

The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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December 2025

*Join us on Friday night, December 19th
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



Nes Gadol hayah Sham OR po!! Whaaat?

A great miracle happened here? Or was it there?

Growing up, most of us sang the song while we played dreidel that taught us the 4 letters emblazoned on the sides of a dreidel.

The translation? "A great miracle happened there" was used historically, until the 1940's when the current state of Israel was established and, amongst many changes in Jewish life, the letter SHIN (used in the word SHAM-"there" (a great miracle hap-

pened there) and that statement was replaced with the proud new verbiage, "a great miracle happened here. Since then, many people, Jews and otherwise, have been confused with clarifying the difference between Jews and Israelis.

Being a Jew is a religious connective to a historical timeline connecting people to a definitive faith pattern. A commitment to a spiritual religious pathway and set of defined

(and defining) rules many of which are shared with other faith communities and many not. But it is within the barriers of the walls of belief that we define who we are, how we choose to live and what our expectations are for ourselves and others.

The "HOLIDAY SEASON" conundrum appears every year around this time as we Jews are pulled to the threshold of frustration being told by the behaviors of our culture (tv advertising, radio and it's songs, movies, retail stores pushing the holidays, but, for the most part, ignoring Chanukah unless we push the culture in general to throw us a bone or 2 as long as it's not too "religious". Dreidels and menorahs are fine - but Jewish stars? Not so great.

As Jews, we go through our yearly dance of being part of a culture, not so fully accepted, in many ways - tolerated as annoyers attempting to de-Christmasize America by asking for representation in the land that supposedly is open to all, you know: the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

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Happy
Chanukah



The President's Message.....

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Chanukah celebration on December 19th. We'll light our 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 a 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 have a pre-paid Chinese "buffet" prior to the show from 12 to 1:30 p.m. If you didn't order lunch online, you can buy a ticket for \$12 at the Temple by December 18th.

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

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

Our officer's phone numbers:

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We are making progress here in St. Lucie County, slow but palpable. Let's keep moving the goalposts to increase our visibility in our town.

Invite your Jewish friends to come to temple events and consider joining. It's hard to justify complaining that the city doesn't recognize the Jews enough when the city doesn't see enough committed Jews to feel the need. I look forward to sharing with you the remembrance of the great miracle which happened there..... and let's join together as our friend Peter Yarrow wrote and LIGHT ONE CANDLE FOR THE MACCABEE CHILDREN..

See you then!

Chag Sameach..

Rabbi Bruce

Sisterhood News

Hello Sisterhood Members,

Tuesday, December 16th is our next General Meeting.

Our speaker is Fritz, Temple's IT man. He is giving us a power point presentation about navigating through social media. He will explain Instagram, Facebook, etc. and answer all your questions regarding the Internet. It will be a very educational and fun meeting!

We will have Chanukah treats!

Please answer Doris when she sends out the notice.

I look forward to greeting you!

Linda Chazin, Sisterhood President



Enjoyment Books are here!!!



Save the date

March 17th, 2026

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

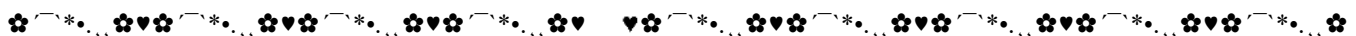
Mah jongg
Card Party
Luncheon



Happy Chanukah
To all of our members
& A Happy New Year 2026



We look forward to celebrating
Chanukah on December 19th
Bring your chanukiah



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Mark your calendar for these future Meetings and Events:

The next Brotherhood Board meeting will be on Tuesday December 2nd at 7PM.
All Brotherhood members are invited to attend.

On New Year's Day – January 1st – Brotherhood will be sponsoring a Brunch at TBEI. Watch your emails for further details.

On February 17th our own Ellis Bromberg will present The Great American Songbook Writers: (Mostly Jewish Americans) to a combined Brotherhood/Sisterhood meeting.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about these events.

Please let us know of any event or topic of interest that you would like to have Brotherhood sponsor.

