



Congregation Beth David Narragansett, Rhode Island

CBD NEWS ... Winter 2017-2018



I am writing to you with an exciting opportunity! An anonymous donor is challenging the CBD community with a matching opportunity. Every donation made to CBD from now until December 31, 2017 will be matched up to \$10,000, providing us with the opportunity to raise a total of \$20,000 for our programming and school!

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Chanukah Dreams

Chanukah I think most dear
Of the feasts of all the year.
I could sit and watch all night
Every twinkling baby light.

Father lights the first one—green;
Hope it always seems to mean;
Hope and Strength to glow anew
In the heart of every Jew.

Jacob lights the blue for Truth.
Pink for Love is lit by Ruth.
Then the white one falls to me,
White that shines for Purity.

How the story of those days
Fills my wondering heart with praise!
And in every flame one sees
The heroic Maccabees. -*Judith Ish-Kishor*,
1895-1971

From Rabbi Adler

A New “Spin” on Chanukah



We are all familiar with the Dreidel game – spin it and depending on which side it lands, a specific action is followed. As you recall, land on a “G”immel and you get the whole pot; a “N”un means you skip a turn; “H”ey says you get half the pot, and “SH”in calls for you to put in an extra ante. Children love this game, as well as many adults (who like to remember when they were children!). This year, as we play the game (and I know you will ☺), let’s redefine the value of the letters, reflecting the times in which we live.

Let the Gimmel represent ‘Goodness.’ May the spin of our lives land on this letter, symbolizing all the good stuff that life can provide us – good health, good people, good activities and a good spirit.

Let the Nun represent ‘Naches’ – satisfaction and delight. May we have many opportunities to enjoy moments of Naches – with our children, with each other, with ourselves!

Let the Hey represent ‘Holy.’ The Hebrew word for ‘Holy’ is ‘Kaddosh,’ which intimates a sense of ‘separation.’ May we continue to learn to separate that which is profane from that which is pure; that which is truly important, from that which is not; that which will create wonderful and fond memories, from that which will not.



And finally, let the Shin represent ‘Shalom.’ May we find peace in whatever we do, wherever we go, with whomever we are with. And may this gift of peace expand to our families, our neighbors, our communities, our countries, and mostly, to the leaders of the world.

So, go ahead and spin that dreidel – there’s no losing in this game!

Chanukah Candle Lighting Prayers

One candle is added to the menorah each night. The first night, you light only the shammas (usually the the highest candle) and one Chanukkah candle. By the eighth night, you light all of the candles.

Candles should be added to the menorah from right to left (like Hebrew writing). The shammas candle is lit first. While holding the shammas candle, recite the following blessings.

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

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe
Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us
to light the lights of Chanukah. (Amen)

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam
asher kidishanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu
l'had'lik neir shel Chanukah. (Amein)*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה: (אמן)

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe
Who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days at this time. (Amen)

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam
she'asah nisim la'avoteinu bayamim haheim baziman hazeh. (Amein)*

This prayer is said on the first night only.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שהחיתנו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה: (אמן)

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe
who has kept us alive, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season (Amen)

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam
shehecheyanu v'kayimanu v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh. (Amein)*

From Rabbi Sol Goodman, Religious School Education Director

As we all know so well, the winter holidays are fast approaching. In our wonderful CBD Hebrew School, our children are experiencing the ideas, the music, the sights and the sounds that are part of the Chanukah celebration. I hope that you and your family find the celebration of this miraculous event in our people's history enlightening, inspiring, and enriching. As we recall the victory over tyranny, the strength to overcome against overwhelming odds, and the miraculous realization that a tiny amount of oil can ignite a flame within that burns long after that first bit is gone, may we all be filled with the spiritual light that Chanukah truly represents.

Chanukah means "dedication." It comes from a Hebrew root which also means "education." The inference is clear. As our forebearers dedicated and rededicated themselves to their spiritual lives, they realized that that dedication was incomplete without education. That is why our Rabbis always stressed the importance of learning and study, for without a dedication to education, the lamp which we have kept lit for generations will run out of the precious "oil" that keeps it burning. And that is why our sanctuary remains bright with the light and spirit of our students.

The light of Chanukah is already here. As you and your children, grandchildren, and all the children in your lives light your Menorahs, eat your latkes, and spin your dreidels, take time to also celebrate our busy, vibrant, sometimes noisy, and always joyful congregational religious school.

Tikkun Olam Survey Results

By Liz Karp and Bob Fricklas
Co-Chairs, Tikkun Olam Committee

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey about the types of volunteer opportunities the Tikkun Olam committee should be exploring and organizing on behalf of the CBD community. The results are summarized below.

