

The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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December 2024

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Join us on Friday night, December 27th
as we celebrate Chanukah
and light our outdoor Chanukiah at 6:30 p.m.



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From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson



Happy Chanukah - it's here again. (As always). A Ma'agal Chozer (a talmudic reference to a Circle without end) in our lives. It comes around at the same time every year. At the next second after 11:59:59 of December 31, 2024, it becomes 12:00:01am of 2025. Time doesn't stand still - Ever.

We'll light the lights on our new Chanukiah this month. Watch for the announcement. Remember, we are always required to consider whether we should light the candles from 1 to 8 or 8 to 1. (Depends on whether the miracle is the lights taking 8 days to get stronger or to be

reduced but extending that long anyway).

We spend much of our time hoping that time will stand still even for just a nanosecond for many purposes: to give US more time, for important decisions to be held in check for just another moment, decisions pushed off for a monumental second, and so many more moments, logical or illogical as they might seem.

But time doesn't answer our request for an extension. And so, we learn many things: While time is infinite, OUR time is finite. The challenge is we don't know the "when" of when our clock runs low or out.

The rabbis tell the story of the man who, wanting to repent for a life of judgmental living, asked the rabbi when he would be free of the moniker given him by those who had been worn out by his constant judgement of everyone else's actions. The rabbi instructed him to live each day as if it were to be his last. The perplexed gentleman scratched his head and replied, "But rabbi, how will I know which day will be my last?"

"Aha" replied the rabbi, "you don't, and you won't." That is the challenge. You must treat each day as if it will be your last. Think about what you say and whether your judgments are wise or just mean-spirited attempts to belittle others.

What does that teach us? The prison of time in which we live creates the opportunity to live with kindness in your heart, mitzvot in your actions, love in you and forgiveness in your arsenal of achievements should be your goal. Treat every day as if the vision people will carry for you is to be based on this day - your last one(?) - so be a helper in creating your own Shem-tov, your own good name. You will, in probability, never hear your Shem-tov uttered as it's usually not given until you are gone. But creating requires work while you're here.

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Happy
Chanukah



The President's Message.....

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Chanukah celebration on December 27th. We'll light our new outdoor Chanukiah promptly at 6:30 and then enjoy latkes prior to the service.

The newly-formed Nominating Committee is looking for people who will show responsibility, commitment to the temple, and leadership qualities. If you are interested in becoming a part of the TBEI Board of Directors, as either an officer or trustee, please pick up an application from the temple office. Serving on the Board is a privilege and a responsibility. It takes time, involvement in temple activities, and commitment but it is extremely rewarding. Please consider sharing your talents with the Temple.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets on line for our show on December 25th. We will be selling corned beef and turkey sandwiches prior to the show from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

See the flyers in this issue for what's going on at TBEI.

I wish everyone a very Happy Chanukah and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

*Faith Krumenacker
President*



Rabbi Benson's Cell Phone Number is: 561-601-8294

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As we shortly prepare to change our calendar pages from 2024 to 2025 and life journeys on, let us understand that time is the prison that forces us to review and revise our destiny. Look at the word and see that the basis of the word "destination" is "destiny".

Take a look at the offerings we have here at the temple, there will be many more coming so watch.

Look forward, do a mitzvah a day (small or large is irrelevant - just do one) and imagine how far you can get to, and how much the world around you will achieve, if you just throw a mitzvah a day around. Take a hundred people times 365 days in a year and you get 36,500 mitzvot a year. Imagine the world we can create...

Best wishes for a wonderful, positive New Year. Be just a little bit kinder. Hug your family just a little tighter, talk to them on the phone just a little bit longer and add 1 mitzvah a day.

The life you change may be your own - Happy and Healthy New Year.

Rabbi Bruce

Sisterhood News

Greetings Ladies,

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, December 17th at 11:30. We are privileged to have Kendra Auberry, Librarian and Assistant Professor from the Pruitt Campus Library at IRSC speak to us. The library has resources to help you learn something new and connect to others in a fun and safe environment. Discover all that is available and why 2025 is the perfect time to reconnect with your local library.

Bring your lunch. Dessert will be provided. Make sure to answer Doris when she sends out her email.

I look forward to seeing you!

Linda Chazin, President

Enjoyment Books are here!!!