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you during the coming year.

**Please note my new email address for Brotherhood and TBEI matters:
brotherhood@tbei.org**

My Best,

Irving (Ving) Kamsler,
Brotherhood President
brotherhood@tbei.org
(917) 992-5740



Get well wishes and speedy recovery to our Temple family and friends:

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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 19th 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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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
23	Lauren McFadden
25	Katherine Isenburg
28	Lisa Berman
29	Donn Kilburg



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December Anniversaries



18	Roni & Mark Beshears
22	Sandra & Bruce Lippman
25	Lauretta & Arnold Silverberg
30	Carol & Stanley Mortman

מזל טוב

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.

An early notice...

Friday ~ January 30 ~ SHABBAT SHIRA- (Jewish music Shabbat) special music shabbat.

This yearly Shabbat, which coincides with the Torah portion of the Song of the Sea, sung by Moses and our ancestors on the other side of the sea of reeds. The tradition is to celebrate with special music during the service.



This year, with deep thanks due to an anonymous donor, we will present music during the Shabbat evening service where I will be joined by the Temple High Holiday choir AND the High Holiday strings from this year's services.

An extraordinary service with music which will take you on a spiritual journey you will not forget. Plan to attend this unique service and be prepared to delve deeper into your own spirit on your personal journey to find relationship between yourself and God.

Our deepest thanks to our donor who is supporting this in memory of departed family and in the hopes that the congregation will find fulfillment from the night.

If you and your family would also like to support an evening like this, please reach out to me and let's see what we can plan. Many options and opportunities exist.

Rabbi Bruce



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Donations to the General Fund:

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In Memory of Ruth Siegel

Sisterhood

~

Donation to the Music Fund

Irving & Judi Kamsler

NOTE:

Above donations were received in October

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This past month:

ShaBoom performed



We celebrated Evelyn & Faith's Birthdays

Wishing all a Happy Chanukah from your Sisterhood friends at TBEI

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

*Celebrate Chanukah with us
on Friday night, December 19th.*

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





**On Sunday, January 25th
Between 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
We will have a wine-tasting fundraiser
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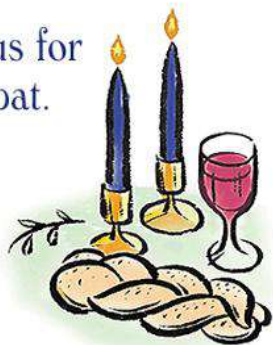
**Tickets can be purchased at the Temple office
Monday - Friday 10 am to 1 pm**

Limit is 40.

**For more information call
772-336-2424**



Join us for
Shabbat.



**We wish everyone
A Happy Chanukah**



Friday night Candle Lighting Schedule:



December:

5	5:11 pm
12	5:13 pm
19	5:16 pm
26	5:19 pm

Lighting the Shabbat Candles:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו
להדליק נר של שבת: (אמן)

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 en-joined 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.

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Grace Packs is based in Sunlight Community Church, where volunteers prepare food bags to be delivered to each participating school. The school distribution is done in a quiet and dignified manner so that no child is made to feel different or embarrassed. Grace Packs is a 100% volunteer organization and is supported by local donations of food, funding and grants.



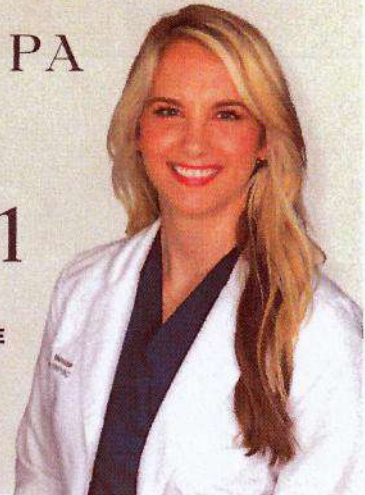
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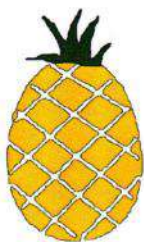
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services. The Rabbi can only help if he is informed that he is needed.

THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~ A CANADIAN HANUKKAH/HANOUKKA

By Ellis Bromberg

The eight nights of Hanukkah begin this year with the lighting of the first candle on the hanukkiah at sundown on Erev Hanukkah, Sunday, December 14. Also called the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after the Jewish people reclaimed it from the Seleucid Empire around 165 BCE. According to tradition, the Temple's menorah was to burn continuously, but there was only enough oil to last one day. Miraculously, it lasted the eight days it took to harvest, press, and transport a fresh supply of oil. Hence the holiday's eight days and nights, and the eight candles on the hanukkiah. The kindling of the lights, in commemoration of the miracle of faith, is central to the celebration of the holiday, and prayers, traditional songs, and religious readings are often a part of the lighting ceremony.

There are three countries that release stamps celebrating the holiday on a fairly regular basis: Israel, the United States, and Canada. In celebration of the country's cultural diversity, Canada produced its first Hanukkah stamp in 2017, and has issued a new design every year since 2019. Featured in this month's column is Canada's multicolored 2024 issue, its seventh new design, which is among its most interesting; it features a photograph of a lovely, historic, and unique hanukkiah that is housed in the Aron Museum at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Westmount, Quebec, an enclave within the city of Montreal. Founded in 1953, the Aron was Canada's first museum of Jewish ceremonial art objects.

Believed to have been rescued from a burning synagogue in Germany in 1938, when antisemitic violence in Nazi-occupied territories erupted in the horror of Kristallnacht, the silver-plated hanukkiah on the stamp is a symbol of faith and resilience. It features an ornate peacock on a curtained stage, its plumage illuminated with the lighting of each of its eight candles in a row at the base; the holder for the shamash, the "helper" candle used to light the others, is located at the top left. Although the peacock was a popular decorative motif when this piece was crafted in Poland in the 19th century, its appearance on a hanukkiah is unusual. Nevertheless, it reflects the Jewish value of performing mitzvot -- acts of empathy and kindness -- in a beautiful way and helps shine a light on the miracle at the heart of Hanukkah.

On the stamp, the holiday is spelled in the two official languages of Canada, English and French (Hanoukka), as well as in Hebrew. It sold for 99 cents on its day of issue (November 14, 2024) and is classified as a "P (permanent) stamp" which means it can be used anytime within Canada for lightweight items such as cards and letters regardless of future postage rate increases.





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“BAD SHABBOS”

STREAMED JANUARY 9th – 11th

LIVE JANUARY 11th

TEMPLE BEIT HAYAM

Two couples Abby & Ben and David & recently converted Meg, gather for a typical Shabbat dinner, an accidental death (or is it murder?) occurs. Meg’s parents arrive for the first time, and a hilarious mayhem ensues.

“PARADISE SHATTERED”

STREAMED FEBRUARY 6th – 8th

LIVE FEBRUARY 8th

TEMPLE BETH EL ISRAEL

Ronit Ifergan and her husband relocate to a Kibbutz, Kfar Aza in 2013. They document life in the Kibbutz and their struggle for home and security with the film Border Crossing and they continue to do so. After October 7th they must decide to stay or leave.

“THE PROPERTY”

STREAMED MARCH 6th – 8th

LIVE MARCH 8th

TEMPLE BETH SHALOM

Mika and her grandmother journey to Poland to reclaim the family property. A long lost distant relative appears and Mika falls for her tour guide. Regina then decides to look for her long love, from whom she was separated seventy years ago.

“THIS IS MY MOTHER”

STREAM APRIL 10th - 12th

LIVE APRIL 12th

TEMPLE BEIT HAYAM

Pierre’s mother is bipolar, whimsical and excessive. She shows up after escaping from her clinic. His only intent is to return her to the clinic and resume a normal life, but nothing goes according to plan. the reunion - both explosive, funny and moving transforms them forever.

