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# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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## CBI WISHES YOU A HAPPY HANUKKAH

Join us for a Festive & Delicious

### Shabbat Hanukkah Celebration & Kiddush Luncheon

**Saturday, December 28, 2024**  
at Shabbat morning services and Kiddush

HANUKKAH TRIVIA ~ PRIZES! ~ HANUKKAH SONGS  
YUMMY LATKES ~ SUFGANIYOT ~ CHOCOLATE GELT & MORE...

No cost but RSVP's Required. Please RSVP to the office or to Kim Brody  
kbrody@cbitoledo.org by Monday, December 23rd.

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## Proudly Jewish

The High Holy Days are but a faded memory. The end of 2024 is fast approaching and soon it will be Hanukkah. A new US government is in formation, while Jews feel threatened not only in Israel, but everywhere. Over 100 Israeli (several American) hostages are still unaccounted for after more than a year. I am therefore writing an affirmatively Jewish article, to help carry us all into the new secular year with the most positively Jewish thoughts.

A few months ago, unsolicited, I received in the mail a package from an organization called Voices and Visions, part of the Harold Greenspoon Foundation. It contained a series of beautiful artistic posters by artist Mordechai Rosenstein, reissued from a decade ago, with excellent quotes about being Jewish from some of Judaism's greatest luminaries.

The accompanying letter stated that these posters "*give verbal and visual expression to the question, "What makes me proud to be Jewish?" – an absolutely vital question to ask ourselves at a time when both our Zionism and Jewishness are being challenged.*" Its contents are so well worth sharing with you, and I am certain they will provide thoughtful introspection for all of us, with Hanukkah and 2025 approaching. I have selected a few highlights of this poster series, since sharing the entire contents will make too lengthy an article.

I begin with a quote from the late great Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, one of my favorite Rabbis of our time. I've read his writings extensively, I keep one of his books on my desk at all times, watched videos of his derashot, and rarely have I found something I couldn't use in my own pulpit, or disagree with. His poster states, simply, "*Sanctifying life.*" The great Rabbi Yitz Greenberg's poster states, "*Divine promise that the world can be perfected.*"

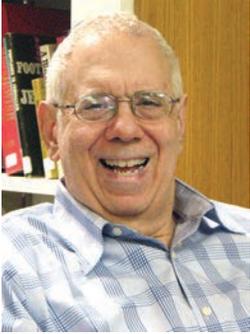
Rabbi Rachel Cowan's poster states, "*Voyager on an ancient pathway.*" Concerning Zionism and Israel, her late prime minister Golda Meir stated, "*We hate war. We do not rejoice in victories. We rejoice when a new kind of cotton is grown, and when strawberries bloom in Israel.*" Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, another of the greatest rabbis of our times, stated, "*A Jew is asked to take a leap of action rather than a leap of faith.*"

And my final quote, from one of the most brilliant minds of all time, Albert Einstein stated, "*The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice, and the desire for personal independence – these are the features of the Jewish tradition which make me thank my lucky stars that I belong to it.*"

Einstein's emphasizing "an almost fanatical love of justice" is reminiscent of what we are currently reading in the Torah, as I write this article mid-November, with God choosing Abraham as the first Jew, a subject I have frequently preached about. This Shabbat, November 16th, we read Parshat Vayeira. The quote I have chosen for the Torah guide is from Genesis 18:19, which states that God chose Abraham because God recognized in him "*ki yedativ... - that he would instruct his children and his posterity to keep the way of the Lord (which is) by doing what is just and right..*"

May Hanukkah's light shine brightly for us all, and may 2025 bring health, peace, freedom and prosperity to all Jews everywhere, to America and Israel.

**Hazzan Ivor Lichterman**



## **A Note from Visiting Rabbi Elliot Gertel**

Dear Members of B'nai Israel,

I want to thank all of you for being so welcoming and attentive at High Holy Day services. Your love of Judaism and of prayer was palpable. It was truly heart-warming and inspiring and a true honor to be with you on the Days of Awe, in your remarkably beautiful synagogue building.

At the end of services on Kol Nidre I promised to publish my thanks in the Bulletin, so, of course, I must keep that vow and I am eager to keep it. These thanks are for those who offered me personal assistance, though I am also grateful to all those whom Hazzan Ivor Lichterman acknowledged for participation in the services and rituals and in other preparations. Please forgive me if there is anyone who assisted me personally whom I have forgotten or about whose efforts I had not known.

First and foremost, I thank Hazzan Lichterman for being a cordial, masterful and knowledgeable pulpit partner. It was a pleasure and an honor—and stress-free—to plug into the pulpit guides to the service that he had carefully prepared and wisely arranged according to Jewish law and tradition. Like all of you, I was uplifted by his heartfelt and expressive interpretation of the liturgy, enhanced by his own father's music. I thank him, as well, for his persistence in inviting me, first to be a scholar-in-residence (delayed by the Covid years) and for helping with all arrangements.

