



Madison Jewish Center

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Friday December 2

Candle Lighting 4:11 pm Services 7:30 pm

Saturday December 3

Services 9:00 am Jr. Congregation 10:30 am

> **Weekly Portion TOLDOT** Genesis 25:19-26:22

HAFTARAH: MALACHI 1:1-2:7 RABBI'S STUDY SESSION

Friday December 9

Candle Lighting 4:10 pm **HANUKKAH DINNER** 6:15 pm **Family Service** 7:30 pm

HANUKKAH CONCERT-MADISON YOUTH CHORUS BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

Saturday December 10

Services 9:00 am Jr. Congregation 10:30 am

Weekly Portion: VAYEITZE Genesis 20:10-30:13

HAFTARAH: HOSEA 12:13-14:10 RABBI'S SERMON

Friday December 16

Candle Lighting 4:12 pm Services 7:30 pm **Saturday December 17**

Services 9:00 am

Jr. Congregation 10:30 am

Weekly Portion: VAYISHLAH

Genesis 32:4-33:20 **HAFTARAH: OBADIAH 1:1-21**

ASK THE RABBI

Friday December 23

Candle Lighting 4:15 pm Services 7:30 pm

Saturday December 24

Services 9:00 am

NO Congregation

BIRKAT HaHODESH

Weekly Portion: VAYISHLAH

Genesis 35:16-36:43

HAFTARAH: OBADIAH 1:1-21

RABBI'S QUIZ

5:30 pm COMMUNITY HANUKKIAH LIGHTING

IN THE TRIANGLE

Friday December 30

Candle Lighting 4:20 pm Services 7:30 pm

SHABBAT HANUKKAH

Saturday December 31

Services 9:00 am

NO Congregation

SHABBAT HANUKKAH 2 SIFREI TORAH, FULL HALLEL

Weekly Portion: MIKETZ

Genesis 41:1-52

MAFTIR: Numbers 7:48-53 HAFTARAH: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

RABBI'S SERMON

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MESSAGE ARTICLE – DECEMBER 2016 Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

HANUKKAH IN A "LATKA"

<u>Hanukkah</u> -- the eight-day festival of light that begins on the eve of the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev -- celebrates the triumph of light over darkness, of purity over adulteration, of spirituality over materiality. More than twenty-one centuries ago, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who sought to forcefully Hellenize the people of Israel.

Against all odds, a small band of faithful Jews defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God.

When they sought to light the Temple's *m'norah* (the seven branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks; miraculously, the one-day supply burned for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of <u>Hanukkah</u>. At the heart of the festival is the nightly lighting of the <u>Hanukkiah</u> – the special eight branched candelabrum used on <u>Hanukkah</u>: a single flame on the first night, two on the second evening, and so on till the eighth night of <u>Hanukkah</u>, when all eight lights are kindled. On <u>Hanukkah</u> we also add the <u>Hallel</u> and <u>Al HaNissim</u> in our daily prayers to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for "delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few... the wicked into the hands of the righteous."

<u>Hanukkah</u> customs include eating foods fried in oil -- latkes (potato pancakes) and <u>sufganiot</u> (doughnuts); playing with the dreidel (a spinning top on which are inscribed the Hebrew letters <u>nun</u>, <u>gimmel</u>, <u>hei</u> and <u>shin</u>, an acronym for <u>Nes Gadol Hayah Sham</u>, "a great miracle happened there"); and the giving <u>tz'dakah</u> and <u>Hanukkah gelt</u>, gifts of money, to children.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDLE LIGHTING AT HOME

Candle lighting times

- Except for before and after Shabbat light <u>Hanukkah</u> flames [solid, or oil and wicks] as soon after dark as possible.
- <u>Hanukkah</u> flames must burn for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour [on Shabbat for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours].
- Before Shabbat:
 - 1. First light \underline{H} anukkah flames that can burn for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

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- 2. Then light Shabbat candles at least 18 minutes before sunset.
- After Shabbat:

In the Synagogue, light the *Hanukkah* flames before *Havdallah*.

At home, light the *Hanukkah* flames after *Havdallah*.

