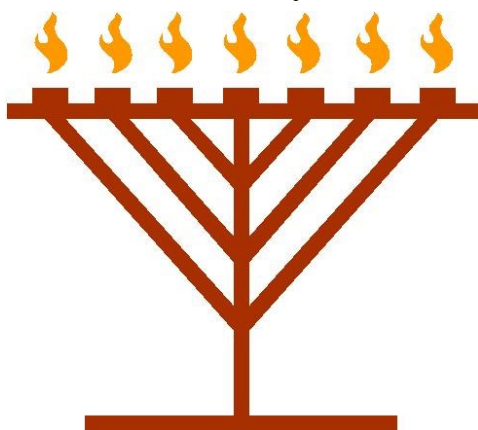


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Rabbi Meyers' Message

November-December 2024 Issue 7

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Chanukah, celebrated this year from December 25 through January 2, has evolved into one of the most widely recognized Jewish holidays, despite its origins as a rabbinic addition rather than a biblical mandate. The lighting of the menorah, observed across diverse Jewish communities, has a remarkable ability to draw together individuals of varying beliefs and practices in a shared ritual of light and resilience. What is it about Chanukah that speaks so deeply to people, including those who may not otherwise engage in other aspects of Jewish observance?

The core of Chanukah lies in its affirmation of hope and inner resilience. At its heart, the holiday commemorates a story of survival and indomitable spirit, honoring the triumph of a small Jewish army over the mighty Seleucid Greek Empire—a victory made even more miraculous by the rekindling of the Temple menorah. In a moment when despair could have easily taken hold, the Jewish people not only achieved a military victory but also found that a single vial of pure oil lasted for eight days, extending beyond its natural limit and creating a potent symbol of spiritual endurance. This divine miracle, enshrined in the flames of the menorah, represents a profoundly Jewish impulse: the drive to endure, to search for light even when it appears all but extinguished.

In Jewish thought, the menorah's flame is symbolic of the human soul itself. Proverbs teaches that "the soul of man is the candle of G-d," likening each person's inner being to a divine

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President's Perspective



The Chagim (Holidays) are a blur of a memory by now, but I have to give much credit to our Rabbi for raising our spiritual level and seasonal celebration. We also remember the bittersweet anniversary we marked with our new Torah cover. And from the spiritual, emotional high of Tishrei we celebrate a 2-day Rosh Chodesh and begin... Marcheshvan.

Something tells me we don't understand Marcheshvan properly today, but I have just the perspective: dry January (lehavdil!). There is a lesser observed tradition of the Bet-Heh-Bet fasts, where communities would fast on the first Monday-Thursday-Monday of Marcheshvan. Don't tell the Rabbi I've heard of this, I don't think he'll make us do it.

As the days get shorter with night starting earlier, we will return to each others homes for Onagim Erev Shabbat, a new LJCAGBI tradition we began to enjoy last year. And if that bare, dry (rainy) month of Marcheshvan ever draws to a close, in will come Kislev - and we all know what comes on the 25th of Kislev.

So to everyone who came to observe and celebrate the Autumn Holidays with us, and to all who couldn't make it, please come join us for a Shabbat or two in the coming weeks and months. We have good learning, good food, and for those who partake more goodness as well.

Wishing all good days, Shabbatot Shalom - and see you in shul!

Daniel Gutstein
President

The Succah Team—Beginning and Ending

Thanks to those who assembled and disassembled our Succah:

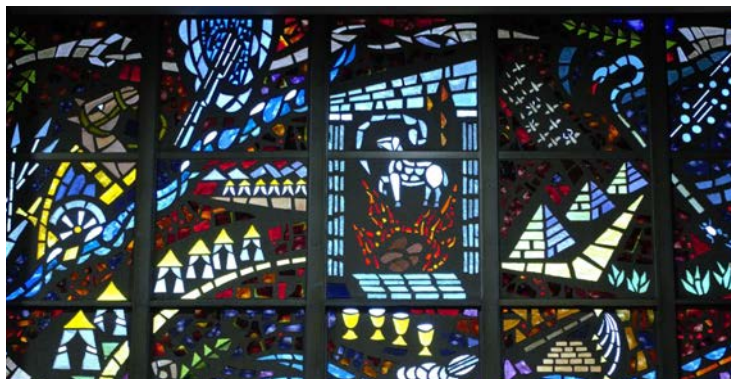
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If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: bulletin@ljcagbi.org or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **January/February 2025 issue, Friday, December 20, 2024**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email bulletin@ljcagbi.org for further details.