It was a special delight to connect with my hometown classmate, Helen Michaels, a friend from kindergarten through high school; and with her husband, Michael Tamor, the president of your congregation. It was exhilarating to see them so dedicated to the congregation in many ways, and so effective in their leadership roles. I thank them for recommending me as a scholar-in-residence last May, an enjoyable Shabbat which, I did not then realize, was an "audition" for the Holidays.

Many thanks to Gabi Mallin for graciously and efficiently coordinating all the details of arrangements, from travel to lodging, and to Rhoda Miller and Kim Brody for kindly providing supplies. I benefitted greatly from the wonderful core of lay volunteers, especially Miriam Beckerman of your meals preparation program, and Fran Weinblatt who saw to the refrigerator stocking at the cabin so generously provided by Dr. Ken Adler, who welcomed me to stay in comfortable quarters close to the synagogue.

Thanks, as well, to Howard Moskowitz for seeing that the honors and rituals went smoothly and for leaving me with a record of blessedly unforgettable holidays with the video archive that he oversees.

I also thank Tom Kasle and the security staff (for letting me enter while protecting all of us), and Karen McQuade for showing me around the building and for the delicious break-the-fast meal, and to David Friedes and others for keeping me company during the latter part of the Yom Kippur break.

To all in the friendly, warm, committed, capable and devoted Congregation B'nai Israel, I continue to pray for a Divinely-blessed, healthy, fulfilling and fruitful year, filled with Torah and mitzvot.

Fondly, bivrachah, with every blessing,

**Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel**

**December Special Birthdays**



A Hearty Mazal Tov & Happy Birthday wishes to the following congregants on the occasion of their milestone birthdays!

Esther Kezur	December 2	90th Birthday
Janet Steinberg	December 8	90th Birthday
Ernest Loeb	December 11	90th Birthday
Murray Guttman	December 18	90th Birthday

Susan Kaufman	December 10th
James Rothschild	December 10th

**December Special Anniversaries**

Sharon & Sanford Stein December 28th 55 years

*Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the birthday or anniversary.*

**Todah Rabah & Mazal Tov to...**

**TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:**

Steve Federman	November 9
<i>In Honor of Steve's Special Birthday</i>	
Gabi & Michael Mallin	November 16
<i>In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of Michael's Bar Mitzvah</i>	

**The CBI office will be CLOSED**

Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Years Day

**Additional 5785  
Kol Nidre Appeal Donors  
as of November 16, 2024**

LINDA & JOEL BEREN	SELMA MASTER
GREG & HOPE DAVIS	DEBORAH ORLOFF
RABBI ELLIOT GERTEL	BRUCE & SHEILA POST
IAN & CHRISTINA KATZ	JIM & SHARON WILSON

**SIMCHA TREE**

The following leaves have recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



Leaves:  
\$125 Donation

Stones:  
\$1,000 Donation

**IN HONOR OF THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF  
DR. ELI ABRAMSON**

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From,  
Joel & Linda Beren, Debbie & Stuart Diamond,  
and families

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With love,  
Arleen & Jon Levine,  
Stephen Levine & Yaxin Luan  
Jason Levine

**Federation of  
Jewish Men's Clubs Events**

The FJMC is the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Its mission is to involve Jewish Men in Jewish life. The FJMC is affiliated with the Women's League among many other organizations. It provides Adult Education opportunities for members and non-members.

*For more information about the organization or programs, visit the FJMC website or contact Dale Levy, 614-205-9994.*

<https://fjmc.org/initiatives/affinity-groups-webinars/>

- **Yiddish Alive:** Learn advanced Yiddish. Alternate Monday Evenings, 8 PM. December 9, 23
- **Yiddish Lite:** Yiddish for beginners. Alternate Tuesday Evenings, 8 PM. December 3, 17
- **Minyan of Comfort:** Learn what it is and how to conduct a Shiva Minyan. Wednesday, December 11 at 8 PM
- **Jewish Dad's Support Group:** With Rabbi Naom Raucher and Psychologist, Dr. Gary Katz. Dec. 12, 16, into 2025 at 7 PM
- **Rabbi Barbara Thiede - FJMC Webinar:** Rabbi Thiede is Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Sunday, January 5 at 7:30 PM

**Mazal Tov to...**

■ Meyer Mann, who turned 2 years old on November 6, 2024. Proud parents are Helen Grubb & Kris Mann. We wish Meyer a belated Happy Birthday!



■ Rachel (Intrater) Rinker and Mike Rinker on their marriage on November 3, 2024. Proud parents are Debbie Katz & Jon Liebenthal and Lisa & Neal Intrater.