Save the date

February 18th, 2025

11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

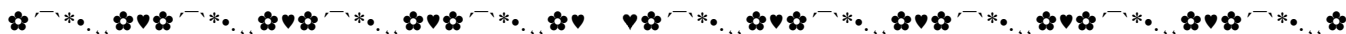
Mah jongg
Card Party
Luncheon



HAPPY CHANUKAH
TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025



WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING
CHANUKAH ON DECEMBER 27TH.
BRING YOUR CHANUKIAH
AND WE'LL SUPPLY THE CANDLES.



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

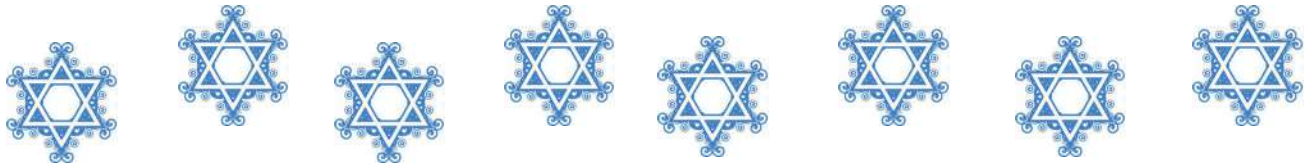
Dear Members,

We invite everyone to join us on Thursday, December 19th at 11:30 a.m. when Irving Kamsler will present a program on "Taxes and Estate Planning".

On January 9th from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Kurt will present a demonstration on CPR.

We have arranged to have a "Dine & Donate" fundraiser at the Recovery Grill in Tradition on Wednesday, February 5th, beginning at 4 p.m. Join us for dinner and music. Let's put our tables together. Take out orders will be accepted all day long with the flyer. See the flyer in the coming weeks for this event.

Sincerely,
Bill Shrage, Brotherhood President
sailshrage@aol.com



*Celebrate Chanukah with us
on Friday night, December 27th.*

*Don't forget to bring your Chanukiah
to Temple and we'll supply the candles.*



Life Cycle Events ~ Get Well Wishes and speedy recovery to:

Miriam Cassel
Carol Seigel

Carol Kahn

Carol Mortman
Mark Stuart

David Austin
Amy Conoly
Mara Kupperman

Michael Becker
Jeffrey Farenback-Brateman
Ashleigh Mc Gregor

Darlene Brofman
Marc Ginsberg
Cookie Romeo

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to:

Yupa & Charlie Brofman on the loss of her mother Somporn Hhuadphrom.

May the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved

Our Judaica Shop

We have many new and beautiful items for Chanukah on sale
If you would like to purchase something in the gift shop
we are open on Fridays from 7 to 7:30 p.m.
or call for an appointment



We have Enjoyment Books on sale
They make a great gift!!

Linda 871-1205 Faith 561-315-4281



Come celebrate Chanukah !! Friday night, December 27th at 6:30 p.m.

We will light our outdoor Chanukiah prior to the service
Bring your Chanukiah to light inside - WE WILL SUPPLY THE CANDLES



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your emails from the Temple...
Check your spam folder
and put our email information
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December Birthdays

- 1 Claire Ann Kreiss
- 4 Linda Greenwald
- 5 Ellis Bromberg
- 8 Carole Mortman
- 8 Sidney Schulman
- 10 David Atlas-Larronde
- 10 Hannah L. Pollack
- 12 Suzanne Klatch
- 15 Michael Cohn
- 16 Diane Goldberg
- 18 Michael Seigel
- 19 Marion (Missy) Cohen
- 23 Lauren McFadden
- 25 Katherine Isenburg
- 28 Lisa Berman
- 29 Donn Kilburg



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S



December Anniversaries



- 18 Roni & Mark Beshears
- 22 Sandra & Bruce Lippman
- 30 Carol & Stanley Mortman



If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included on our list.



