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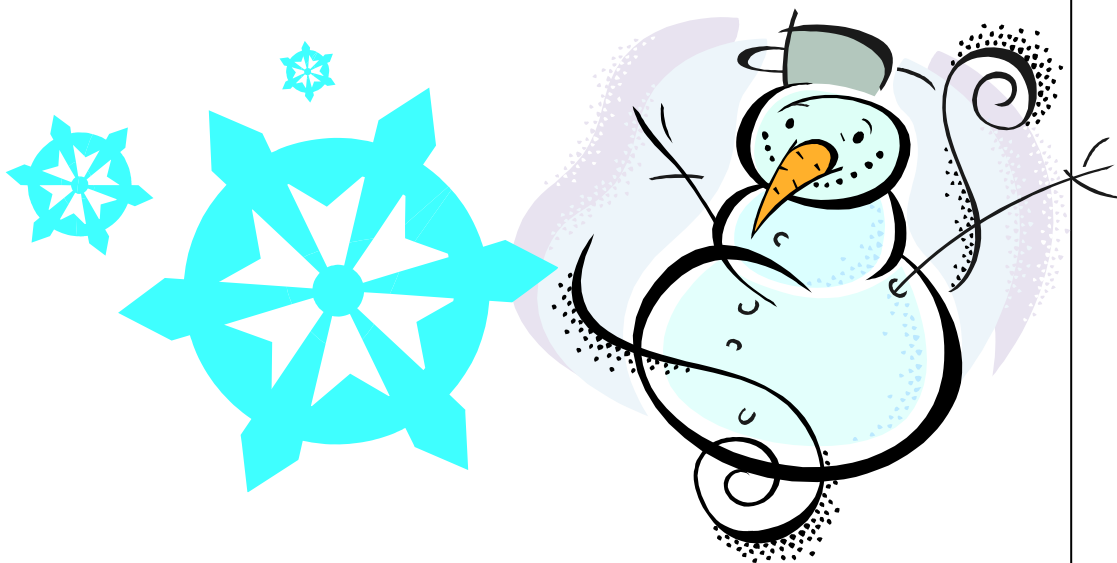


DECEMBER

Kislev – Tevet 5774



Happy Winter



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This issue of the Scribe should reach you while the Hanukah candles are still shining in our homes and hearts. The example of the Maccabees teaches us that no matter what difficulties we might face, if we face them with courage and determination, God willing, we can overcome them.

A year ago we suffered a serious blow, in our homes and our Temple, the devastation brought by superstorm Sandy. With great determination and effort, we are repairing the damage. While we are far from finished rebuilding, we can now see the first blossoms of what can become a renewed and thriving congregation, if we can get the support and resources needed to complete the task.

Attendance to our services continues to grow, nurtured by our uplifting ritual experiences and the warm socializing opportunity provided by our expanded kiddushes. Our adult education programs are thriving, with our Friday night Lectures, our Wednesday evening classes, the activities of our Evening Circle and our Book Club.

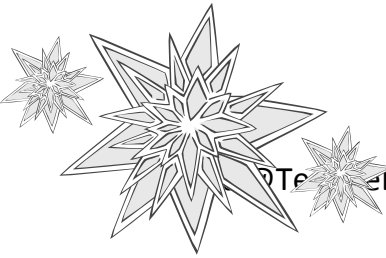
Some of our members moved recently, within the neighborhood and out of it, but despite that we got several new arrivals to our congregational family. Please join us as we welcome them on a New Member Shabbat on January 10th during our Friday evening service at 8 PM (snow date January 31st).

This year we hope to accomplish a long held dream, to go on a congregational trip to Israel. We hope to do it this coming February 16 to 25. Please consider joining this life-changing experience and let me know if you are interested ASAP. The trip will be geared for all ages, and is especially suited for children and grandchildren, being held over Presidents' week school vacation.

The spirit of the Maccabees shines brightly in Temple Beth El. Let us insure that it continues to glow for many years to come!

Happy Hanukah!

Rabbi Claudio Kupchik



Condolences to Dorothy Spalter on the death of her brother, ALBERT ROSS

Condolences to Ruth Rothenberg and family on the passing of their beloved husband, father and father-in-law,
MURRAY ROTHENBURG

Anniversaries in December

Linda and Arthur Cantor
Rima and Elliot Dubowski
Gail and Myron Griffel
Maureen and Harvey Lerner
Elise Kesner and Bob Levine

Birthday wishes to **Rabbi Claudio J. Kupchik**

Get well wishes to **Joel Levitt** – recovering from a concussion. Glad to see him at a Friday night service.

Get well to **Gloria Sterling** Xidas following cataract surgery. She was able to attend a Saturday morning service.