■ Ben Yaffe and Emily (Strassel) Yaffe on their marriage on November 16, 2024. Proud parents are Renee & Rich Rusgo.

■ Renee & Rich Rusgo on the engagement of their daughter Zoe, to Adam Flynn.

**Adult Ed: BRCA Program Recap**

On Sun., October 27, 2024, CBI presented a very important Adult Education program titled "BRCA Gene in Ashkenazi Jews". Through the efforts of our own Dr. Dale Levy, guest lecturer, Toledo Clinic Cancer Center Oncologist, Dr.



Tim Kasunic presented information regarding Ashkenazi Jews higher risk of genetic mutation in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. These mutations can predispose those who carry it to breast, pancreatic, prostate, and skin cancer. The incidence is 1/40 in both men and women, which is 10 times higher than the general population. Dr. Kasunic reviewed screening and genetic testing options and their importance in identifying risk. Treatment options were also discussed.

**Todah Rabah to...**

■ Sue Wilson, for her very generous donation to Congregation B'nai Israel for ongoing building and equipment repairs. Such donations ensure the financial stability of CBI.

■ Dale Levy, for underwriting and facilitating the Adult Ed: "Virtual Auschwitz Tour" on Sunday, November 10, 2024.

**Condolences**

**OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF BERYL NUSBAUM**

Father of Dena (Dave) Zack, grandfather of Sam, Dahlia, & Shayna (Conner) Mustee.

*May the family be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.*

**HANUKKAH BEGINS THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**

**Hanukkah Essentials & Gifts  
in the CBI Gift Shop**

Hanukkah candles, chocolate gelt, dreidels, menorahs, wrapping paper, & gift items are available for purchase in the Gift Shop at CBI.

To see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please call 419.517.8400 to make an appointment.

**The gift shop is open during Sunday School 9:30 - 11:30 AM.**



## **CBI Sukkot Dinner**

**October 20, 2024**

Attendees at this year's Sukkot dinner at CBI gathered in our spacious sukkah located on the back patio. Cantor Lichterman assisted congregants in fulfilling the mitzvah of saying the brachot and shaking the lulav and etrog.

Everyone enjoyed the short service led by Cantor Lichterman, the light meal, and especially the delicious assortment of hand-made apple desserts baked by Dena Zack, Fran Weinblatt, Dahlia Zack, Mary Lou Dorf, Mary Bilyeu, Rhoda Miller, Elaine Buehl, Joan Levitan, Kathryn Linver, Sue Wison, and Elana Lauber.

The dinner served as a wonderful and joyful gathering as we approached the final days of the High Holy Days.

## **"Adding to the Miracle of Light" Making Hanukkah Goodie Bags!**

***CBI Volunteer Event***

Join us as we assemble Hanukkah goodie bags to donate to Jewish Family Service and to give to CBI members at local living facilities.

**Thurs., December 19, 2024  
11:00 AM at CBI**

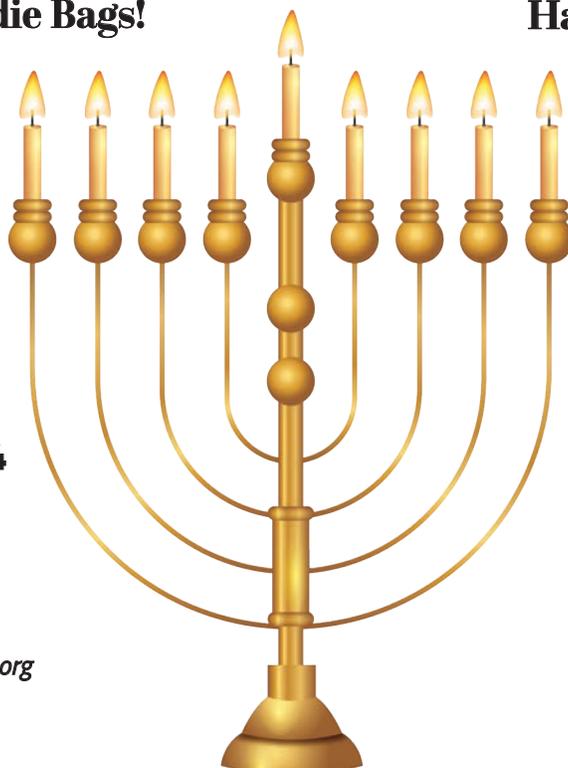
RSVP by December 16, 2024.  
Contact Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org)  
to add your name to the volunteer list.

## **Please Join us for a Joyous Hanukkah Candle Lighting Ceremony Zoom Service**

From our own homes, together, we will light the second candle at CBI evening services to commemorate the second night of Hanukkah 5785/2024.

