

KESHER

Our Seventy-Sixth
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

Why Light Candles?

Why do we light candles for eight nights of Chanukah? This is actually not the original question the Rabbis posed about the observance of Chanukah. In the original source for Chanukah (the Apocryphal books of Maccabees I and II) not only is this not asked, but there is no mention of lighting candles for Chanukah mentioned. What is discussed as a form of observance will be a part of the Shabbat Chanukah morning study on Saturday December 20 at 10:30.

The earliest questions about lighting candles on Chanukah can be found in the writings of Josephus (who does not discuss the eight days) where no real answer is given. This will also be explored during our study on December 20.

The early Rabbis of the Mishna during that same time period did not ask “why” but rather “how”. The ensuing discussion went on in detail about the specific ways, order, and placement for lighting and blessing the candles of Chanukah. More details on this will be discussed, that’s right, on December 20.

Later Rabbis finally broached the question posed at the beginning of this piece. The answers they gave will be both familiar and, possibly, quite unfamiliar to many. For the varieties of their answers join us 10:30 at the Temple on Saturday December 20.

Meanwhile, beginning Tuesday night December 16, the following may be helpful:

The candles are placed from right to left and are lit from left to right.

[Light the shamash and use it to light the others.](#)

Baruch Ata Adonai. Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, ruler of time and space, who sanctified us by commandments and commanded us to light a Chanukah candle.

[Light the candle of that night and then add:](#)

Baruch Ata Adonai. Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, she'asa nisim lavoteinu bayamim ha'eim bazman hazeh..

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, ruler of time and space, who made miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time.

[On the first night add:](#)

Baruch Ata Adonai. Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, shehechyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Eternal our God, ruler of time and space, who kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this time.

[On all nights, look at the Chanukah candles and say the following reflection and reminder:](#)

These candles we light are for the miracles and the wonders and the salvations and the battles You did for our ancestors in those days at this time. For the sake of Your holy priests and each commandment of the eight days of Chanukah. These candles are holy and we may not use them except only to see them; in order to thank and to praise Your great name for Your miracles, wonders, and salvations.

May we all:

Have a joyous and light-filled Chanukah

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KESHER

Kesher, Connection,
 is the newsletter
 of Temple Israel
 Dover, NH.

Ideas for submissions and/or letters to the editor may be submitted by members of the Temple Israel family and all others who would like to share news or information with the Temple community.

All communication with the Editor should be by e-mail. Publication of any flyer or any other article or submission is limited by editorial and space considerations.

The deadline for submission is the twentieth (20th) of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

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Shabbat

@ Temple Israel

Friday night service 7:00

Saturday mornings 10:30

Fri Dec 5 *6:30 Family Style Shabbat Dinner**

Sat Dec 6 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service

Fri Dec 12 7:00 Shabbat Evening Service

Sat Dec 13 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

11:30 Tot Shabbat Program

Fri Dec 19 6:00 Prayer Study Class

7:00 Third Friday Service

4th Night of Chanukah - Chanukiah lighting

Sat Dec 20 10:30 Shabbat/Chanukah Study

Fri Dec 26 7:00 Shabbat Evening Service

Sat Dec 27 10:30 Shabbat Torah Study

**THANK YOU TO OUR
ONEG HOSTS**

December

- 5 Shabbat Dinner: No Oneg
- 12 Jane Liemer
Additional Oneg Hosts needed
- 19 Lessa Brill and John Wallace
Additional Oneg Hosts needed
- 26 Pot-luck style: Winter Vacation

January

- 2 Pot-luck style: Winter Vacation
- 9 Ruth and Larry Gray
Sandy Rodeffer and Paul Pasternack
- 16 Lisa Connolly
Melissa Cooperman
- 23 Bev and Michael Kahn
Gina and Aaron Kahn
- 30 Cathi Cherry-Liston
Carole Krassner

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS

If you are unable to host the Oneg Shabbat on the night assigned to you, please find a substitute by trading with another family from the membership directory. If you need to change your assigned date, please notify Cathi Cherry-Liston
603-312-0152, 603-269-4888,
ccherryliston@yahoo.com



Please consider marking special occasions and milestones along the path of life for you or members of your family by purchasing a leaf on the Tree of Life. The rocks in the Sanctuary can also celebrate joyous occasions or honor the memory of a loved one. For more information, contact:



Mazal Tov

to our members who are celebrating happy occasions in December!

