From Rabbi Holtz’s Study

Dear Friends,

As I write this, no one knows if the hostilities in southern Israel will end, continue or escalate. By the time you read this, you will have the answer.

So I am not going to attempt to predict the future. As the Bible says, “I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet…”

I do however want to comment on the commentary. I have been struck by several things that have been said, or by the way they have been said, regarding the latest conflict, and I think they hold more general lessons about the Arab-Israeli conflict.

First, I have been thrilled by the clear and unwavering support of America’s leaders – President Obama and the Congress – for Israel, and for Israel’s interpretation of the current conflict. It is heartening to hear the President say that the burden is on Hamas to de-escalate, because it was their rocket fire from Gaza into Israel that precipitated the violence. And it was surprising and encouraging to see much of Europe taking similar, if less unequivocal positions. A casual listener comes away feeling sorry for the family (which they should) and blaming the Israelis for the suffering (which they should not). There are lots of similar examples, the combined effect of which is to have the public think that the way to stop Palestinian suffering is for Israel to be stopped. From 1973 on, Israel has consistently lost the public relations war, and although this event has not been as bad as some, I think she needs to do a much better job in making her case in the court of public opinion.

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Notes from Cantor Margot E.B. Goldberg

Shalom! On any given Sunday, you will find TBA bustling with the activities of Religious School, Tikkun Olam, the Israel committee, or any number of events that keep us all so busy. This is when the building seems too small to accommodate all of the things that our membership wants to do and be. But for the most part, the building is pretty quiet and often feels very empty. We have sat around the Board of Trustees table and wondered who might want to use our space during the week; if we could find ways to rent out the Social Hall on weekends, but no one seems to want to use our space. We often hear that it is outdated, the classrooms aren’t air conditioned, our TBA calendar interferes with rentals and/or that security and custodial issues interfere, and so the building often feels empty.

We often say that TBA’s doors are always open, but it never meant so much than in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. TBA was fortunate enough to have power and to be able to open our doors to those who didn’t. The building was bustling with those who needed a place to recharge both electronically and spiritually, a place to get warm, a place for children to run, a place to work and/or to get a hot meal. That Shabbat we opened our doors to 125 people for Shabbat dinner who, for the most part, were still in the dark and the cold. I am so proud of our community!

But now that most of us have power and life is headed back to “normal,” I want to make sure that you know that TBA’s doors are always open. Rabbi Holtz, the Board of Trustees, our standing committees, like Tikkun Olam, and I are here to help with whatever difficulty might come your way. If you need a place to be, TBA is open; if you need someone to talk to, we are here.

We are also finding more creative ways to use our space. For example: on top of some of our creative Adult Education ventures like trope for adults and cooking class; there is a Mah Jongg game on Mondays; book club and Crafts for a Cause once a month; S2Kafe on Sunday mornings; so that while your kids are in Religious School, you can grab a cup of coffee and go or hang out for a while to meet and mix; Movie Mavens has just begun. These are things that take a little bit of planning and custodial support but don’t interfere with the day-to-day running of TBA.

In our busy lives, we often compartmentalize the organizations that we belong to. We belong to the gym to get our bodies in shape. We have CVS/Stop and Shop/ Sam’s Club/Costco memberships to save money and get giant-sized bottles of things. We belong to the YMCA/JCC for music classes/after-school programs for our kids. We belong to TBA so that our children will have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. But we often overlook the other things that are available. My membership at the gym/ YMCA/JCC isn’t just a place to exercise; it offers me opportunities for classes on nutrition or family events on the weekend and to try new/different types of exercise. So what does your TBA membership offer you that you didn’t expect when you joined? And what kinds of things are you looking to do but can’t find a space to do them in? I think that we have the space and that we would be willing to share it. You joined TBA to fulfill something in your life. You can fill in the blank any way you want; but once you joined, you joined something larger that can fulfill even more. Our doors are always open and we hope to see you more often!

L’shalom,
Cantor Margot E. B. Goldberg
Join us for 
SHABBAT EVENING 
SERVICES!

You spoke and we listened! 
Many of you have shared with us that you would join us for Shabbat 
evening services if they were earlier.

December 7  Family Shabbat & 6th Grade (Sharon Kirschner’s class) Service; 
Light One Candle Celebration 
6:00pm dinner by reservation 
7:00pm services

December 14  5:45pm and 8:00pm services 
7:00pm Chanukah dinner 
by reservation

December 21  5:45pm and 8:00pm 
with Torah Reading

December 28  5:45pm

So, come pray with us at the time that is perfect for you and your family.