Birthdays in December

Abby Scheck
Dale Stern
Toby Smith

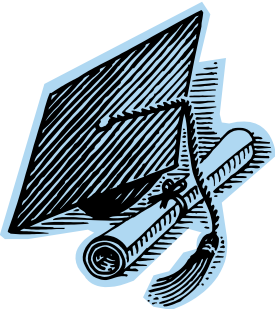


The Ditchek family is proud to announce:

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Lisa Ditchek gaining early admission to SUNY Upstate School of Medicine

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in memory of Goldie Yatrofsky

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in memory of Clarence Cohen

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in memory of Julius Lerner

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in memory of Jack Appelbaum

Samuil Kizhnerman
in memory of Ruvin Kizhnerman

Amy and Alan Ditchek
in memory of Sydelle Ditchek

Lois Biesky

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Muriel Ellenberg
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Muriel Ellenberg

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in memory of her father

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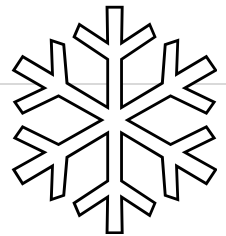
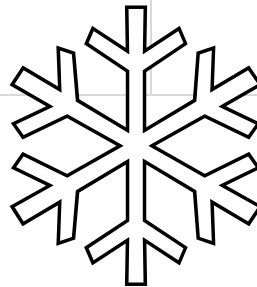
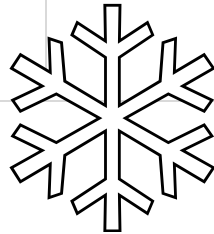
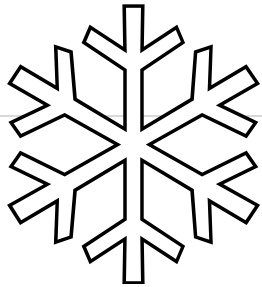
get well Dr. Kodsi

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Barbara Kanfer and family

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<p>Memorial Lights Week of December 6th 3 Tevet – 9 Tevet</p> 	<p>Simon Aretsky, Morris Cooper, Nettie Korris, Ida L. Marks, Mae Strahl, Meyer Greenberg, Max Hirsch, Joseph Buxbaum, Rose Cohen, David Milstein, Fannie Rothman, Samuel Ellenberg, Celia Warshaw, Faiga Hauptman, Bernard Schwartz, Estelle Title Strahl, Frances E. Goldstein, Adele Katz, Emma Sigoda, Mantze Exelbert</p>
<p>Memorial Lights Week of December 13th 10 Tevet – 16 Tevet</p> 	<p>Henry Cohen, Moses Levine, Anne M. Lieber, Arthur Muller, Rebecca Rothstein, Mollye Mandel, Tobias Cohn, Estelle Goldman, Shirley Rosenbaum, Betty Jacobs, Harry L. Kreeger, Bertha Mautner, Simon Sosnovitch, Rosalind Green, Rebecca Kalnitzky, Nat E. Schulman, Samuel Waldinger, Dina Wein, Samuel Basecu, Dr. Jacob Feldmna, Aaron M. Gingold, Dorothy F. Haas, Leah Seham Psaty, George H. Blumen Thal, Daisy Diamond, Anna Rabinowitz, Moe Seitz, Isidore Mandel, Marion Shonkoff</p>
<p>Memorial Lights Week of December 20th 17 Tevet – 23 Tevet</p> 	<p>Sarah Melman, Moses Levine, Louis Cohn, Sondra Rita Greenberg, Abraham Levy, Hedwic Sitzmen, Celia Chadell, Celia Chandell, Herbert Gittelman, Ethel Perless, Ray Rabinowitz, Irene Rockman, Ida Spivak Sanders, Edwin M. Schillay, Abraham Herbert Spooner, Mary Cohen, Belle Karesh, Abraham Litwak, Anna Mendelson, Phillip Pollack, Samuel Feldman, Morris Gerwitz, Corinne Raab, Isador Singer, Alfred Sherr, Hannah Abramson, Sonnie Bonom, Elaine Liberman, Fannie Feldstein, Max Feigenbaum, Paula Levine, Oscar Levy</p>
<p>Memorial Lights Week of December 27th 24 Tevet – 1 Shevat</p> 	<p>Bella Lafer, Josie Lieberman, Rodalind B. Ornstein, Abraham Schwartz, Judy Ellenberg, Gussie Smolowitz, Hyman Hoffman, Herbert Wallack, amuel George Domash, Harvey H. Sobel, Israil Moishe Rybinnik, Bernice Iris Eda Beilinson, Maria Poplavskaya, Frieda L. Cooper, Cecilia Alexander, Anna C. Jaffe, Jeannie Miller, Lena Wolfson, Tillie Edelman, Minnie Goldberg, Menucha Klein, Norman Lafer, Jerome Sommer, Paul Aronofsky, Labish and Shaindel Mark, Sarah Miller, Jeannette Strickoff, Emil Nehemiah Zolla</p>
<p>Memorial Lights Week of January 3rd 2 Shevat – 8 Shevat</p> 	<p>Dr. Charles Blinder, Kate Domash, Izya Gamer, Theodore Grosack, David Katz, Louis Martin, Daniel Tannerbaum, Yankel Vayner, Louis Gurlitz, Moses Leibman, Mollie Strahl, Rebecca Besdine, Yetta Feinstein, Joseph Hauptman, Sara Lehrer, Anna Saks, Samuel Ellenberg, Herman Green, Sheine Lewis, Solomon Piker, Nathan Topol, Nochum Leib Topol, Betty Turk, Sally Finkel, Nettie Lostfogel, Abraham M. Sakowitz, Jenny Lewis, Fannie Aufrichtig, Moe Bierman, David Zaslau, Pauline Epstein, David Wallack, Nathan Wolfson, Maria Poplavskaya</p>