**Join us at Friday Dinner
December 5, 6:30 PM
as we offer our wishes for
your special day.**

Birthdays

- Michele Samuels (1), Rita Robbins (2),
DeeDee Goldstein (4), Mort Cherim (7),
Janice Miller (8), Jerrold Pollak (8),
Mary Healy Ritzo (11), Brendon Kotlus (15),
Arthur Saunders (21),
Michael Caracoglia (22), Marc Weinstein (23),
Louisa Samuels (26), David Goldstein (29),
Michael Kaplan (30), Abigail Kaye (31)

**Invite a Friend
To Dinner
AT NO CHARGE**

**See page 7
for details**

We have not moved

***We are thriving and growing
Tell your friends***

**We now share the building with
Honey Tree Learning Center**

36 Olive Meadow Lane

**Our mailing address remains:
P.O. Box 254 Dover, NH 03821**

We celebrate the memory of Ann Isacoff

**From her tribute book — pick up your copy at the office
(donations in Ann's memory are welcome)**

Restaurant Fare

Jane had just finished her fish dinner. She was not at all happy with it, however, so she called over the waiter.

JANE: "I've tasted fresher fish than this," she said.

WAITER: "Not in here you haven't, lady."



B'not / B'nei Mitzvah
2014 / 2015 **5775**

April 25, 2015 **Jack Kontarinis**

Religious School Classes

Religious School Supported Events
All ages are welcome at all events

December *(Kislev/Tevet)*

06(14)	10:30	<i>Shabbat morning service with Torah</i>
	12:00	Hebrew enrichment drop-in program
07(15)	9:30	Religious School Classes
13(21)	12:00	Hebrew enrichment drop-in program
14(22)	9:30	Religious School Classes
20(28)	12:00	Hebrew enrichment drop-in program
21(29)	10:00	<i>Chanukah LOL (Lots O' Latkes)</i>
27/28(05/06)		No Religious School Classes — Winter Vacation — First Weekend

Free Shabbat Dinner

And December Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

Friday December 5 6:30 — 7:30

**Join as we share a family style Shabbat Dinner
With pre-dinner prayers and birkat after dinner**

All are encouraged to bring your favorite:

Meat dish (chicken, lamb, brisket) (No Dairy)

Vegetarian entrée or side dish (No Dairy)

Dessert

Even if you forgot to RSVP: please join us

36 Olive Meadow Lane Dover, NH

Please Note Service Times

Friday nights all services will begin at 7:00 PM

- First Friday will **either be** an earlier ending service 7:00 — 8:15 **or** a home-style dinner service with all blessings 6:30 — 7:30
- Third Friday will focus on music and meditations for Shabbat

Saturday mornings will begin at 10:30 AM

- First Saturdays and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs will be a full service
- All other Saturdays will be Torah Study
- 2nd Saturday tot-Shabbat program at 11:30 AM (Oct-May)

Temple Israel in the Community

The Dover Food Pantry

Items can be donated to the Food Pantry any time.

Drop off may done at the Temple.

The Food Pantry is open

Tuesdays 3-5PM and Thursdays 9-11AM

In addition to donations of food and/or personal items

volunteers are always welcome

to help work at the Dover Food Pantry.

Please contact Karen Robichaud

at (603) 749-4235 or blrklr2@aol.com

The Dover SHARE Fund

directly assists local residents with needs that are not met through other helping agencies, providing them with shelter and support for utilities and medical care.

Your support is appreciated!

www.dovershare.org

Dover Friendly Kitchen

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

PLEASE JOIN THE COMMUNITY!!!

Temple Members help serve dinner at the Dover Friendly Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church Parish Hall on Locust Street. Temple Israel's effort needs people to help cook, serve and clean. We are there from 3:45 until around 6:15. Volunteers do not need to come for the whole time. For more information or to let me know if you plan to attend, please contact me.

We welcome everyone's help!

Thank you!

Andra Welch, Coordinator

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Dover Chapter of Hadassah

The Dover Chapter of Hadassah is offering greeting cards and certificates for purchase to help Hadassah fund the various charities and educational opportunities that they provide in Israel and elsewhere. Both cards and certificates come in a variety of styles. A sample is pictured here.

We have many to others choose from. Cards are \$2.50/each; small certificates sell for \$5.00/each; and the trees are \$15/each. There are also Water Certificates (helping to keep the Israeli desert irrigated) cost \$18/each.

