



# Kislev-Tevet 5780

### **Madison Jewish Center**

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2019

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 4:10pm
Services 7:30pm
Speaker: Marla Hesse

Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>
Services 9:00am
Weekly Portion: *aYEITZEI*Genesis 26:10-30:33 *HAFTARAH* Hosea
12:13-14:30

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 4:11pm

<u>Hanukkah</u> Dinner 6:15pm
Reservations are a must
BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

Shabbat Services 7:30 pm

Saturday December 14th
Services 9:00 am
Weekly Portion: *vaYISHLAH*Genesis 32:4-33:20 *HAFTARAH* Obadiah 1:121
SECRETS OF THE *SIDDUR* 

Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 4:13pm
Service 7:30pm

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>
Services 9:00am
BIRKAT haHODESH
Weekly Portion vaYEISHEV
Genesis 37:1-36
HAFTARAH: Amos 2:6-3:8
ASK THE RABBI

Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm COMMUNITY <u>H</u>ANUKKIAH LIGHTING IN THE TRIANGLE

Friday December 27<sup>th</sup>
Candle Lighting 4:17pm
Service 7:30pm

Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup>
Services 9:00am
SHABBAT ROSH HODESH,
SHABBAT HANUKKAH
3 SIFREI TORAH
Weekly Portion: MIKEITZ
Genesis 41:1-52
ROSH HODESH Num. 28:9-15
HANUKKAH Num. 7:42-47
HAFTARAH Zechariah 2:14-4:7
D'VAR TORAH

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#### MESSAGE ARTICLE – DECEMBER 2019 Rabbi Shae J. Kane D.D.

This month we will celebrate <u>Hanukkah</u>, our Jewish Festival of Lights. There is a classic debate in the <u>Talmud</u> between <u>Beit Hillel</u> and <u>Beit Shammai</u> with respect to the <u>halachah</u> regarding the kindling of the lights of <u>Hanukkah</u>. The debate centers around the <u>halachic</u> sequence of the kindling of these Lights of <u>Hanukkah</u>.

Beit Shammai's opinion was to kindle all eight lights, symbolizing the eight days of <u>Hanukkah</u>, on the first night and diminish one light on each subsequent night. According to <u>Beit Shammai's</u> reasoning – <u>HANUKKAT haBAYIT</u> – the re-dedication of The Temple in Jerusalem, in the year 165 BCE, by the Maccabees – consisting of the rekindling, with undefiled olive oil, of the seven branched <u>M'norah</u> – should mirror the same procedures of the <u>HANUKKAT haBAYIT</u>, the dedication of the original Temple by King Solomon held on the Festival of <u>Sukkot</u>. On the first day of this dedication thirteen bullocks were brought as sacrifices as part of this dedication. On each of the subsequent days of the dedication, one less bullock was brought as a sacrifice. Hence, according to <u>Shammai</u> there should be a diminuendo of the Lights of <u>Hanukkah</u> on each successive evening.

Beit Hillel's opinion was to kindle one light on the first night of <u>Hanukkah</u> and add an additional light on each subsequent evening concluding with the eighth light on the final night. On the last night of <u>Hanukkah</u>, all the lights on the nine branches of the <u>Hanukkiah</u> [one branch for each of the eight nights plus one branch for the <u>Shammash</u>] complete the crescendo of light. Beit Hillel followed the ruling of prayer – "haNeirot Hallalu Kodesh Heim these lights are holy" – and of the principal of "Ma'alim baKodesh v'Lo Yoridim – we increase rather than diminish with respect of acts of holiness".

In all the differences of opinion between *Beit Hillel* and *Beit Shammai* there are only six times when the final *halachah* follows the opinion of *Beit Shammai*. Regarding the kindling of the Lights of *Hanukkah* the final *halachah* follows the opinion of *Beit Hillel*.

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### President's Message December 2019

In November we gathered to hear author Marilyn Parker present her book, *Tante Minnie*. It was a lively, memorable evening- and the autographed copies I was able to order will make lovely <u>H</u>anukkah gifts!