Day 5

WOW! It's over--five days, 300 miles, grueling heat, sore tuchus...just wonderful! What a day it's been. Woke up at 6:00 am, packed, ate breakfast, got bike stuff together, got on the bus at 7:00am in Netanya. Rode to Mini Israel in Latrun, got the bike and headed to Jerusalem. Mile after mile of steep inclines and incredibly steep downhill...and I did much better than I ever thought I would. Learned some new breathing techniques, used my gears much more intelligently...I'm learning...While the views of the Judean Hills were magnificent, the real highlight of course was the closing ceremony which is always the emotional peak of the trip. I saw Gafnit again and she looked wonderful. Promised her we'd continue to email her during the year. Hope she can leave Alyn by my next visit. Parents once again lined the street cheering us as we biked in. Confetti, music, banners and of course, the kids of Alyn all greeted us. We received medals which have been part of the therapy for the kids in forcing them to lift their arms to place the medal over each riders head. After kissing and high fiving many, many kids, I had to turn away so as not to let them see me cry because so many of them are enduring such suffering. I saw 9 month old Rivka, severely deformed and on a respirator, squirming so uncomfortably in her special stroller, her hand covered by socks as she flailed away with her hands and feet. The orthodox parents told me their older son

was being treated at ALyn...their healthy middle daughter was there with them smiling and laughing at the performers and clowns entertaining all the kids. What do you say--what can you say-- as the parents

thank you for being on the ride. I told them I would pray that the family goes from strength to strength and that things should get better and better for them with each passing day.

I met Kareem, a six year old Arab child, also with a respirator and wheelchair. He was munching on a cup of popcorn and immediately took some out and offered it to me. I spoke with his father and when he asked me where I was from and I said NY, he excitedly told his son in Arabic that I came all the way from America to bring him good health. Kareem was all smiles.

Then I met Oz, a nine year old using a walker. He motioned for me to lean over and he lifted my medal over my head. I thought he wanted to be the one to give it to me, but instead, he put it over his own head where he was already wearing two other medals. I laughed and his father came over to explain that he had to give the medal back, so Oz motioned to me to bend my head so he could reach it and he proudly gave it back. From his father I then learned that OZ was perfectly normal until last year when he was hit by a truck and thrown ten feet into the air. He suffered severe head injuries and cannot speak or walk. He retains his playfulness and the father has great hope the Alyn can bring back many of his motor and brain functions.

At the actual closing ceremony, Nir Barkat, the mayor of Jerusalem who just won reelection last week, spoke in Hebrew and English and promised to ride with us again next year as he had done two years ago. There were over 200 Israelis who joined us for the last day of the ride and so over 600 riders stood and gave a long standing ovation to our most inspirational rider, the Cuban rider who did the challenge route without arms. Special note also went to the

Israeli who joined us today and completed about 70% of the ride on....a Unicycle! It was an unbelievable sight to behold! Eight children from ALYN had been training for months to ride an off-road bike. Today, they led the off road riders as they started out on the ride. All of the children looked perfectly fine on their bikes until you realized that some of the bikes were actually adaptive...also, as they got off their bikes, most had problems with their gait, having been disabled in their legs or feet. The crowd went crazy.

As you can well imagine, after five days of seeing miracles, the crowd was very emotional. And, as always, the clincher was when they asked Raqueli, an ALYN alum with crutches and many deformities, to come to the stage to sing Hatikvah. As we Love you and see you soon,

Howie



all stood, Jews from Australia, Brazil, Sweden, Holland, etc. etc. sang Hatikvah with Raqueli as the sun literally was setting behind the Judean hills. Tears flowed as we were all moved by the amazing experience we had just had.

So I am back at Vicki's, showered and fed and looking forward to coming home. I have to admit that Eli has been in my mind constantly on this ride and I will have to remember to thank him for his motivation when he is old enough to understand. I'm already figuring that if I'm lucky enough to be riding when I am in my late seventies, I would do everything possible to have him join me on the ride (the youngest rider this year was 14).

So Shabbat Shalom to everyone from the most special place in the world!



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Richard Tomback

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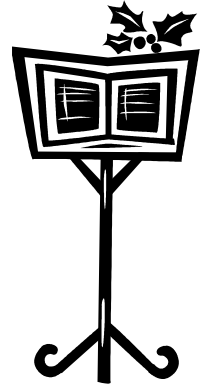
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