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Announcements

Mazal Tov

- To Bobbie Fink on the birth of a great grandson
- To Leah & Alex Goldstein on the engagement of their granddaughter, Rena Goldstein to Meir Cheplowitz
- To Chava & Mark Gutman on the birth of a granddaughter born to Alana & Efraim Wakschlag
- To Michael and Annie Kirshner on the births of two grandchildren: a grandson born on Yom Kippur in Israel; a granddaughter born on October 20 in London

Refuah Shlema

Helaine Ellenby
Berta Kalman

High Holiday Thanks

- To Stuart Kalman who helped usher during Services.
- To our babysitter, Sarah Kramer
- To Ryszard & Jadwiga for helping set up.
- To Walsh Security and the Lincolnwood Police Department for providing security assistance.

Steve Kramer
Sergeant-at-Arms

The LJCAGBI Membership Directory

will be updated this fall. Please let the office know if they can add a cell phone number or email address to your current listing.



CRC Divorce Mediation CLE
Sunday, November 24, 2024
10:00am-11:30am
Zoom Webinar

Speakers:

Rabbi Yona Reiss, *Av Beth Din, Chicago Rabbinical Council*
Elana Lipman, Esq., *Mediator, Chicago Rabbinical Council*
Candace Meyers, Esq., *Partner, Beerman LLP*

Moderator:

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spark. This spark is not easily diminished; rather, it possesses a quiet resilience, enduring through life's ups and downs. Lighting the menorah each night is an act of nourishing this spark, a reminder of our capacity to persist and illuminate, even in the darkest of times. Each candle represents a small yet powerful defiance of darkness.

In times of individual, communal, or national challenge, when the storms of life seem poised to blow out our flame, Chanukah calls us to recognize that our inner light is not as fragile as we sometimes believe. The menorah's glow is a symbol of the Jewish spirit, showing that no matter how overwhelming the odds, the Jewish spark can and will survive. It is a testament to our people's ability to endure despite history's many attempts to extinguish this light.

But Chanukah's message goes beyond mere survival. We don't light just one candle each night. Rather with each successive night, we increase the number of candles; embracing not only hope but growth. This nightly kindling is a gentle yet powerful reminder that resilience is not a one-time feat but a continual act of renewal.

As we light our menorahs this Chanukah, may we have the courage to look beyond the physical flame to recognize the resilience it represents. Though our individual flames may flicker, the light we kindle has the potential to touch the world in profound and lasting ways. May we discover a steady, enduring light, one bright enough to share warmth and inspiration with all those around us.

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November/December 2024 Calendar of Events

Friday, November 1	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan- Day 1
Saturday, November 2	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan- Day 2
Sunday, November 3	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Wednesday, November 20	Board Meeting
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, December 1	Rosh Chodesh Kislev- Day 1
Monday, December 2	Rosh Chodesh Kislev- Day 2
Wednesday, December 18	Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 25 - Thursday, January 2nd	Chanukah

LJCAGBI PRE- CHANUKAH SCHOLAR- IN- RESIDENCE

RABBI JEREMY SCHACHTER





LEIL SHABBAT ONEG, DEC. 20, 7:30PM @ ALEX AND LEAH GOLDSTEIN
SHABBAT MORNING, DEC. 21 @ THE SHUL



Schedule for Services &

NOVEMBER 2024/TISHREI - CHESHVAN 5785						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
Key: S – Shacharit M- Maariv M/M- Mincha/Maariv CL – Candle Lighting H- Havdalah					1 ROSH CHODESH- Day 1 S: 7:00am CL: 5:26pm M/M: 5:30pm	2 ROSH CHODESH- Day 2 NOACH S: 9:00am M/M: 5:20pm H: 6:24pm
3 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:25pm	4 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	5 S: 7:00am M: 7:40 pm	6 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	7 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	8 S: 7:00am CL: 4:17pm M/M: 4:20pm	9 LECH LECHA S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00pm H: 5:16pm M: 5:40pm
10 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:20 pm	11 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	12 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	13 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	14 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	15 S: 7:00am CL: 4:11pm M/M: 4:15pm	16 VAYEIRA S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00pm H: 5:10pm M: 5:35pm
17 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:15pm	18 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	19 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	20 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	21 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	22 S: 7:00am CL: 4:06pm M/M: 4:10pm	23 CHAYEI SARAH S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00pm H: 5:05pm M: 5:30pm
24 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	25 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	26 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	27 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	28 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	29 S: 7:00am CL: 4:02pm M/M: 4:05pm	30 TOLDOT S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00pm H: 5:02pm M: 5:30pm

Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.