The three preferred areas for social action, in order of priority are: feeding the hungry, the environment, and education (secular). Respondents preferred occasional volunteering to longer term commitments, noting a preference for volunteer opportunities in South (Washington) County

The Tikkun Olam committee will use your responses to guide our decisions about the volunteer opportunities we will offer to the congregation and will contact those of you who indicated an interest in social action events.

If you didn't respond to the survey but would like to be involved, please email your contact information to Susan Kirschenbaum (sjsk64@yahoo.com) and we'll keep you informed as we coordinate events going forward.

There's much we can do together to help others; we look forward to your help and participation.

CBD Movie Night

Cuba's Forgotten Jewels, a haven in Havana

Congregation Beth David will host the Rhode Island premiere of a powerful film that tells the story of Jewish immigrants who fled to Cuba to avoid the Holocaust. "Cuba's Forgotten Jewels: A Haven in Havana" will be shown on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at CBD.

Prior to the movie, CBD member Esther Levine, who was born and raised in Cuba, will share her story about growing up in Cuba. Cuban-themed drinks and snacks will be served before the movie.

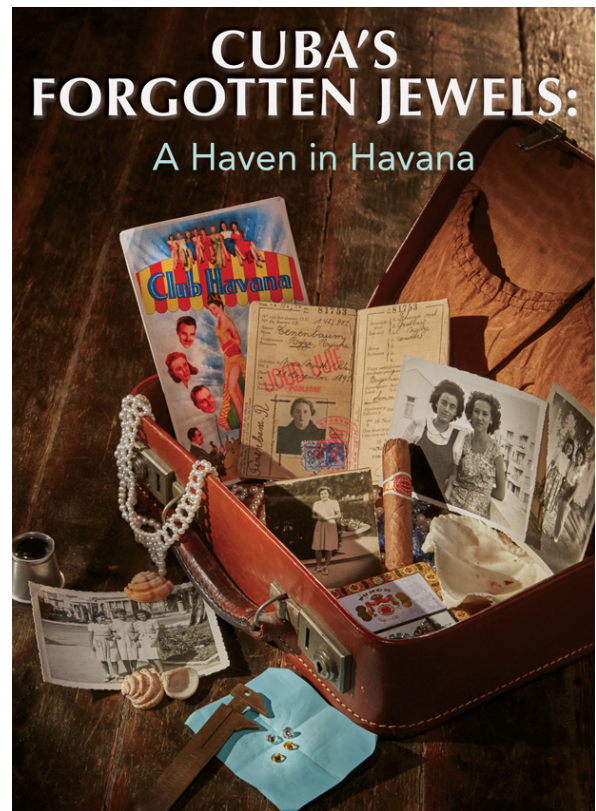
Among the many Holocaust stories, that of Jewish immigrants who survived by fleeing to Cuba is barely known. Refugees who made it to Havana found work to support themselves and their family members in a newly transported trade: diamond polishing.

"Cuba's Forgotten Jewels" was born of the tales that Marion Kreith told her daughter, co-director Judy Kreith, over the years. Marion escaped war torn Europe as a young girl with her family, evading Nazi capture and crossing the Atlantic to a tropical paradise. In this film, firsthand survivor accounts take us back to 1940s Havana – an era at once tumultuous, heart breaking, and intoxicating – to reveal an immigration success story.

With a stunning musical score of Jewish melodies and the pulsating music of Havana, the film merges the realities of two vastly different yet intermingled cultures, bringing this colorful and uplifting piece of history to light.

The film has or will be shown across the country at Jewish film festivals including Miami, New Jersey, Savannah, Denver. CBD's screening will be the film's R.I. premiere.

The film was made possible by the generous support from the National Center for Jewish Film.



Donations, Sept. 11, 2017 - Nov. 29, 2017

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Beryl and Elliott Chapman

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported this year's annual appeal. More than \$17,000 as raised this year – a CBD record! These funds go to support our religious school and the programs offered at CBD, many of which are available at no cost to our members. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sukkahfest 2017



A little rain – maybe, a lot of rain – didn't deter some hardy souls who came out for CBD's annual Sukkahfest – a barbeque, a chance to eat in the Sukkah (and dodging rain drops), and to celebrate Sukkot by waving the lulav and etrog.



C B D ' s Reeder a Hall of Famer



CBD member Mike Reeder (center) recently was inducted into the R.I. Interscholastic League Hall of Fame, recognizing his more than 40 years serving as a referee for boys and girls basketball. It was not his first hall of fame inclusion. Mike entered the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 and, in 2014, he was honored by the prestigious International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, an organization that only adds four extremely qualified and experienced referees to its life membership per year. Pictured from left to right Joseph Goho, Member, Principals Committee on Athletics: Mike Reeder: Tom Mezzanotte, Director - R.I. Interscholastic League