We celebrated Evelyn & Faith's Birthdays



IDA RUBIN BOOK OF LIFE

CONDOLENCES TO DEBRA FLAX ON THE LOSS OF HER SISTER:

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**THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~ TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR,
ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HANUKKAH STAMPS EVER ISSUED**

by Ellis Bromberg

Hanukkah, the "Festival of Lights" celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after a revolt against Syrian-Greek oppressors in the 2nd century BCE. It always starts on the 25th day of Kislev, the ninth month on the Hebrew calendar, and ends the second day of Tevet, in the tenth month of the calendar. That means Hanukkah comes late this year: Erev Hanukkah is the evening of Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and the eight-day Festival of Lights ends on the evening of Thursday, January 2, 2025, overlapping the Christmas and New Year's celebrations. In September, the U.S. issued a new forever stamp for Hanukkah (with a value of 73 cents), the ninth new design that has graced the country's Hanukkah stamps (the first, with a 32 cent denomination, was issued in 1996).



But on our holiday mailings this year, many American Jews will be happy to use, once again, one of the most beautiful of all the issues: the Hanukkah Tapestry forever stamp from 2022 featured in this month's column. The vibrant stamp features a depiction of a wall-hanging created by the multi-talented and prolific Judaica artist Jeanette Kuvin Or-en, who also designed TBEI's striking MST860 Holocaust Torah cover. The original fiber-art was hand-dyed, appliqued, and quilted to form an abstract image of a hanuk-kiah. Jeanette says the blue and purple colors represent the sky, the greens and browns represent the earth, and the yellows and oranges represent Hanukkah itself.

Jeanette has said she felt "incredibly honored" to have been asked to design the stamp. At the U.S. Postal Service First Day ceremony for the stamp, she shared a story: "In 1939, my grandfather Opa narrowly escaped Nazi Germany with my grandmother, mother, and uncle. Opa loved America and was forever grateful for its embrace. He was an avid stamp collector and had an impressive collection. I shared Opa's love for the art on stamps. Sadly, his stamp collection was stolen when I was young. I like to think that this stamp honors the joy and light of Hanukkah, love of Judaism, and the beauty of stamps."



Chag Hanukkah Sameach!

**NEW ADULT ED CLASSES WILL BE ON ZOOM AND LIVE AT THE TEMPLE
ON TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

“STORIES & LITERATURE”

THIS SERIES OF LECTURES WILL BE ON VARIED SUBJECTS OF JEWISH INTEREST.
THE SCHEDULE AND THE TOPICS GIVEN BY A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT LECTURERS IS BELOW.
INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS WILL FOLLOW THE LECTURES.

DECEMBER 3 - “MYTHOLOGIES OF THE WORLD” - THE CREATION STORY
DECEMBER 10 - CREATION STORIES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD: MESOPOTAMIAN “ENUMAH EILISH”
DECEMBER 17 - SACRED TEXTS OF THE WORLD: THE 5 BOOKS OF THE TORAH

JANUARY 7 - THIS IS A 5 LECTURE SERIES: STORY OF THE BIBLE, #1
JANUARY 14 - STORY OF THE BIBLE. #2
JANUARY 21 - STORY OF THE BIBLE. #3
JANUARY 28 - STORY OF THE BIBLE. #4
FEBRUARY 4 - STORY OF THE BIBLE. #5

FEBRUARY 11 - GREAT MYTHOLOGIES: THE BOOK OF JOB
FEBRUARY 18 - MEDIEVAL LEGACY: ANTI-SEMITISM
FEBRUARY 25 - “RICHARD THE LIONHEART” (THE 3RD CRUSADE)

MARCH 4 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE:
AN INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (1)
MARCH 11 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (2)
MARCH 18 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (3)
MARCH 25 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (4)
APRIL 1 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (5)
APRIL 8 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (6)
APRIL 15 - BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE (7)

MORE CLASSES TO FOLLOW.

** IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE WATCHING FROM HOME: THE LINK FOR EVERY CLASS, IS THE SAME.
COPY IT AND PUT IT ON YOUR DESKTOP SO THAT YOU SIMPLY CLICK ON IT EVERY WEEK AND IT WILL
BRING YOU TO THE “WAITING ROOM” WHERE YOU WILL BE LET IN.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CLASSES START ON TIME
AND ONCE THE LECTURES HAVE BEGUN, THEY CANNOT BE STOPPED OR RESTARTED.**

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122238910?pwd=OUJRWDdKb0JmbHdUQ3BkVmRLZlBSdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 2223 8910 Passcode: kJ372a (The J is capitalized)

This past month:

Our guest speaker at the recent Sisterhood meeting was Jolene Caraballo, PSL Vice-Mayor



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROUS DONATIONS:**

Donations to the General Fund:

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In honor of
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~

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NOTE:

Above donations were received in October

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PLEASE.....