Please consider purchasing a card or certificate to mark a special occasion, offer get-well wishes, honor or congratulate someone, or offer expressions of sympathy. Small certificates and tree and water certificates can be inscribed with your wishes to the recipient; cards will be signed as you wish.

You may purchase the cards by calling Donna M. Goldfarb at (603) 674-9168.

Please have the name and address of recipient, as well as any message you would like to have on the card/certificate readily available when you call.

Checks for the purchase should be made out to The Dover Chapter of Hadassah and sent to: Ilse Stevens at 4 Razorbill Circle, Durham, NH 03824.)

In most cases, cards will be sent out the day they are ordered.



NOVEMBER DONATIONS

DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

All are encouraged to honor the memory of loved ones and/or to offer tributes to friends, relatives and community members through a donation to one or more of the funds. We express our appreciation to:

General

Yahrzeit Donation

Cathi Cherry Liston -
In memory of
Henrietta Gershman
David Edelstein

Capital Fund

Martin & Carole Jaffe

Rabbis Fund

Barbara Cherry -
In honor of Cathi & Mel Liston's
Wedding Anniversary

Hospital Visits:

Please keep us informed!

If you or someone you know will be or is in the hospital please call the Temple office. You can also ask a nurse to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there. Rabbi Sam and the Temple Israel community would like to be able to offer support and comfort to you and your family as you may desire.

NOTE: *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary from year to year. Kaddish in the Synagogue may be recited on the Shabbat following the date of remembrance.*

It is traditional to make a donation in memory of the Yahrzeit of a love one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.

Week of December 6: Barnett H. Book (30), Pierette Zinck (1), Faye Shear (2), Lawrence Felsenberg (2), Edward Seperson (2), Lillian Smith (13), Ruth E. Fain (4), Mildred Lane (5), Joseph P Giffen (6)

Week of December 13: Sarah Zirpolo (9), Morris Levy (10), Sidney Zeff (101), Statia Nesin (10), Arnold M. Baer (11), Morris Isacoff (12), Davida Gelfman (13), Selma J. Nasberg (13)

Week of December 20: Deborah Most (14), Rita Peters (16), Gert Sternberg (16), Rose Cohen (17), James Green (17), Robert Goren (18), Arnold J. Ashline (18), Jean Lafargue (19), Rabbi Aaron Ilson (19), Milton Brody (20), Catherine Most (20), Jacob H Cohen (20)

Week of December 27: Eva Gordon Baer (23), innie Cooper (23), Bernard Fine (24), Ralph Noveletsky (24), Floretta Osman (26), Gloria Adler (27)

Week of January 3: Julius Nasberg (28), Sayde Harris (28), Charlotte Brody (30), Samuel N. Cook (30), Beatrice Book (31), Louis J. Magerer (31), Abraham Issokson (31), Adolph Baer (31), Benjamin Radner (1), Bernard Luloff (1), Herman Cherim (3)

Memorial Wall

Members may add the name of a loved one or reserve a space on the Memorial Wall with a minimum contribution of \$300. Please contact the Temple Office for more information.



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Temple Israel is a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation. We welcome all who wish to participate in Jewish study, worship, and fellowship. Our mission is to be a center for Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday services and programs, sharing of life-cycle events, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and involvement in the wider Jewish world and support for all who are in need.

Temple Israel is a proud member of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) We join with more than 800 congregations in the Reform synagogue movement.

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December 2014

@ Temple Israel of Dover

- 02** 3:45 Dover Friendly Kitchen volunteer time
- 05** 6:30 Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner Service
- 06** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 12:00 Religious School Hebrew Enrichment
- 3:00 NJOP Hebrew Reading Crash Course
- 07** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 12** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 13** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 11:30 Shabbat Tot Service and Program
- 12:00 Religious School Hebrew Enrichment
- 14** 9:30 Religious School Classes
- 16 (evening) – 24 Chanukah**
- 19** 6:00 Prayer Fluency & Understanding Class
- 7:00 Community Chanukiah lighting – 4th Night
- Shabbat/Chanukah Music & Meditation
- 20** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 12:00 Religious School Hebrew Enrichment
- 21** 11:00 Chanukah LOL (Lots O’ Latkes) Event
- 26** 7:00 Shabbat Service
- 27** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 28** No Religious School – Winter Vacation