**Thurs., December 26, 2024  
5:45 PM on Zoom**

The Zoom link and passcode will be included in the regular Wednesday e-blast email.





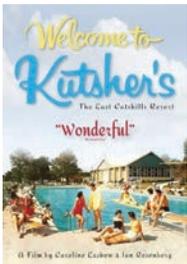
CONGREGATION  
B'NAI ISRAEL  
**MOVIE**  
FESTIVAL

• Cost is \$5 per movie.

RSVP by calling the CBI office at  
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at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org).



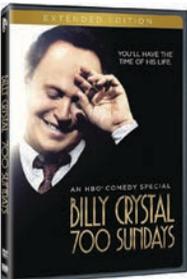
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BE PROVIDED



**DECEMBER 4 1:00 PM**  
**"WELCOME TO  
KUTSCHERS"**

RSVP by Friday, Nov. 29, 2024

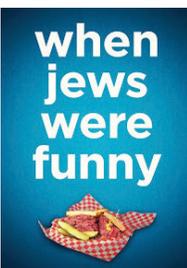
Run time: 1 hour, 12 minutes  
Kutsher's Country Club is the last surviving Jewish resort in the Catskills. One of the legendary Borscht Belt hotels during its heyday, Kutsher's has been family-owned and operated for over 100 years. This documentary captures a last glimpse of a lost world as it disappears before our eyes.



**DECEMBER 11 12:45 PM**  
**"BILLY CRYSTAL:  
700 SUNDAYS"**

RSVP by Friday, Dec. 6, 2024

Run time: 1 hour, 58 minutes  
Billy Crystal tells the stories of his youth, growing up in the jazz world of Manhattan, his teenage years, and finally adulthood. The Tony Award-winning show is a funny and poignant exploration of family and fate, loving and loss.



**DECEMBER 18 1:00 PM**  
**"WHEN JEWS  
WERE FUNNY"**

RSVP by Friday, Dec. 13, 2024

Run time: 1 hour, 29 minutes  
*When Jews Were Funny* features two dozen interviews with a variety of Jewish comedy professionals and explores the role of Jewish humour in the context of comedy. The filmmaker asks whether earlier generations of Jews were funnier than the present generation and, if so, why.



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Join us each Friday morning to  
discuss and learn the weekly  
Torah portion with fellow CBI  
members and friends

**Fridays at 11:00 AM at CBI**  
**December 6, 13, 30, 27, 2024**

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED**

**THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS WITH RSVP**

**Let's all learn together!**

**Volunteer to Help  
Hungry Children in Toledo**



**Thursday, December 26, 2024 at 10 AM-12 PM**  
**at the Cherry Street Mission Building**  
**1501 Monroe Street**

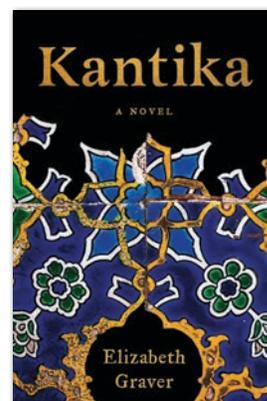
**We are in need of 8-12 volunteers.**

The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for children that live in the Toledo area.

RSVP by Dec. 5, 2024 to Kim Brody at [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org)

**WCBI BOOK CLUB: December Selection*****Kantika***

by Elizabeth Graver

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024 10:30 AM at CBI**

A kaleidoscopic portrait of one family's displacement across four countries, *Kantika*—"song" in Ladino—follows the joys and losses of Rebecca Cohen, feisty daughter of the Sephardic elite of early 20th-century Istanbul. When the Cohens lose their wealth and are forced to move to Barcelona and start anew, Rebecca fashions a life and self from what comes her way—a failed marriage, the need to earn a living, but also passion, pleasure and motherhood. Moving from Spain to Cuba to New York for an arranged second marriage, she faces her greatest challenge—her disabled stepdaughter, Luna, whose feistiness equals her own and whose challenges pit new family against old. Exploring identity, place and exile, *Kantika* also reveals how the female body—in work, art and love—serves as a site of both suffering and joy. A haunting, inspiring meditation on the tenacity of women, this lush, lyrical novel from Elizabeth Graver celebrates the insistence on seizing beauty and grabbing hold of one's one and only life.

*Winner of the Edward Lewis Wallant Award, the Mimi S. Frank Award for Sephardic Culture, the National Jewish Book Award, the Association of Jewish Libraries Honor Book Award and the 2024 Mass Book Award Longlist.*

**Sharon Stein will be the discussion leader for this book club meeting.** RSVP to Ellen Federman at [efederman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efederman@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, December 15, 2024.

**OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

**The Toledo Library has 4 physical copies in print, plus various digital formats. 22 libraries have copies on SearchOhio. 3 libraries have copies on OhioLink.**

**"DRESS IN  
TECHNICOLOR"  
for a Special  
Torah Portion**

**Saturday, December 21, 2024****at Shabbat Morning Services beginning at 9:30 AM**

On Saturday, December 21st, we will read Parasha Vayeishev. This Torah portion recounts the story of when Jacob gives his best loved son, Joseph, the "coat of many colors".

**Join us at services by dressing in many colors to commemorate that event.**

**SAVE THE DATE****Nosh & Knowledge: CBI Adult Education Book Club*****Uncomfortable Conversations With A Jew***

by Emmanuel Acho &amp; Noa Tishby

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:30 AM at CBI**

**"Demo & Devour" Part II  
Sufganiot Making Event**

**Monday, December 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM at CBI**

**Join us as we get ready to celebrate Hanukkah by learning how to make "sufganiyot", Israeli jelly donuts.**

Be sure to bring your apron so you can fully participate in making your own sufganiot to take home.

A light lunch will be served following the cooking class.

**This program is space-limited to 15 participants.**

**Please bring the \$10 registration fee (cash only) with you to the event.**

RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at [mesb@bex.net](mailto:mesb@bex.net) by December 18, 2024.

# LIVESECURE



## ENSURING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY

### Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo LiveSecure Initiative

Dear Friends,

JewishToledo has an exciting opportunity to receive \$85,000 in grant funds in each of the next three years from Jewish Federations of North America LiveSecure Matching Security Program. **To receive this funding, JFGT must raise \$85,000 in each of the next three years to match the national grant.**

To meet the match requirement, our community is launching the **LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign**. **Every dollar you designate and donate for security up to \$85,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar** by the generous grant, effectively doubling the impact of your contribution.

The **LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign** is endorsed by the lay leaders and clergy of Chabad of Toledo, Congregation B'nai Israel of Toledo, Congregation Etz Chayim, and Temple Shomer Emunim. JFGT has committed to directly funding at least \$50,000 collectively, in each of the next three years, to these partners for some of their security expenses. All these leaders implore everyone to support this important initiative to help safeguard the security of our Jewish community.

Your support is essential in ensuring that our Toledo Jewish community remains a safe place for worship, learning, and connection. Together, we can leverage the power of the LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign to safeguard our heritage and uphold the values we cherish.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and generosity. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this critical initiative.

**Jewish Federation & Foundation of Greater Toledo**

Mark Greenblatt, President, JFGT  
Matt Kripke, Chairman, TJCF  
Stephen Rothschild, CEO

**Congregation B'nai Israel**

Cantor Ivor Lichterman  
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Rabbi Lisa Delson  
Joe Rosenberg, President

**Congregation Etz Chayim**

Marc Jacobson, President

**Chabad of Toledo**

Rabbi Yossi Shemtov

**With a LiveSecure grant and the support of SCN, Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo will greatly advance the safety and security of Jewish Toledo**

**How to Donate**

Donating is easy:

1. Online: Visit our secure donation page at the QR code or <https://tinyurl.com/svxjpa2h>
2. Mail: Send your check to:  
LiveSecure Matching Security Campaign  
JFGT, 6465 Sylvania Ave., Sylvania OH 43560
3. Phone: Call us at 419-885-4461 to make a secure donation over the phone.
4. Commitment: 3 year commitments are preferred but annual contributions can also be made.

\*\*Please note that this gift is NOT in lieu of an Annual Campaign contribution.



**Join Us in Protecting Our Future**

## David S. Stone Religious School December 2024 Calendar

### Notes from our Principal

We are looking forward to celebrating Hanukkah later this month. We need to shine light now more than ever, and a greater emphasis on Tikkun Olam will help everyone around us. Our students will make Hanukkah cards to send in care packages through JFS, as well as Hanukkah packages to members of our congregation in assisted living and nursing homes. (See page 6 for details about the 'Adding to the Miracle of Light with Hanukkah Goodie Bags! CBI Volunteer Event').

A festive Hanukkah Shabbat morning is on December 28. We hope to see anyone who is in town attend this uplifting and fun special Shabbat with our congregation. Hazzan Lichterman would love the participation of any students for the Hanukkah Shabbat. Please reach out to me or Hazzan Lichterman to participate. A delicious Hanukkah kiddush will follow services.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah and wonderful Winter Break!

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

### December

Sunday	12/1	NO RS - THANKSGIVING BREAK
Wednesday	12/4	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<b>Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday	12/11	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM</b>
Wednesday	12/18	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	12/22	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wednesday	12/25	NO HS - WINTER BREAK
Sunday	12/29	NO RS - WINTER BREAK

## The David S. Stone Religious School continues at NO COST to Families

We are happy to continue offering a tuition-free religious education to all students of the David S. Stone Religious School

This is made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor who has established a fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to pay for tuition to Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Etz Chayim students.