Setting up the Hanukkiah

- 1. In our home we have both an electric <u>Hanukkiah</u> this does not take the place of the flame <u>Hanukkiah</u> which we place in our window and a flame <u>Hanukkiah</u> which we place on our kitchen countertop.
- 2. For our inside flame \underline{H} anukkiah, we start at the right end, placing the lights from right to left.
- 3. For our window electric <u>Hanukkiah</u>, we place the lights from left to right so that from the outside it will look as if they were being placed from right to left as we do for our flame *Hanukkiah* inside our home.
- 4. Place the additional light called the *Shammash*, or working light or flame, into its distinct location.

Lighting and B'rachot

- For the flame <u>Hanukkiah</u>, light the <u>Shammash</u> first.
- Before lighting the other flames recite the B'rachot
 - 1. Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olom asher kidd'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadklik neir shel Hanukkah.
 - 2. Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olom she'asa nissim la'voteinu bayamim hahaeim baz'man hazeh.

On the first night only add:

- 3. Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu melech ha'olom sheheheyanu v'kiyy'manu v'higgi'anu laz'man hazeh.
- Use the shammash to light the first [left most] flame.
- Proceeding from left to right, use the shammash to light the remaining flames.
 - 1. While reciting the prayer haneirot halalu if reciting from memory.
 - 2. Before reciting the prayer haneirot halalu if reading from a text.
- Chant Ma'oz Tzur.

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President's Message December 2016

It is hard to believe that fall is soon going to turn to winter. As the leaves fall to the ground Hanukkah comes into view. Here at Madison Hanukkah is a busy time. We begin with a pre-Hanukkah dinner on Friday, December 9th at 6:15 pm. These dinners are always delicious and feature the warmth of fellowship. If you missed our last dinner it is not too late to make reservations for this one. The dinner is followed by our Hanukkah concert featuring our Youth Chorus led by Arlene Kane. We are in for a treat. Services that evening will be led by the Youth Chorus. Sunday, December 17th at 8 pm is our Vodka and Latka dance, complete with DJ, where our 60/40 raffle winner will be announced. Then on Saturday, December 24th at 5:30 pm we have our annual community Hanukkiah lighting in the "triangle". All of these events are described more completely in flyers or on our website, madisonjc.org, which you ought to check frequently.

We appreciate the hard work put in for our November events. Sisterhood dinner and Shabbat services were wonderful. There was a successful Bingo night and a lively book discussion on The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.

This month's "spotlight" falls on Mario Gottesmann who, with his wife Teresa, has been a member of Madison for over 30 years. His story is a fascinating one. I'm sure many of us have wondered how he came to live in Argentina and then the United States.

Mario's father emigrated to Argentina from Czechoslovakia in the 1920s when he saw the ominous signs in Europe. He came from a successful prominent family and had nine brothers and a sister who mostly stayed behind. Three survived the Nazi killings. He was fired from his first job in Argentina as a fisherman because he would not work on Saturdays. Mario's mother came to Argentina from Hungary through a plan organized by multimillionaire Baron Maurice de Hirsch who was a German Jewish philanthropist and founder of the Jewish Colonization Association which sponsored large scale Jewish emigration to Argentina. These emigres were set up on farms complete with animals. Mario was born and lived in the city of Buenos Aires but he spent his summers at his aunt's and uncle's farms in rural Argentina. Since his father was observant, Mario went to Y'shiva where he learned Humash and G'mara in Yiddish. Yiddish was his first language. Mario eventually became an accountant and CPA and travelled to the United States to take courses in order to advance his career. While here taking courses he taught classes and worked for a top company. He met and married one of his colleagues, Teresa, and that ended his plans to return to Buenos Aires. They bought a house in the Madison area where he still lives. They had two sons and felt they wanted to continue their Jewish traditions so they joined a nearby synagogue, Madison Jewish Center, where they have been members for all these years.

Mario recently retired after 38 years with one of the largest liquor importers where he was an auditor, then controller and eventually director of finance. We count Mario and Teresa among the valued and active shul members.

Shalom,

Roy

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Annual Kiddush Sponsors are needed for this year. Please be one of our sponsors.

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact: Norman Green (917) 545-4442 • email: emg522@aol.com

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THE LATEST FROM SISTERHOOD

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The annual Sisterhood Shabbat service on Friday night, November 4th was well attended and a huge success. Many thanks to Ilene Karpas for chairing, organizing and planning the program, and to Ellen Green for officiating as the Rabbi and to Arlene Kane, who served as the Cantor for the evening. Thanks to Yaffa Sapoznik and Anne Gruskin for organizing and coordinating the dinner. We would also like to thank Barbara Stein for donating the flower centerpieces and Allyson Stein for donating the beautiful dessert table and paper goods. Rachel and Jay Streitch donated the beverages. It is very much appreciated. Furthermore, thanks go to the Sisterhood members who participated in the service and assisted throughout the evening.