Candlelighting Times

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
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22 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	23 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	24 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	25 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:10pm	26 CHANUKAH Day 1 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	27 CHANUKAH Day 2 S: 7:00am CL: 4:08pm M/M: 4:10pm	28 MIKEITZ CHANUKAH Day 3 S: 9:00am Mincha: 12:00pm H: 5:09pm M: 5:35pm
29 CHANUKAH Day 4 S: 8:30am M/M: 4:15pm	30 CHANUKAH Day 5 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm	31 CHANUKAH Day 6 ROSH CHODESH TEVET- Day 1 S: 7:00am M: 7:40pm				KEY: S - Shacharit M - Maariv M/M - Mincha/Maariv CL - Candle Lighting H – Havdalah

Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**

LEIL SHABBAT ONEG

“Ain’t no better way to enjoy the long winter Shabbat nights” – Dan G.

PARSHAT VAYERA, NOV. 15 @ 7:30PM @ THE MEYERS’
PARSHAT VAYESHEV, DEC. 20 @ 7:30PM @ ALEX & LEAH GOLDSTEIN



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From The Catering Department

I've just come home from being at a lovely afternoon luncheon given by my Hadassah group. It's an annual affair that I truly look forward to. No matter where I sit, it'll be with friends. Aside from delicious food being served, it's spending the afternoon with friends while seated at tables where we have all known each other for many years. I'm very lucky to be part of this organization. We can remember when we were all much younger. It's hard to believe so many years have gone by since we started this group. Obviously we've all aged (some), but we don't want to admit it, because we think we're still young, and we are, at least at heart. In spite of our children being all grown up, we still think of them as our kids, which they are. It seems like only yesterday that they were running around. It's true, time seems to stop when you think of children being children and realizing that they're all grown up. But that's life. And we're all grateful to be where we are.

What is it about a luncheon that's so much fun? Well, first of all, you don't have to cook. Then, you don't have to serve and the most important part, you don't have to do the dishes afterwards. So, everything about a luncheon is a true delight. Let's hear it for more luncheons...yeah, yeah. That's the good thing about belonging to more than one organization.

Fund raising is a very Jewish thing. For years my grandmother raised funds for two groups...one was the Lechem Lonim. If my grandma said they needed money she raised funds; it was something important. My grandma couldn't read or write, but boy, could she raise money for something needy. So I guess that's all that's important to know. Even though my grandma couldn't read or write, she knew numbers and could figure in her head. She was a very special lady.

I've been doing charity fund-raising since I was a kid in school. It seems we always had a charity box in the kitchen and before lighting candles erev Shabbat, we dropped some coins into the blue box. I honestly know that charity is part of the Jewish religion. And it doesn't have anything to do with being rich, because we give charity when all we can contribute is a few coins. I always think of my grandma and grandpa's house, because there was always someone at the table that we didn't know, but if they needed a meal, there was always room at the table. I remember especially during the war, there was always a person in uniform at my grandma's table. I had two uncles in the Air Force and my grandma believed that we should always offer a meal to a person in uniform. I always ended up writing letters to whoever had dinner at my grandma's.

I should say that it wasn't just my grandma's house. My grandpa also lived there. In fact I was very lucky, I had two sets of grandparents, my mother's folks and my father's. And I visited them every week. My mother and I would take the street car from 4900 North to 1600 South every week to visit with both my sets of grandparents. I had friends who didn't have any grandparents so I know how lucky I was. I also had a lot of cousins on my mother's side. My mother came from a family of nine and my father came from a family of four. Alas, I was an only child, but it didn't matter because I had lots of relatives, and I saw them all regularly, at least once a week.

Till next time,
Shirley Derdiger

Off the Subject

A husband and wife were driving through Louisiana. As they approached Natchitoches, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town.

They argued back and forth, then they stopped for coffee. At the counter, the husband asked the girl behind the counter, "Before we order, could you please settle an argument for us? Would you please pronounce where we are very slowly?"

She leaned over the counter and said, "Staaar Bucckks Cofffffeeee."

A Jew rides his horse to the local synagogue but realizes there's nowhere in the parking lot to tether it. "Don't worry," a congregant tells him. "Our rabbi can help you. He can tie anything to the parshah!"



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Thanks to LJCAGBI Simchat Torah Fund Sponsors

Simchat Torah was a lovely event, with lively hakafot and dinner courtesy of Michael and Annie Kirshner. The Simchat Torah luncheon completed the festivities. Thanks to Ryszard and Yadviga for setting up the lobby and kiddush room and to Starr Kosher Catering, for providing all the delicious meals. Special thanks to Arlene Miller and Kari Gutstein for offering woman's study sessions.

A special thanks to each of the Simchat Torah Fund sponsors. This fund helps to pay for kiddushim throughout the year, and these funds are greatly appreciated. This year's sponsors are:

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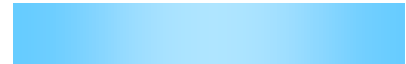
10 a.m. | Breakfast to be served



We will hear from Scott Weissman,
MS, CGC, genetic counselor for the
Sarnoff Center and founder of
Chicago Genetic Consultants, LLC



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11/23/2024

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