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“but that doesn’t make the Palestinian suffering any less”? Of course it’s true; in fact it ought to go without saying! Why do some say, “Israel has the right to exist….but she needs to….?” Why is there always a “but”? Why can’t statements of support for Israel, or condemnation of terror stand on their own, without the qualifiers?

In looking back on things I have written, I see that I am often guilty of this as well. Yes, there are times when I am intentionally even-handed, trying to reach those of you whose opinions are either right or left of my own. And now I – and all of us – need to be more conscious of the times we should be less universal and more particularistic, the times we need to say clearly and unequivocally, “This is right and this is wrong, no ‘buts’ about it.”

And even as we are doing that, we can still pray that there will one day soon be peace between the children of Isaac and the children of Ishmael, and that, in the words of the prophet, “all will sit in peace under their vine and under their fig tree, and none shall make them afraid.”

Peace and blessings, 
Rabbi David Holtz

Join us for another year of excitement, fun and laughter during our Shpiel-a-long

Purim will be 
Saturday, February 23, 2012 
6:00 pm Dinner 
(Reservations are required) 
7:00 pm Services & Shpiel

Rehearsals begin:

Sunday, December 9, 10:30am for kids grades 3-6 
Monday, December 10, 8:15pm for kids grades 7-120 
For more information, contact Cantor Margot at 631-1770 x11 or email: Cantor@tba-ny.org
Condolences To:

Carol Abramson on the death of her father, Herbert Grossman
Irene Bonett on the death of her mother, Sonia Greenberg
Felise Milan on the death of her grandfather, Sam Goldstein
Morry Silbiger on the death of his mother, Gisela Silbiger
Karen Zuckerberg on the death of her father, Sidney Kempner

Speedy Recovery To:

Diane Werner Osborn
Karen Zuckerberg

Mazel Tov To:

Judith and Mark Pomerantz on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Kim Downing
David Tabacoff and Sheri Bloom on the marriage of their daughter, Helaine, to Adam Waldman

Youth Group News

Gerry Hecht, Youth Group Advisor

The ZEETY-ites had a terrific November. Our Mystery Day was a big success.

19 kids took the train to NYC and walked the Hi-Line, hit the West Village, saw a movie being shot, and had a loud dinner in Little Italy before training it back to Tarrytown. It was a fun and beautiful day.

The plans for December are big. December 16 is the Chanukah/End of Year Event. We’ll light the lights, eat the latkes, and welcome everyone for one big holiday party. More details to follow.

Remember, the NFTY Winter Kallah is at a temple in Scarsdale, so we’ll expect a large ZEETY group to attend.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 4
6:00 pm – Family Shabbat Dinner
7:00 pm – Family/2nd and 5th Grade
(Ms. Peers’ class) Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
9:00 am – Conservative Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
5:45 pm – Reform Shabbat Service
8:00 pm – Reform Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
9:00 am – Conservative Shabbat Service
11:00 am – Alex Arlotta, son of Lisa Arlotta, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

The following Lifecycle Events reflect the known sorrows and simchas of our TBA Family from October 1 to October 31.

We have traditionally listed our community’s sorrows and simchas for lifecycle events. We would also like to be able to celebrate our community’s accomplishments. Please keep us informed of the tributes and accolades in your life so that we can share them with the rest of the community.
Donations

Donations are listed from October 1 through October 31. November donations will appear in the January bulletin. Please note that donations made by PayPal may experience a delay in appearing in the bulletin.

Cantor’s Discretionary Fund
David and Rochelle Greenspan in loving memory of her father, Allen Guttman

Library Fund
Stanley and Marcia Bell in loving memory of Aaron Schwartz, husband of Doris Schwartz and father of Ellen Barish

Prayerbook Fund
Myra Frankel in loving memory of her husband, Murray Frankel, and her parents, Joseph and Regina Davis

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund
Alan and Lorrie Feinsilber in loving memory of Emreck Feinsilber
Scott and Jennifer Gold in honor of and in appreciation for making Zachary’s Bar Mitzvah so special.
Bruce and Deena Goldsmith with sincere appreciation for the Rabbi’s warm and loving celebration for our grandson Gray’s welcome into the Jewish community
David and Rochelle Greenspan in loving memory of her father, Allen Guttman
Leonard and Judith Hyman in loving memory of Dr. Milton Hymann
Michael Siry Shira in honor of wedding
Norman and Susan Wellen in honor of and in appreciation for officiating at Rachel and Mark’s wedding