Maj and mingle is an ongoing activity held on Sunday mornings whenever there is a Flea Market. It is a great way to learn the game or refresh your skills, or simply enjoy a pleasant morning with friends. Check the website for future dates.

Last month's book club was led by Marlene Podell who reviewed the book, <u>The Nightingale</u>, by Kristin Hannah. The discussion was thought provoking and interesting. Thank you Marlene for recommending this outstanding book and leading the stimulating discussion.

Save the date for the Annual Vodka and Latka night that will be held on Saturday night, December 17th. It is always a fun night out featuring unlimited vodka tasting: in addition to latkas, varied toppings, deserts and music too! Sisterhood will be working with Social Club. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. The December Sisterhood board meeting will be held on Monday night December 19th at 7 PM with <u>Hanukkah</u> refreshments to follow.

January movie night will be held on Monday, January 16th. We will be showing, "Woman in Gold." Health night will be on Monday night, February 27th with a guest speaker from NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness). Also, Sisterhood is working on a fundraising project called, "Tree of Life Growing at Madison Jewish Center." Look out for flyers for all of the above events. We wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a very Happy and Healthy New Year! We hope to see you at our events!!

Harriett Cohen and Shelli Feldman Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS ----- DECEMBER 2016

The Social Club has been hard at work planning many exciting events for the next few months.

Bingo night was Saturday night, November 12th. There were many great prizes. There was even a separate room for the children to play Bingo. It was a great opportunity to socialize with friends.

The Social Club is proudly sponsoring a Share the Pot Raffle. The first prize winner will receive 40% of the total money collected. The more raffles sold the bigger the prize. The winner will be announced on Saturday night, December 17th at the Vodka and Latka celebration. You do not have to be present to win. But try to attend. It promises to be great fun. The evening's festivities are being co-sponsored with the Sisterhood.

There will be a special event on Saturday night, January 14th. We will be hosting a night of ceramics, wine, and dinner. Flyers will be sent out shortly. Join us! The Super Bowl party is on Sunday, February 5th. Please mark your calendars.

Every member of MJC is also a member of the Social Club. Please take advantage of the many opportunities to spend time with friends. Let's keep MJC as the center of Egalitarian Conservative Judaism in this part of Brooklyn.

Check our website (madisonjc.org), watch for flyers, and check the Message for further information. Reservations for all activities can be made through our email address (info@madisonjc.org).

We wish everyone a very Happy <u>H</u>anukkah and a happy and healthy secular New Year.

Ilene Karpas

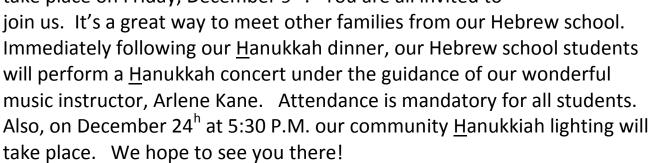
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Parents' Association - DECEMBER 2016

Shalom Parents,

First, we want to wish you all a happy and healthy Hanukkah.

A few quick reminders: Our annual \underline{H} anukkah dinner will take place on Friday, December 9^{th} . You are all invited to



We want to give a big Thank You to all who participated in our Miss Chocolate cookie dough sale and to those who buy our gift cards.

We are still selling gift cards online or you can pick up an order form in the office, whichever is easier for you. Thanks again for all your support. We really appreciate it. Again, we wish you all a happy and healthy Hanukkah.

Melanie Green

The Parents' Association

BUY YOUR 60/40 Madison Jewish Center RAFFLE TICKETS!!

The winner (to be chosen December 17th at the Vodka and Latka party) will get 40% of all money collected.

Last year's winner got more than \$1000.00!!

The more tickets we sell, the bigger the prize.