MJC's proposed trip to Israel was presented to us and it sure sounds like it will be a "not to be missed" OPPORTUNITY. Once you have heard Marla Hesse share the tale of the Hesse Family Trip to Israel, you might seriously consider signing up!

Hanukkah 2019 gives us the opportunity to celebrate our heritage and celebrate the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. Let us gather together with family and friends and together recite the shehchiyanu prayer and remember that "a great miracle happened there."

I would like to share some nontraditional <u>H</u>anukkah music with you. It is a far cry from "I Have A Little Dreidel", and I hope you enjoy these selections!

Hanukkah Honey by Rachel Bloom: <a href="https://youtu.be/F-p-\_yVhfS4">https://youtu.be/F-p-\_yVhfS4</a>

Adam Sandler Hanukkah: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9320tG1bQaY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9320tG1bQaY</a>

Hanukkah Jewish Rock of Ages: <a href="https://youtu.be/KyKWUpSMegE">https://youtu.be/KyKWUpSMegE</a>

The Maccabeats: Candlelight - Hanukkah: <a href="https://youtu.be/qSJCSR4MuhU">https://youtu.be/qSJCSR4MuhU</a>

Please join us at the annual MJC Community Lighting of the  $\underline{H}$ annukiah Menorah on Sunday, December  $22^{nd}$  at 5:00PM.

I look forward to welcoming all of you at the annual MJC <u>H</u>anukkah Dinner and the Vodka & Latka Celebration.

L'Dor v'Dor

Randi

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#### The Latest from Sisterhood December 2019

All who attended the Sisterhood Book Review and discussion had an informative and enjoyable evening. Thank you, Marlene Podell, for leading the event on the book, *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff. You always have interesting and wonderful discussions at the book review. Thank you, Marlene, also for supplying the refreshments.

The Tree of Life Committee worked on changing the design for the Tree of Life. Arlene Kane designed and updated the illustration of the tree. The new Tree of Life and Love will be starting in January 2020. Your name and money must be in by December 5<sup>th</sup> to be printed in the January 2020 MJC Message. They will be printed each month for the entire year of 2020. The leaves are \$10 a name. You should have received a flyer.

Sisterhood is selling Mah Jongg cards for 2020. The cost is \$8 for a Standard card and \$9 for a Large Print card. Please contact Ellen Green if you have any questions. You should have received a flyer, and please order a card by 12/31/19.

Flyers should be going out for our December 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting (7PM), followed by Ilene Marcus showing in her hands-on workshop how to make "no bake brownies." An email notification will be sent out as well.

Hope to see you at our co-sponsored Vodka and Latka event to be held on Saturday night, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sisterhood in conjunction with Social Club, will be sponsoring this happening. It is always an enjoyable and fun evening.

Save the Date for Sisterhood Movie Night to be held on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Details and flyer to follow.

Happy Hanukkah and a happy and healthy secular New Year!

Harriett Cohen and Shelli Feldman Sisterhood Co-Presidents madisonjc.org Page Five

#### MJC SOCIAL CLUB HAPPENINGS

#### December 2019

Our comedy club was held on Saturday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The evening was well attended, and everyone enjoyed socializing with friends.

The annual Vodka and Latka celebration in conjunction with Sisterhood is scheduled for Saturday night, December 21<sup>st</sup>. It promises to be a great way to spend time with friends. Please mark your calendars and make your reservations.

January 4<sup>th</sup> is Bingo Night. We will serve bagels, cream cheese, egg salad, tuna, coffee, and tea.

Our annual educational trip this year is to the Greek Synagogue on the lower east side. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Included in the \$30 price is a tour, a film, and a kosher Greek lunch which consists of bourekas, Greek salad, stuffed grape leaves, pita bread, grapes, kouloudia (biscuits), baklava, coffee, tea, and water.