Notify the Temple office or call the Rabbi if a family member or fellow congregant is ill, has had an accident, or is in need of the Rabbi's services. The Rabbi can only help if he is informed.



**For more information about
what's happening in the Temple
visit our Website:
TemplebethelIsrael.org**

*Our MST 860 Holocaust Torah was on display
at the recent Port St Lucie International Fest*



Wishing all a Happy Chanukah from your Sisterhood friends at TBEI

Arnalda Alwood
Shelli August
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For a \$5 donation you can still be listed in the
Passover issue of the Shofar

CHANUKAH.....

The kindling of the Menorah is the focal point of the Chanukah holiday, symbolizing religious freedom and the strength of the Jewish spirit. The menorah is kindled on each of the eight nights of Chanukah. This year Chanukah begins on Wednesday night, December 25th. The candles are lit right after sunset and usually stay lit for at least a half hour after sunset. When Chanukah falls on Shabbat the candles are lit before Shabbat candles and after the Havdalah candle at the end of Shabbat. The candles are lit from left to right.



Join us for
Shabbat.



**We wish everyone
A Happy Chanukah**



Friday night Candle Lighting Schedule:



December:

6	5:11 pm
13	5:13 pm
20	5:16 pm
27	5:20 pm

Lighting the Shabbat Candles:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שַׁבָּת: (אָמֵן)

Baruch ata Adonay, Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votuv, v'tzivanu l'hadlik nayr shel Shabbat.

Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the kindling of the Shabbat lights.



Our new Shofar advertising year begins with the September issue.
If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter please contact the Temple office for details.

Rates are as follows per year:

FULL PAGE.....	\$325.00
HALF PAGE.....	\$200.00
QUARTER PAGE.....	\$145.00
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ONE-TIME FULL PAGE.....	\$ 40.00 / ISSUE

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BURNING LAND
STREAMED JANUARY 3 - 5
LIVE JANUARY 5, 2025
TEMPLE BEIT HAYAM

Yair, a teenage runaway flees from the law into the contested area of Samaria. He bonds with a group of boys who live on a hilltop, in a shack and who believe all the land belongs to Israel. He is enrolled in a yeshiva where the Rabbi shares their radical views and is dragged into a conflict with the surrounding Arab neighbors

BOY IN THE WOODS
STREAMED JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2
LIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2025
TEMPLE BETH EL ISRAEL

Based on the true story of Maxwell Smart It dramatizes the remarkable story of a Jewish boy hiding in the forest of Nazi occupied Poland during World War II. He is forced to fend for himself and then to also care for a baby he finds after the Nazi's kill its mother.

MATCHMAKING
STREAMED FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 2
LIVE MARCH 2, 2025
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Moti falls head over heels in love with his sister's friend Nechama, but isn't allowed to date her. She is from a Mizrahi family and he from an Ashkenazi family. To the great despair of both sets of parents and matchmaker he goes to comical lengths to pursue his one true love.

YANIV
STREAMED APRIL 4 - 6
LIVE APRIL 6, 2025
TEMPLE BEIT HAYAM

Funding is cut for a High School's musical. A teacher resolves to earn it back by playing a card game called Yaniv. He joins an underground card game run by the Hasidic Jewish community and with the help of another teacher, who is a gambler cheats during the game.

All films shown live will be at 2:30 PM preceded by wine, fruit, vegetables and desserts at 2:00 PM. Charges are \$6.00 per person (payable at door) or \$25.00 per person for the series. Patrons are \$30.00 per person for the series and are recognized in each film program. Streamed showings may be watched any time on dates listed.

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Our Monthly TBEI Library Book Review.....by Sheilah Korinow



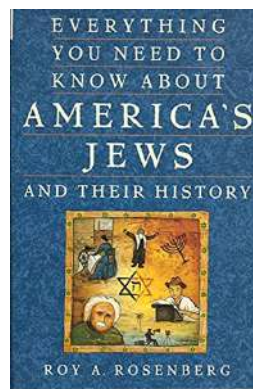
I love information. It opens up an understanding of the world around me. That's why I enjoy attending our Temple's Trivia nights, why I still read the daily newspaper, why I acquaint myself with "bits" of knowledge or, in contrast, with large articles that include more than just the "bits". If you are interested in finding out more about American Jews and exploring their contribution to the American way of life, I recommend the book being reviewed here. It is ***Everything You Need to Know About America's Jews and Their History,*** by Roy A. Rosenberg. It touches upon a large number of fields in American culture and history - fields such as literature, the performing arts, finance, business and politics - to name only a few. With such interesting and thorough information contained within its pages, you will be able to appreciate our numerous and permanent contributions to America and its way of life.