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SAVE THE DATE

Social Club

Saturday, December 17, 2016 8:00pm Vodka and Latka Party;

Share the Pot raffle winner will be chosen

Saturday, January 14, 2017 7:30pm Special event – watch for flyer

Sunday, February 5, 2017 4:00pm Superbowl game day

Sisterhood

Saturday, December 17, 2016

8:00pm

Vodka and Latka Party

7:30pm

Sunday, February 5, 2017

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Parents' Association

Friday, December 9, 2016 6:15pm <u>H</u>anukkah Dinner

7:30pm Youth Concert and services

Congregation

Friday, December 9, 2016 6:15pm <u>H</u>anukkah Dinner

Saturday, December 24, 2016 5:30pm Community <u>H</u>anukkiah lighting

in the triangle

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MEMORIAL FUND

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT

To: Jeannie Zalta

A donation has been made in memory of your beloved father Stanley Brown

We are so sorry for your loss. By: Ruth Rosenberg & Family

To: The Wisla Family

A donation has been made in memory of your beloved mother, mother-in-law

and grandmother Ursula Wisla

By: Harriett & Stephen Cohen & Family

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If we have misspelled a name, left something out, or have failed in any way to properly acknowledge anyone who should have been acknowledged, please forgive us. Please note that some names may not have not been included.

R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH PRAYER

DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY PRAYERS

For: Michael Mondschein

By: Marvin Pereira Ron Rosenberg Bella Benders

Myra Lee & Albert Fleischman

For: Susan Weinberg

By: Marlene & Paul Podell

For: Rabbi Shae J. Kane

By: The Madans Family

For: Angelina Quiñones By: The Madans Family madisonjc.org Page Eleven

TORAH FUND

A donation has been made
In memory of Arnold Packer & Bradford Packer
By: Loretta Packer

PERSONALS

Dear Friends at Madison,

As many of you know, I was hospitalized the weekend before Yom Kippur. I want you to know that I am beginning to feel like myself again and that my stamina is slowly coming back – just a little too slow for my liking.

I thank haShem for my recovery progress along with my family, doctors and the medical staff at St. Francis Hospital for their support and excellent care which enabled me to join you in prayer, for at least part of the time, on Yom Kippur day.

I am also extremely grateful, thankful and deeply appreciative to you all for your outpouring of concern and your prayers and donations for my recovery.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2017 and that we should all be blessed with the most precious of all the Lord's gifts – a safe world at Peace. Once again my most sincere thanks and appreciation to all.

Fondly, Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

CONDOLENCES

IN MEMORIAM

We record with sorrow the passing of our esteemed member
Judy Weintraub
May her soul be bound up in the bonds of eternal life
Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her family

HONOR FUND MAZAL TOV & BEST WISHES

To: Gregory J. Posniack

A donation has been made in honor of your

retirement

By: Marvin Pereira

Andrew Menkes & Ruth Richards

Arlene, David & Jonathan Abels

Shelli & Ronald Feldman

Harriett & Stephen Cohen The Madans Family To: Gail Siminovsky & Family A donation has been made in honor of the marriage of your daughter.

We wish them much happiness.

By: Ruth Rosenberg

and Elysa, Seth & Zachary Resnikoff

THANK YOU

Many thanks for the prayers and good wishes during my recent illness.

It was a source of comfort for me and enhanced my recovery.

Neil Kaufman

Many thanks to all who donated to the Honor Fund on my behalf for a R'fuah Sh'leimah Prayer during my recent hospital stay! It was very much appreciated!

Suellen Schussel

My heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your condolences following the death of my sister, Jackie, with gracious offerings to our memorial fund, and planting trees in Israel. Your well wishes, your visiting me at home, and your phone calls overwhelmed me. On behalf of my nephew, my children and myself, thank you all.

Sincerely, Marvin Pereira

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YAHRZEIT – DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2016 HAVE BEEN MADE BY:

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If you need a Minyan at any other time, please call the office and we will attempt to assemble one.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

The Synagogue office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm,
Friday from 9:00am -12 noon
We are closed on all Jewish and legal holidays.

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- 1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com
- 2. Click on <u>family signup</u> and then click on <u>create an account</u>.
- 3. Next fill out all the necessary info and set up an account.
- 4. You will see "join a nonprofit". Underneath will be a box marked "enrollment code". Enter A3897D5229989 and then click on join.
- 5. Now you will be able to order your gift cards online through M.J.C.
- 6. All money for gift cards must be checks payable to M.J.C and sent to the office after you order your gift cards online. Please Label the envelope Attention Melanie or Steven Green.
- 7. For those of you who are not comfortable ordering online we also have a printed list of gift cards that are available and a printed order form. These also get sent to the office with a check payable to M.J.C and marked attention Melanie or Steven Green.

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