Religious School Fund
Abe and Anne Gerstman in loving memory of Leisa Dupika

Teacher Appreciation Donation
Mace and Micki Alter in loving memory of Charlotte Mandel, a much loved and respected teacher in TBA Religious School for many years

Temple Fund
Stanley and Marcia Bell in loving memory of Gertrude Tapper
Harriet Bettman in loving memory of Dorothy and Morris Goldberg
Scott and Jennifer Gold in loving memory of Nate Blatnick
Barry and Margot Goldberg in loving memory of Evelyn Mahoney, Ruth Berman, Toby Goldberg, and Madge Kaplan
Abraham and Rita Joselow in loving memory of Morris Joselow
Barry Kasoff and Carrie Burns in loving memory of Jerome Marks
Barry Kasoff and Carrie Burns in loving memory of Molly Yabek
David and Michele Kaufmann in loving memory of Richard Kaufmann
Rochelle Kessler in honor of aliyot on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Rochelle Kessler in loving memory of Esther Kessler
Rochelle Kessler in loving memory of Carol Lane
Pearl Kleinman in loving memory of Oscar Kleinman
Evan and Lori Kornrich in honor of the completion of the new Reform sanctuary
Howard Kuflik in loving memory of Carol Lane
Gail Mendell in honor of Jordyn Kari Rifkin’s Bat Mitzvah
Melvin and Carole Norman in loving memory of Harry and Eva Densen
Mel Schulweis in loving memory of Irving Schulweis
Estelle Seittelman in loving memory of her parents, Jennie and Isidore Seittelman, and her sister, Elizabeth Seittelman
Shelly Sherr in loving memory of Arthur Sherr
Martin and Geri Singerman in loving memory of Kenneth Einsohn
Martin and Geri Singerman in loving memory of Isaac Yorkowitz
Marilyn Trichon in loving memory of Shirley Rosenblum
Robert and Marion Zinman in loving memory of Ruth Zinman, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother

Tikkun Olam Fund
Shifra Bronznick in honor of Allison Fine
Hanan and Julie Gur in loving memory of Norman Feinberg
Charlotte Schluger in honor of The Prince Family
Louis and Susan Tuzman in loving memory of Carol Lane

Don’t Forget!
The Temple office will be closed on the following dates:

• Tuesday, December 25
• Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year’s Day
• Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

There will be no Religious School on the following dates:

• Sunday, December 23 - Monday, December 31 for winter break
• Sunday, January 20 and Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day
Chanukah can be a time to reexamine what we consider to be a gift and how we go about giving and receiving gifts. Many of those in our congregation are blessed with enough to eat, a warm roof over their heads, an opportunity for education and sufficient clothing.

This Chanukah, and throughout the year, we can use our riches to ensure the wellbeing of all of God’s children. We can become excited not only about the great gifts we’ll receive, but also about the ways we can use our blessings and our gifts – by making monetary donations, material donations, volunteering, and participating in advocacy – to ensure the well-being of all of our brothers and sisters. 

From Rac.org

*This year TBA is offering at least 4 different ways for you and your family to share your abundance with those less fortunate*

**#1: 4th Annual LIGHT ONE CANDLE –**

Tikkun Olam will be at Latkepalooza on Dec. 2 and at family services on Dec. 7.

• This year we are providing an opportunity for the parents in the La Asociacion program to experience the joy of purchasing gifts for their own children!
  • We are hoping to purchase gift cards for at least 150 children!
  • Please donate $20 (cash or check) and we will purchase gift cards for a local toy store. The parents will purchase the cards from La Asociacion for $5 and then go shopping!!
  • If you are unable to attend either of these events, mail a check made out to TBA (Light One Candle on the memo line) so that we receive it by December 10.
  • Questions? tikkunolam@tba-ny.org

**#2: UJA Gift of Chanukah Program – through December 9**

We are collecting for Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS)

Please donate a new, unwrapped gift for a needy child, teen, or senior. We will be collecting gifts in the lobby. Contact Jane Silverman, 762-9377; jsilverman22@verizon.net

**#3: Oil and Onions**

Collection for the Community Food Pantry

Bring to TBA by December 9 – put in the bin in the lobby

Small bag of onions and 48oz or smaller plastic bottle of oil

**#4: Coat and Sweater Drive for La Asociacion**

Women and Children

Through December 7 – in the lobby

Coats, gloves, scarves, hats & boots, warm sweaters & fleece

*Please only donate new or clean items in good condition.*

Questions? ilonabeth@msn.com
**“Adopt a Family” - La Asociacion**

Shop only once a year! Make a real difference in the life of a local family in dire need!