The Social Club Shabbat is on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our annual barbecue, honoring Jay Streich, is on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please let us know if you have any additional thoughts or ideas for the future.

Let's all try to make this the most successful year ever by supporting and participating in many of our activities. Watch for flyers, visit the website (madisonjc.org), and check the Message for further information. Reservations for all activities can be made through our email address (info@madisonjc.org).

Happy Hanukkah!

Ilene Karpas

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#### Shalom Parents,



I just wanted to start off by wishing everyone a happy and healthy <u>H</u>anukkah. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Hebrew School will be having its annual <u>H</u>anukkah dinner and sing along with the children. Also, this month on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., we will be having Tzivos Hashem come for the <u>H</u>anukkah Dreidel Workshop. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome. We hope to see you there. Lastly, the community <u>H</u>anukkiah lighting will take place on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

We hope to see all students and their parents there. We are still selling gift cards if anyone needs them. Thank you for your support.

#### Melanie Green for the Parents' Association

### Friday Night Speaker Series

If you have a passion for any topic and would like to share your passion, please consider being a Friday Night Speaker. If you know someone in your circle of friends, family, and professional acquaintances who may also wish to share their passion, please let them know of this opportunity.

Contact Randi at randibherman@gmail.com

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

<b>Social Club</b>	
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Saturday, December 21	8:00PM	Vodka & Latka
Saturday, January 4	7:30pm	Bingo & Supperette
	Sisterhood	
Monday, December 16	7:00PM	Board meeting followed by
		No Bake Brownie Workshop
Saturday, December 21	8:00PM	Vodka & Latka
Monday, January 20	7:00PM	Movie Night
	Parents' Asso	ciation
Friday, December 13	6:15PM	Hanukkah dinner & Sing-along followed
•		by services
Monday, December 16	4:00PM	Dreidel Workshop
	Congregat	ion
Friday, December 6	7:30PM	Speaker Marla Hesse will speak on
		her trip to Israel
Friday, December 13	6:15PM	Hanukkah dinner & Sing-along followed by
		services and Birthday/Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, December 22	5:00PM	Community <u>H</u> annukiah lighting

Journal Dinner Dance Honoring

Barbara Stein

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5:00PM

Sunday, May 31

Ongoing Activities
Services Monday and Thursday at 6:45am
Friday Evening Service at 7:30pm
Saturday Morning Service at 9:00am

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#### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Friday Evening & Erev Yom Tov.....7:30 PM Saturday Morning & Yom Tov Morning.....9:00 AM

Weekday Minyanim (Mon. & Thurs.)......6:45 AM Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

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

#### **TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS**

The Synagogue office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm,
Friday from 9:00am -12 noon
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#### R'FUAH SH'LEIMAH PRAYER

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From Judy Posniack: Israel Trip update:

We had a very informative meeting with the representative of IsramIsrael, the company that is facilitating our Israel trip in October 2020. Please call (718-377-0809)or email (Jposniack@aol.com) Judy if you are interested in joining us on this historical and cultural trip.

#### From Barbara Stein

Madison Jewish Center has joined with the Kings Highway United Methodist Church members in "Unity in the Community", a new group focused on improving our community. We began by having decorating Thanksgiving cards for Meals on Wheels to distribute as they deliver meals. Future projects are being developed. if you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara (<a href="mailto:bfsteach@hotmail.com">bfsteach@hotmail.com</a>).

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#### **Honor Fund-Mazal Tov & Best Wishes**

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#### THANK YOU

Thank you all for your prayers for my health recovery

Neil Kaufman

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Shalom,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Tree of Life project this past year. Please join us on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at MJC for the Sisterhood meeting. We have an exciting agenda and will be honoring the supporters of the Tree of Life.

Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served after the meeting.

RSVP to Harriett Cohen--text-718 916 7772 or email <a href="mailto:HC58@icloud.com">HC58@icloud.com</a> or email Shelli Feldman SAF322@aol.com

Sincerely,

Judy Posniack

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