## Religious School Students Learn Jewishly through Creative Projects



Megan Van Dyke's class used arts and crafts to learn about the seven days of creation from the book of Genesis in the Torah.



Adam Davis' class learned about Sukkot and the structure of how to build a Sukkah using pretzels, graham crackers, and frosting.



The students in Paulette Sherline's class worked diligently on creating and illustrating a timeline of Jewish history.

## CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13
** denotes Chai	\$18
*** denotes Silver	\$25
**** denotes Double Chai	\$36
Gold Contribution	\$50
Platinum Contribution	\$100
Platinum Chai Contribution	\$180
Double Platinum Contribution	\$200
Sapphire Contribution	\$250
Dbl Platinum Chai Contribution	\$360
Ruby Contribution	\$500
Emerald Contribution	\$750
Diamond Contribution	\$1000+

*All contributions listed  
were made on or before  
November 15, 2024*

### Building Beautification Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Homer Schroeder, Beloved Father  
Richard Schroeder\*

### Camp Ramah Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
Kathryn Linver\*

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

**- B'NAI MITZVAH -**  
Max Davis  
Edward T. Ross     Bonnie Ross\*

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Gary Beren     Nancy Beren & Family\*\*\*\*  
Donald Steinberg, M.D.  
Janet Steinberg &  
Family\*\*\*\*

**- GOLD -**  
Sarah Lacker     Jan Lacker-Lichterman

**- PLATINUM -**  
Donald Steinberg, M.D.  
The Dan Steinberg Family

### Harry Gometz Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- CHAI -**  
Marty Davis     Luann & Bill Garber\*\*

**Yahrzeit:**

**- CHAI -**  
Leonard Davis     Hope & Greg Davis &  
Family\*\*

Miriam Brickman     Sarna & Michael Dorf\*\*

### Harry Gometz Fund (cont.)

#### Yahrzeit:

**- GOLD -**  
Anne Davis  
Leonard Davis     Harriet Davis

### Harris/Williams Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- CHAI -**  
Ellie Williams     Mary & Donald  
Perlmutter\*\*  
The Gale Family\*\*

**- GOLD -**  
Dr. Sheldon Singal  
Ellie Williams     Adrienne & Harold Harris

**- PLATINUM -**  
Ellie Williams     Toledo Jewish Community  
Foundation & Jewish  
Federation of Greater  
Toledo

**- PLATINUM CHAI -**  
Dr. Sheldon Singal     Sheldon Harris

#### Yahrzeit:

**- SILVER -**  
Rose Williams     Adrienne &  
Harold Harris\*\*\*

### Hiddur/Kiddush Fund

#### Speedy Recovery:

**- CHAI -**  
Jerry Russell     Barrie & Dan Galvin\*\*

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- CHAI -**  
James Eisenberg     Luann & Bill Garber\*\*

**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Sandy Isenberg     Sue & Norty Kale,  
Steve Groh\*\*\*\*

#### Yahrzeit:

**- SILVER -**  
Israel E. Garber, M.D.  
Jay Joseph Shuer     Luann & Bill Garber\*\*\*  
Jadzia Greenbaum     Ann & Howard  
Rosenberg\*\*\*

**- PLATINUM -**  
Bernice Richman, Beloved Mother  
Carol & Bill Richman

### Cal & Art Katz Sanctuary Fund

#### Yahrzeit:

**- PLATINUM CHAI -**  
Ruth Katz  
Florence Siegel  
Gary Beren     Linda & Joel Beren\*\*\*\*

### Sherwin & Naomi Kripke Fund

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- PLATINUM CHAI -**  
Larry Kripke     Dr. & Mrs. Michael Linver

### Sherwin & Naomi Kripke Fund (cont.)

#### Yahrzeit:

**- SILVER -**  
Albert Rosen     Eli Abramson\*\*\*  
Hyman Cohen     Rita & Allen Cohen\*\*\*

### Religious School Fund

#### IN HONOR OF:

**- SILVER -**  
Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
Phyllis & Richard  
Bernstein\*\*\*

#### IN APPRECIATION:

**- CHAI -**  
Dylan & Harris Merer, In Appreciation  
Mary Bilyeu &  
Craig Rochkind\*\*

#### IN MEMORY OF:

**- PLATINUM CHAI -**  
Zale Kohler     Phyllis & Richard  
Bernstein\*\*\*\*

#### Yahrzeit:

**- CHAI -**  
Michael Lenenberg     Rene' Levy\*\*

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**- CHAI -**  
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#### Yahrzeit:

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**- DOUBLE CHAI -**  
Florence Siegel     Debbie Katz &  
Jon Liebenthal\*\*\*\*