Thank you to Lauraine Harrison and Stephanie Paul for purchasing the groceries for the month of November!

**What is Adopt A Family?** Each month "La Asociacion" selects a family that is going through a particularly difficult time. Two TBA families volunteer to purchase a suggested list of groceries. The supplies are delivered to Jennefer Schifman’s home, which is right near TBA. She delivers the supplies to the family who is able to feed their family more easily with these much needed staples.

**Cost?** The cost seems to average around $50 per family although you can adjust according to your personal budget. To keep your costs down, we suggest buying sale items, store brands or items from warehouse stores like Sam’s Club.

**Contact:** If you are interested, please contact Jennefer Schifman 914-631-7694; jrex1205@aol.com

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**Crafts for A Cause – Friday, December 7 10:30AM- Noon**

Join us for knitting and chatting. Bring the pillow or shawl you are knitting or come and start a new crafts project. We will be wrapping our hand made gifts for the holiday season. *Any questions? Contact Joyce Licker jhlicker@gmail.com 646-729-5126*

**Bring rice, beans and/or oatmeal to the TBA shopping cart**

All food donations to our shopping cart support the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Food Pantry. The pantry is located at Christ Church on Elizabeth Street in Tarrytown. It serves the hungry in Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow once per month. There are monthly volunteer opportunities at the food pantry on the first and third Wednesday and Thursday of every month. *If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions contact us at tikkunolam@tba-ny.org.*

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**Midnight Run – Thursday, November 8**

*Thank you to our 12th graders Abby Osborn, Adam Parker and Adam Prince for going on our Run on this cold night!*

They did such a terrific job. *Thank you to Jim Goldsmith for driving the van!*

*Thank you to Pam Coren and the Leary family for providing all the food.*

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**Temple Beth Abraham’s 2012 Yom Kippur Food Drive – Helping the Community Food Pantry in Tarrytown**

*Thank you to Herb Baer for coordinating this amazing food drive that extended from Yom Kippur to Sukkot this year. Thank you TBA for your generosity – the empty shelves were filled with rice, beans, non-sugared cereal and oatmeal.*

*Thank you to four of our 12th graders who unloaded the pod in the pouring rain and stocked the shelves. This was an extension of their TBA high school curriculum this semester that has been focusing on hunger.*

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**TBA’s 9th Annual Thanksgiving Feast Rescheduled for Sunday, January 13**

We hope we can count on everyone to volunteer for this new date. Information will be coming from Pam Parker and Jen Gold. Or contact them at: pamparkera91@gmail.com, 914-629-2991; goldmail20@gmail.com, 917-886-7158.

Looking for volunteers to shop, cook, serve, host a table (Spanish speakers welcome, not necessary) help with arts and crafts, and provide rides for our guests.
Our BeadforLife Party on October 14 – A Huge Success

We raised $2400 – all of which goes to support BeadforLife – which helps Ugandan women work their way out of poverty.

COC Dinner on October 25, 2012

Over 40 seniors at the Community Opportunity Center were treated to a delicious home-cooked meal of salad, chicken, pasta, rolls, coffee and dessert. Thanks to all who participated.

Thank you to Michelle Marshall for continuing to organize this wonderful event.
Torah Study:
Most Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:00am
Rabbi Holtz leads a class Wednesday mornings in the library from 10:00am to 11:00am. The class goes at its own pace through the Five Books of Moses in English. No previous knowledge is required and you can join in at any point in the cycle.
Saturdays, 9am during Conservative Services.
Free.

Lunch and Learn:
Tuesday, December 11, 11:00am-11:30am; Fun and Comedy with Mr. G.
Lunch is $8 for members, $10 for non-members.
Call the temple office at (914) 631-1770 or email adulted@tba-ny.org to RSVP

Book Club:
Congregant Sharon DeLevie leads a bimonthly discussion group of books with Jewish themes.
Free (suggested non-member donation: $2)
Other Book Club Dates: March 8 (Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer), and May 10 (The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay by Michael Chabon)
Call the temple office at (914) 631-1770 or email adulted@tba-ny.org to RSVP