Before looking at the main part of this book, I want to mention that Rabbi Rosenberg writes an informative Introduction, briefly reminding us of our movement - from Biblical times, through the Diaspora, and the various communities involved in the waves of immigration. It's worth reading.

The main structure of the book is set up as a question-and-answer format and leads us from the first settlement in America up through the 1990's, and then a separate chapter on "Some Aspects of Jewish-American Life" ends the question-and-answer part of the book.

To familiarize you with what may be in the book, let's look at some of the questions posed:

- Why was there no Jewish settlement to speak of in the oldest and most populous British colony, Virginia?
- In what southern city did Jews settle in significant numbers during the 18th and early 19th centuries?
- Did Jews trade slaves?
- Did the U.S. Constitution guarantee full religious equality to Jewish Americans?
- How did the Civil War affect the Jews of the North?
- How did the Civil War affect the Jews of the South?
- How did such a dense concentration of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe come to settle on NYC's Lower East side?
- When did the Jewish population of NYC reach 1 million?
- Who was the first Jewish governor of an American state?
- When, how, and why were some Jewish labor unions allied with Communists?
- How did some unions become involved with gangsters and racketeers?
- Who was the most hated man in the movie industry?
- Was there major Jewish involvement in the growth of radio and television?
- How did Jewish Americans, generally speaking, come to identify with the Democratic Party?
- Are bagels Jewish?
- Is there anything unique about Jewish humor?



The book includes many more questions than I have listed.

Rabbi Rosenberg's book helps to expand your knowledge of Jewish life - its accomplishments, beliefs and its cultural make-up. In other words, it helps us understand how we "retained our distinctive religion even while spreading across most of the world." We discover what made us similar to each other and what made us different. With that in mind, it is important to read the Introduction to this book. It helps provide the reader with the thought-provoking question: "Are we an ethnic community or a religion?" The author provides us with background information and leads us down the path of three waves of Jewish immigration where, as Jacob Marcus stated, the American Jew has "high visibility" ever since the early days of America. This book makes it possible to realize that idea. To make things easier, Rabbi Rosenberg has at the beginning of each chapter, made a list of all of the questions contained in that chapter. Thus, it is easy to skim through the questions and stop to read those you would like to read. It's up to you to pick and choose! Here's an easy format for an interesting book!

If you would like to check out Rabbi Rosenberg's book from our library, please contact me at skorinow@gmail.com and I'll get back to you in a timely manner.

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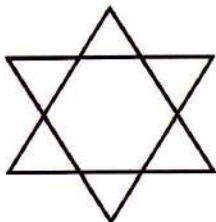
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DECEMBER YAHRZEITS



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1 30 CHESHVAN ☆Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Day 1 Sanctuary Rental	2 1 KISLEV ☆Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Day 2 Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m.	3 2 KISLEV Sisterhood Board Meeting 10 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	4 3 KISLEV Weight Watchers 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.	5 4 KISLEV Weight Watchers 6 p.m.	6 5 KISLEV  5:11 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	7 6 KISLEV  Vayetze Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m.
8 7 KISLEV Sanctuary Rental	9 8 KISLEV Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m.	10 9 KISLEV Temple Board Meeting 7 p.m.	11 10 KISLEV Weight Watchers 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.	12 11 KISLEV Weight Watchers 6 p.m.	13 12 KISLEV  5:13 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	14 13 KISLEV  Vayishlach Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m.
15 14 KISLEV Sanctuary Rental	16 15 KISLEV Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m.	17 16 KISLEV Sisterhood General Meeting 11:30 a.m. Rental Meeting 6 p.m.	18 17 KISLEV Weight Watchers 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.	19 18 KISLEV Weight Watchers 6 p.m. Brotherhood General Meeting 11:30 a.m.	20 19 KISLEV  5:16 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	21 20 KISLEV  Vayeshev Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m.
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