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Rebecca Federman

Morris Goldberg     Dorothy & Bill Goldberg

**Abe & Dorothy Steinberg SKIP Fund**

IN HONOR OF:

- SILVER -

Michael Mallin, Anniversary of Bar Mitzvah  
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YAHZRZEIT:

- DOUBLE CHAI -

Theodore Steinberg Nancy Beren & Family\*\*\*\*

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IN HONOR OF:

- PLATINUM CHAI -

Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
Honni & Sylvan Pomerantz

YAHZRZEIT:

- CHAI -

Leah Gersz Judy Gersz & Family\*\*

**Tribute Fund**

IN HONOR OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -

Mary Lou & Arthur Dorf, Special Anniversary  
Shirley Kohler, Special Birthday  
Shirley Tochtermann\*

- CHAI -

Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
Sharon & Beryl Ravin\*\*  
Marilyn & Larry Klaben\*\*  
Luann & Bill Garber\*\*

Linda & Joel Beren, Happy Birthday and Happy  
Anniversary Nora Romanoff &  
Eli Abramson\*\*

- SILVER -

Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
June Treuhaf & Beth  
Treuhaf\*\*\*

- PLATINUM -

Eli Abramson, Special Birthday  
Audrey & Ernest Brookfield  
Ann & Gil Abramson

IN APPRECIATION OF:

- PLATINUM CHAI -

In Appreciation of CBI  
Phyllis & Charles Wittenberg

IN MEMORY OF:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -

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- CHAI -

Sandy Isenberg Jo-Jo & Stuart Goldberg\*\*

- PLATINUM -

Zale Kohler Nancy & Charles McDowell

YAHZRZEIT:

- B'NAI MITZVAH -

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- SILVER -

Marcia Friedman Mark Friedman\*\*\*

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**REMINDER: Increase to Toledo Jewish  
Community Cemetery Association  
Burial Fees on January 1, 2025**

As of January 1, 2025 the Toledo Jewish Cemetery Association prices for Interment and Perpetual Care will increase from \$2800 to \$2900 for a single plot and from \$5600 to \$5800 for a double plot. This fee does not include a tallit (if needed) for the burial of a male. It also does not include funeral costs or the customary gratuity paid to the clergy for their services.

The above fees apply to members in good standing at CBI who have paid in a minimum of \$5500 in dues since joining the synagogue. Those who have not attained this standard will be required to do so in order to qualify for a plot.

If a double stone is planned, the full burial charges for the second plot must be paid before the monument is placed.

CBI will continue to collect the funds and remit them to the Toledo Jewish Cemetery Association on behalf of the congregant or family.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All in-full prepayments for interment and perpetual care will be honored. If plot(s) have been reserved in the B'nai Israel section of Beth Shalom Cemetery, and/or if a payment system has been set up at CBI and the full amount has not yet been collected, the burial fee assessment on the CBI account will change to reflect the price increase.

For more information, contact the office at 419.517.8400.

**WE NEED YOUR  
PHONE NUMBER...**

If you have disconnected your home land line please call the office with your current cell phone number. Thank you!

**PLEASE LET US KNOW**

If you or someone you know is ill, or in the hospital and would appreciate a phone call from the Hazzan, please call the office at 419.517.8400. Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals do not notify clergy if a member is admitted.

**DONATING RELIGIOUS  
OBJECTS TO CBI**

If you are downsizing your home, be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. Unfortunately, we cannot accept old books on Jewish subjects from your library. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial.

**CONTRIBUTE ONLINE**

If you would like to make a contribution to CBI and are unable to call during business hours, you can make your contribution on our website: [cbitoledo.org](http://cbitoledo.org)

Click the "Contributions" tab on the navigation bar and follow the prompts for Online Contributions. For any questions, contact the office at 419.517.8400.

**RETURNING CBI  
PRAYER BOOKS**

If you have a borrowed a red Sim Shalom weekday prayer book from the chapel and are no longer using it, please return it to CBI. Quantities in the shul are very low and we do not have enough for services.

