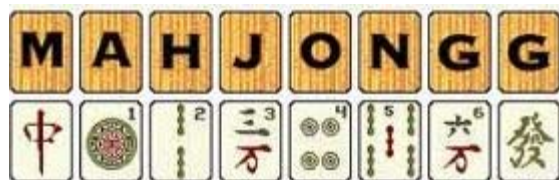
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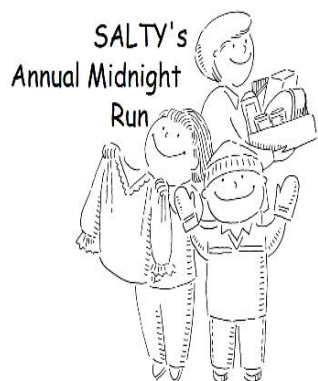
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January 15th, 2011

SALTY Annual Midnight Run

If you have any questions about SALTY's 3rd Annual Midnight Run, please ask SALTY's Social Action VP, Maxx McClelland at maxjmc@aol.com or SALTY's Social Action Chair, Bryce Peckman at jukeox422@gmail.com.



Hygienic Products

needed

- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razors
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste,
- Toothbrush
- *Hotel size, travel size or full bottles are accepted. All of these items must be new.*

Salty needs support for the 3rd Annual Midnight Run

The Midnight Run is scheduled for Saturday, January 15th. SALTY will board a school bus and go to NYC to distribute food, clothing, and hygienic items to those in need. Our senior youth relies on the donations from our supportive congregation in order to make this hands-on mitzvah happen.

Donations can be dropped off in the lobby at TBM in the box labeled "Midnight Run" or they can be left in the Youth Lounge. Please label your donations with your name and note it is for the Midnight Run!

Everything can be gently used, with exception of socks & underwear and hygienic items! Based on our previous trips, we mostly need men's clothing in L, XL, or XXL sizes. However we are also accepting donations of women's clothing.



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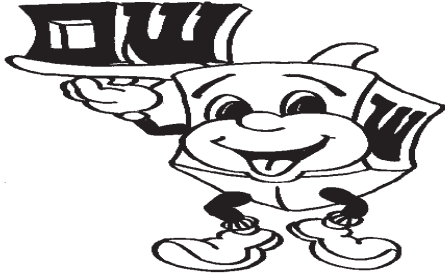
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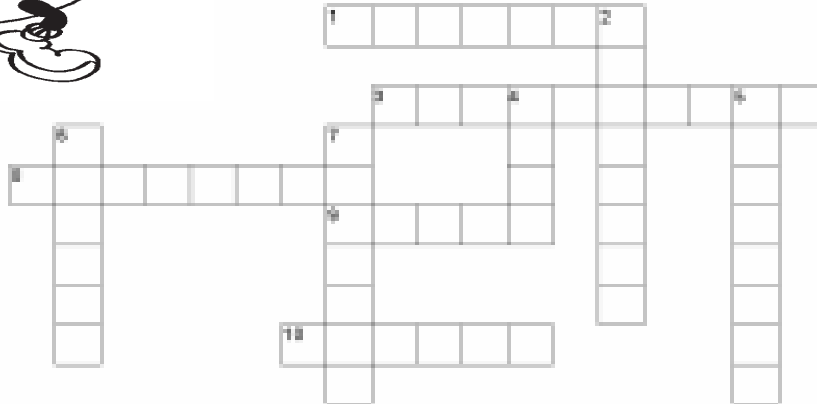
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9. Number of days Hanukkah is celebrated
10. Place of worship in Jerusalem

Down

2. Hebrew term for rededication
4. gifts for Hanukkah
5. Oil that priests used in the lamp
6. Potato pancakes
7. Four-sided spinning top

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eight
gelt

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HANUKKAH WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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COINS	MACCABEES
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GRACE	SONGS
GREEKS	TALMUD
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HOLIDAY	VICTORY

Temple Beth Miriam's First Annual

HOT CHOCOLATE HAVDALLAH

December 11, 2010 - 6 PM

Come join us for a light dinner, hot chocolate, and Havdallah service, followed by a family movie. We'll even make smores around the fire!!



RSVP to TBM by 12/9
732-222-3754

- Advance Reservation Tickets are \$4/person or max \$16/family
- At-The-Door Tickets are \$5/person or max \$20/family.

Bring your family and friends in for a warm, sweet and entertaining event!

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Membership & Outreach Committee

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 AM Theology Class Hanukah Shop Religious School 4 pm	2 1st Day of Chanukah	3 Shabbat Service 8 PM	4
5 Grand Opening Celebrations Annual meeting 10 AM Hanukah Luncheon 12—2 PM	6	7 6:30 Pm Book Club	8 10 Am Theology class 4 Pm Religious Sch	9	10 7:30 PM Grade 5 Family Svc Birthday Blessings	11 Tot Shabbat 9:30 AM Hot Choc Havdallah & Movie 6 PM
12 Purim Spiel Practice 9 AM Teen Academy 9:15 AM Torah Study Grade 5 Family Ed	13 7 PM membership meeting	14	15 Religious School 4PM Intro to Judaism 7 PM	16	17 Shabbat Service 8 PM Anniversary Blessings	18 Jonathan Krantz 5 PM Bar Mitzvah
19 8 AM Talmud Study 9AM Religious Sch Grade 5 Echo Connection Program 9 AM	20	21	22 Religious School 4 PM 10 AM Theology Class	23	24 Shabbat Service 8 PM	25
26 No Religious Sch.	27	28	29 No Religious School	30	31 Shabbat Service 6PM	1-Jan New Years day



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9 8AM-Talmud study 9AM-Religious School 9AM-Teen Academy 9:15AM Sisterhood Bd.	10 7 PM-Membership mtg. 	11	12 10 AM-Theology Class 4:15PM Religious School	13	14 Installation Service 7:30 PM-Shabbat Service	15 9:30 AM Tot Shabbat Annual Midnight Run
16 No Religious School	17 Martin Luther King's Bd OFFICE CLOSED	18	19 10 AM-Theology Class 4:15PM-Religious School	20 TU B'Shevat- Jewish Arbor Day 	21 7:30 PM Grade 4 Matan Siddur Birthday Blessings	22
23 8AM-Talmud study 9AM-Torah Study 9AM-Religious School 11AM-Grade 4 Fam Ed. 3PM-Sisterhood wine tasting	24 6:30 PM Exec Bd. 8 PM Bd Of Trustees 	25	26 10 AM-Theology Class 4:15 PM Religious School	27	28 8 PM Shabbat Service Anniversary Blessings	29
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