“THE MIDAS MAN”

STREAMED APRIL 30th – MAY 2nd

LIVE SATURDAY MAY 2nd

TEMPLE BETH EL ISRAEL

This is a new biopic exploring the story of Brian Epstein, the Jewish, gay man, from Liverpool, who discovers the Beatles. He took a big risk as a first-time manager and changed the world of music forever. He died at the age of 32.

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Talk about a book that's different! I'm reviewing *JUDAIKITSCH (TCHOTCHKES, SCMATTESS, and NOSHEREI)* by Jennifer Traig and Victoria Traig. It reaches people that, for the most part, I have been ignoring (except for those who love culinary treats). In an introductory paragraph, the authors wrote: "Ever since that unfortunate incident with the golden calf, Judaism has shied away from the plastic arts. Sure, we've got tasteful silver kiddush cups and some nice stained glass, but the religion lacks the fabulous kitschy statuary and icons so many other religions enjoy. We don't have Moses bird-baths in our yards, holographic Miriam keychains, or King David Nightlights by our beds." The authors hope to fill the void with crafts and cooking ideas. The authors go on and state: "We hope to be your funky, festive Jewish lifestyle guide. And we hope to open your eyes to the Jewish kitch all around you. Jewish culture *does* have its icons - they're just a little less obvious." Make sure you read the first chapter about the history of kitch - for a lot of information and a few laughs!

Just to give you a fair warning, not all of you will have some of the materials needed to create the recommended items. How many of you have low-fire clay stocked in your cupboards? Not-to-fear - there are still lots of things you can create.

Let's begin with cooking items. These are different from the recipes I shared with you on Rosh Hashanah and Pesach. The ones in this book involve "kitsch cooking" - it's where fun takes precedence over flavor. As the authors wrote: "a kitsch dish is always more enjoyable for your eyes than your tastebuds or, for that matter, your digestive tract. Kitsch cooking is not haute cuisine and it's not health food." After all, we are not "putting on airs." The authors make us laugh as they wrote: "Would you rather be an unadorned portabella mushroom or a frilly piece of gefilte fish "Jewshi"? The names of the food creations are hilarious. Let's take a look at some of them:



- Brunch party for the hard of herring (a fish-free brunch)
- Rainbow of Shmears (cream cheese spreads)
- Vegetable Jew-Shou (a Chinese dish with an Ashkenazi makeover)
- Boogie noodle kugel (spicy, a tribute to Bette Midler)
- Barry Manilow (a Russian raspberry pudding -sweet and smooth as the singer and songwriter)
- Hava Tequila Pie (it's a "salty snack, a desert, and a drink all in one") Eat it with a fork!
- Mount Sinai Sundae
- Better than Neil Diamond cake (all I can say is Yum)!

Now let me test your creativity. The "Las Vegas Menorah Salad" is it's name. The major ingredients are asparagus spears and cherry tomatoes. The goal is to create a Chanukah menorah. Don't worry, a picture of it is shown in the book. It makes a cute presentation.

Other suggestions that are not related to food, but are quite interesting are:

- Neil Sedaka Box (You can make your own charity box, or pushke, right in your own home. This one uses a band-aid tin). You can add the suggested materials made up of rhinestones, beads and glitter, or anything else to decorate.
- If you are good with a needle and thread, then create your own "Steppin' Out" yarmulke, or even a pet yarmulke.

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- Make your child or grandchild "The Borscht Belt" with simple materials from a craft store.
- "The Spice Girls Box" can be made from any box that may serve as a spice box for Havdalah.
- For the children at any Sukkot table, a miniature tabletop South Sea Sukkah would be a welcome sight.
- For the Mah-Jong addicts, make your own Mah-Jong Menorah.
- For Purim, create a "Get Lit Wine Bottle" lamp. This is also useful for Shabbat. You could also "do your own thing" in decorating the bottle you choose.