Film Club:
We will meet to view and discuss films with Jewish themes.
Group will meet select SATURDAYS at 7:00pm throughout the year.
This enthralling award-winning film by internationally-acclaimed director Eytan Fox explores the motives, strengths, and, ultimately, the humanity of an Israeli assassin sent to rectify a wrong committed five decades earlier. Eyal is a top assassin in the Israeli secret service. He has killed terrorists before, but this time he is sent to eliminate an aging former Nazi war criminal. During his mission, Eyal meets his target’s granddaughter and grandson, who inadvertently help him uncover his own troubled history and face his demons, while they discover the ugly truth their family has hidden from them for

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decades. What began as a straightforward mission, has suddenly escalated in intensity and complexity – thrusting three very different people into a thrilling triangle of murder, friendship and fate. Free (suggested non-member donation: $5)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

TBA READS:

TBA Reads is an effort to encourage family reading, group discussion, literacy, and community interaction by promoting the reading of a single book by our congregation. We will be reading The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (recommended for ages 12+); Books available for purchase ($7/paperback) in the Temple Gift Shop. Moderated Discussion: Saturday, January 5, 2:00pm (Snow date: January 19)

Light refreshments will be served; RSVP Requested

Broken Fragments, Judaism and Alzheimer’s Disease

January 20, 2013 at 1:30pm

Rabbi Douglas J. Kohn, editor, will discuss his book, Broken Fragments: Jewish Experiences of Alzheimer’s Disease through Diagnosis, Adaptation, and Moving On at a catered, dairy luncheon. Books are available for purchase at the Temple Gift Shop, for $12 each.

$8/member; $10/non-member for lunch.

Call the temple office at (914) 631-1770 or email adulted@tba-ny.org to RSVP
Chanukah Dinner
Bring your Chanukiah & Candles for Seventh Night of Chanukah
Friday, December 14, 2012
5:45 Reform Shabbat Services
7:00 Chanukah Dinner
8:00 Reform Shabbat Services

Adults: $14.00; Children 2-12: $8.00
The main course is chicken, potato latkes and applesauce. Adults/Children may have pasta instead if requested at the time reservations are made. Dinners are by reservation only and will be accepted by mail along with your check. Your check will be your reservation. Please note that reservations will not be taken over the phone or after the deadline. Please make check payable to TBA and return by Monday, December 10.

Name:

Phone:

Number of Adults / Chicken

Number of Adults / Pasta

Number of Children / Chicken

Number of Children / Pasta

Total amount enclosed $
**LIBRARY NEWS:**

**For Children:**

**New Books for Chanukah**

- The Ugly Menorah by Marissa Moss
- The Golem’s Latkes by Eric Kimmel
- The Hanukkah Light by Sheldon Oberman
- The Miracle of the Potato Latkes by Malka Penn
- Chanukah in Chelm by David Adler and Kevin O’Malley

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**TBA is streaming services**


Live streaming of services at Temple Beth Abraham is made available for the sole purpose of allowing members and friends, who are unable to attend in person due to difficulties or distance, to fulfill their worship needs. Our intent is to limit video coverage to those people on the bima. We will only provide close up video of clergy and those participating in events. The inclusion of video or audio of other people is not our intent and will be limited as much as possible. Any other uses, reproduction, or distribution of the images or sound are strictly prohibited. All rights reserved by Temple Beth Abraham.

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**If you can connect your iPhone to your home network, then you can help TBA’s tech squad!**

Geeks/Techs wanted to help with TBA AV! Our new sanctuary is gorgeous and state of the art. If you are interested in being part of TBA’s very own Tech Squad, contact Cantor Margot at cantor@tba-ny.org. Help us record services, stream services and create innovative projections for special events.
Purchase an Ad for The 2013 Purim Shpielbill

Honor your favorite Purim Shpiel Cast Member, and help supplement the Purim budget to ensure proper sound and accompaniment.

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DEADLINE FOR ADS: JANUARY 25, 2013

All ads 1/8 or 1/4 page can be in a Word document.
All other type of ads should be in a PDF or jpg format. We can design an ad for you if you supply the words.
E-mail to: rstulberger@tba-ny.org In Subject: AD FOR SHPIELBILL
Mail check to: Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave., Tarrytown, NY 10591 • Attention: Rebecca
Your Name: E-mail address:
Size of ad: ○ list ○ 1/8 ○ 1/4 ○ 1/2 ○ full ○ inside front ○ inside back ○ outside back
Format: ○ Word Doc. ○ PDF file ○ JPG file

Purchase a T-shirt for the 2013 Purim Shpiel

Not sure what to wear for Purim? Not thinking of wearing a costume at all? Why not be part of Shpiel-a-long and purchase a t-shirt? Last year's “Shpieller” shirt was in high demand so we’ve decided to offer this year’s Shpiel-a-long t-shirt to the entire congregation again.