JUDAIKITSCH is organized into introductory information related to how to use this book, and chapters on: Everyday Kitsch, Shabbat, Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim Passover and Shavuot. It also has a list at the back for types of stores you may want to use for materials, plus a helpful list of websites you may visit which expand your knowledge for additional ideas, websites such as Jewish.com and paperjudaica.com. The authors ended their book with a description of what they were trying to do. They wrote:

"This book is not intended as a guide to Jewish practice or halachah (though it takes pains not to contradict it). It's just a guide to a more fun, stylish life. We encourage you to improve in ways that will better suit your spiritual and aesthetic expression." Have a little fun with this book. Enjoy what Judaism has to offer. Use your imagination and creativity!

If you would like to check out this book from our library, contact me at skorinow@gmail.com, or call me at 781 686 2299.
Have a Happy Hanukkah!

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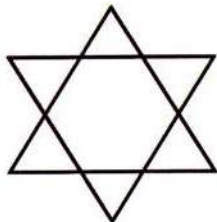
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APPROPRIATE PRACTICES:

- *Kaddish at Synagogue*
- *Memorial candle at home*
- *Donation to Synagogue in tribute to memory of deceased loved one*



In Loving Memory

12/26 - 12/27

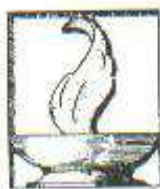
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YAHRZEIT

Observance is an annual reminder of the date of death of a loved one and a tribute to the influence they made on our lives.

12/12 - 12/13


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12/19 - 12/20

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Kaddish for your loved one will be recited during the services on the Shabbat before the Yahrzeit date.

The background of the flyer is a collage of various playing cards and Mahjong tiles. At the top left, there's a Mahjong tile with the characters '伍萬' (50,000) in blue and red. Below it is a tile with a red '中' (Center) character. To the right, there's a King of Hearts playing card. Further right, there's a Mahjong tile with a green bird and a tree. Below that is another '中' tile. At the bottom left, there's a King of Spades playing card. To its right are three Mahjong tiles with the characters '三萬' (30,000), '六萬' (60,000), and '九萬' (90,000) in blue and red. At the bottom right, there are two more Mahjong tiles with the characters '見' (See) and '我' (I) in blue. The overall theme is a mix of Western playing cards and Eastern Mahjong tiles.

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







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December 2025

11 Kislev 5786 - 11 Tevet 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 11 KISLEV Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	2 12 KISLEV Sisterhood Board Meeting 10 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting 7 p.m.	3 13 KISLEV Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	4 14 KISLEV	5 15 KISLEV  5:11 Friday Night Services 7:30 p.m. 	6 16 KISLEV  Vayishlach  6:19 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m. 
7 17 KISLEV Sanctuary Rental	8 18 KISLEV Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	9 19 KISLEV Temple Board Meeting 7 p.m.	10 20 KISLEV Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	11 21 KISLEV	12 22 KISLEV  5:13 Friday Night Services 7:30 p.m. 	13 23 KISLEV  Vayeshev  6:21 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m. Saturday Kiddush/Movie 
14 24 KISLEV Sanctuary Rental	15 25 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 1 Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	16 26 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 2 Sisterhood General Meeting 11:30 a.m.	17 27 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 3 Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	18 28 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 4	19 29 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 5  5:16 Chanukiah Lighting 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Services 7:30 p.m. 	20 30 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 6  Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 1  Miketz  6:24 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m. 
21 1 TEVET  Chanukah - Day 7  Rosh Chodesh Tevet - Day 2 Sanctuary Rental	22 2 TEVET  Chanukah - Day 8 Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	23 3 TEVET	24 4 TEVET Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	25 5 TEVET  Christmas Day CHINESE BUFFET at 12 o'clock SHOW AT 2 p.m. 	26 6 TEVET  5:19 Friday Night Services 7:30 p.m. 	27 7 TEVET  Vayigash  6:28 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m. 
28 8 TEVET Sanctuary Rental	29 9 TEVET Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	30 10 TEVET  Fast of the Tenth of Tevet	31 11 TEVET Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m.  	<div> Celebrate Chanukah at TBEI December 19th at 6:30 p.m. Latkes ~ chanukiahs </div>		



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