GET ‘EM BEFORE THEY’RE GONE!

T-Shirt ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2013

• SAME GREAT PRICES • NO INCREASE • SAME GREAT PRICES •

I’d LOVE a t-shirt...sign me up!

Write the number of shirts you would like next to the correct size

Youth Shirts* ($10 ea.) Med (8-10) ___ LG (12-14) ___ * Shir Chadash members performing in the Shpiel pay only $5.
Adult Shirts ($15 ea.) Sml ___ Med ___ LG ___ XL ___ Adult Shirts ($18 ea.) 2XL ___ 3XL ___ 4XL ___

Name: Phone: E-mail: Amount Enclosed $

Please mail order form and check to Temple Beth Abraham, 25 Leroy Ave, Tarrytown, NY 10591

QUESTIONS?? Contact Marilyn Harris at mbh21@verizon.net
Chanukah Candle Lighting

(Light the first candle on Saturday evening, December 8, 2012)

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom: freedom to be themselves, freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

(The candles are placed in the Chanukiah from right to left, and kindled from left to right.
Always light the newest candle first)

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy through Your mitzvot, and who commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam she-asah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim hahem lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

(This prayer is said on the first night only)

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this joyous season.

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Ner Shel Tzedakah Blessing

A Blessing to recite on the 6th night of Chanukah, Thursday, December 13, 2012

As we light this "Ner Shel Tzedakah" tonight, we pray that its light will shine into the dark corners of our world, bringing relief to those suffering from the indignity and pain that accompany poverty. May our act of giving inspire others to join with us in the fight against the scourge of hunger, homelessness, need and want. Together, let us raise our voices to cry out for justice, and may that clarion call burst through the night's silence and declare that change must come.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Haolam, Asher Kidshanu B'mitzvotav, V'lamdeinu L'Hadlik Ner Shel Tzedakah.

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, who makes us holy through the performance of Mitzvot, and inspires us to light the Candle of Righteousness.

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Maoz Tzur (Rock of Ages)

Rock of ages, let our song
Praise thy saving power;
You, amid the raging foes,
Were our sheltering tower.
Furious, they assailed us,
But your arm availed us,
And your word broke their sword,
When our own strength failed us.

Children of the Maccabees,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs,
Where you may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing,
Which will see all men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

Israeli jelly doughnuts, called sufganiyot, bear a strong resemblance to the Viennese confections called krapfen—the recipe was probably brought to Israel by Austrian Jews who immigrated in the mid-20th century. Being, like latkes, fried in oil, the doughnuts were a perfect fit for Hanukkah’s culinary symbolism (fried foods commemorate the Biblical miracle of a small amount of sacred lamp oil burning in the Temple for eight nights rather than the expected one).

They were soon adopted by the young country as a holiday favorite.

Super Easy Jelly Doughnuts (Original recipe makes 40 doughnuts)

**Ingredients**

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- canola oil
- 10 slices white bread
- any flavor jam
- confectioners’ sugar

**Directions**

1. In a bowl, stir together eggs, milk, vanilla, and sugar until well blended and sugar is dissolved. In a separate bowl, mix flour with baking powder and salt. Gradually stir flour mixture into egg mixture until no lumps remain. Set aside.
2. Heat oil in deep-fryer to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
3. Make sandwiches with the bread, spreading jam evenly in the center. Trim away crusts, and cut each sandwich into quarters, wiping away any excess jam. Dip each quarter into batter, coating completely.
4. Working in batches to avoid overcrowding, fry sandwiches for 1 to 3 minutes, or until puffy and golden brown. Drain and cool on a paper towel-lined wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve warm.

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Our synagogue is proud to possess the Eytz Chaim, our “Tree of Life”. This original sculpture by the noted synagogue artist, Sanford Werfel, is permanently displayed in the Temple Beth Abraham lobby. The branches of the tree contain leaves which can be inscribed to highlight or commemorate such joyous events as births, weddings, anniversaries, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduations or simply to honor parents, family or friends. Share your happy occasions by inscribing your family “Simchas” on our synagogue’s “Tree of Life”. This will be a permanent dedication to the meaningful, and happy events that touch our lives. The price per leaf is $200.00 for members and $300.00 for non-members. For more information, please call the Temple office at 631-1770.

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