**YAHZRZEIT NOTICES...**

If you are not receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office at 419-517-8400. We will need the English date of death.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Cheshvan 30 Harry Klapfish, Julia Lewis, Martin Moskowitz, Gerald Brookenthal, Emil S. Epstein, Bernice Richman
- 2 Kislev 1 Janine Herman, Stephen Labbie, Edward I. Rosenberg, Barry Russell
- 3 Kislev 2 Benjamin Goldberg, Irving Kastin, Ruth Kastin, Rea Shall
- 4 Kislev 3 Dr. Roseline Intrater, Belle Rosen, Phil Paris
- 5 Kislev 4 Ruth Gold, Alfred Levison, Morris Rosenthal
- 6 Kislev 5 Selma Boyk, Minnie Newman, Leo Perelman, Jacques Politi, Rhea Scheinbach, Chuck Tepperman
- 7 Kislev 6 William Fleischer, Peter Scott Levin, Katharina Tauber
- 8 Kislev 7 June Chabon, Dorothy Eisen, Lena Goldman, Robert Levy, Harry Munster, Max Ravin
- 9 Kislev 8 Rose Blau Cohen, Israel E. Garber, Jerome Gerber, Max Mainwold, David Swolsky
- 10 Kislev 9 Goldie Cheloff, Herman Cohn, Adolf Rothschild, Belle Salzberg, Gretchen Zyndorf
- 11 Kislev 10 Benjamin Berkman, Dr. Norman E. Fisher, Edger Kadden, Isadore E. Kaufman, Rita Kripke, Yetta Levison, Gustave Plaut, Isador Schwartz, George Walker, I. Earl Wittenberg
- 12 Kislev 11 Minnie Ginsburg, Fannie Lepold, James Thal, Michael Zohn
- 13 Kislev 12 Arlene Aronoff, Jennie Goldman, Charles Lacker, Edith Levy, Joseph Tochtermann
- 14 Kislev 13 Arthur J. Becker, William Bookman, William Flaum, Leah Gersz, Mary Goldstein, Rabbi Cantor Israel Barzak
- 15 Kislev 14 Anna Fingerhut, Frieda Kerper, Leonard Shoffer
- 16 Kislev 15 Lillian Buff, Frederic Flox, Samuel Kezur, Sheldon Rubin, Max Schaefer, Louis Seligman, Marshall Shapiro, Rabbi Alexander Shapiro
- 17 Kislev 16 Robert Day, Isadore Marenberg, Hilda Parnes, Homer Schroeder, Sylvia Weisman
- 18 Kislev 17 Rosalind Blumberg, Elias Wajskol
- 19 Kislev 18 Marvin Abraham, Sara Bilchik, Joseph Brookenthal, Albert Drube, Ben Weisman
- 20 Kislev 19 Irving Alloy, Anne Davis, Karen Dorf, Jazzia Greenbaum, Robert Price, Gertrude Siegel Shane
- 21 Kislev 20 Helen Brown, Morris Burack, Sadie Katz, Ida Petler, Florence Z. Singer
- 22 Kislev 21 Frances Burstein, William W. Lewis, Jeanette Wiegler
- 23 Kislev 22 Ann Botsch, Arthur Kaminsky, Samuel Liber, Harold Pintis, Oscar Rappaport, Stanford Schwartz, Sarah Steinberg, Robert Wexler
- 24 Kislev 23 William Aronoff, Sara Chabler, Isadore Cousin, Myron Karp, Max Moss Moskowitz, Marian Oberlin
- 25 Kislev 24 Bernice Bernstein, Max Romanoff
- 26 Kislev 25 Goldie Adler, Shulamith Benstein, Florence Kezur, Janet Romanoff, Fruma Simon
- 27 Kislev 26 William Aiduss, Stanley Oberlin, Hilda Davis Siegle, Jennie Williams
- 28 Kislev 27 Kirsten Alexander, Bert Bateman, Helen Greenberg, Violet Hamerman, H. Jack Rosenbaum, Daisy Spielberg
- 29 Kislev 28 Marvin Damrauer, Max Davis, Ileen Sakheim Katz, Marjory Rusgo
- 30 Kislev 29 Zila Tuchman Askenazi, Fred Fleischer, Ruth Markowicz, Rose Stark, Elizabeth Leizerman
- 31 Kislev 30 Celia Cohen, Joseph Jacobs, Jean Judashko, Louis Sitzmann



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CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL  
DURING YOUR LIFETIME.

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A LASTING GIFT IN YOUR WILL AND OTHER  
ESTATE PLANNING.



## CBI Weekly Services Schedule

Mon. & Thurs. Morning Minyan  
8:00 AM - In Person/Zoom

Monday ~ Thursday Evening Minyan &  
Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 PM - Zoom

Saturday Morning Shabbat  
9:30 AM - In Person/Live Stream

\*Sunday Morning Minyan 9:30 AM - In Person/Zoom  
*\*when religious school is in session*

*The link and passcode for weekday Zoom services is included in  
the Wednesday Update email sent to all CBI members.*

*If you need the information resent to you, email  
gmallin@cbitoledo.org with your request.*



CBI  
**LIVE**  
STREAMING

## How to access CBI Live Stream Services

On your Computer, Tablet or Cell Phone:

- Go to the CBI website, [cbitoledo.org](http://cbitoledo.org).
- At the top of the home page click on the "Live Stream" tab.
- When the page opens, you will be connected to the CBI live stream service.

On your Television:

You can also access the live stream services through your television if you have a "smart" TV, Roku or streaming stick which gives you access to YouTube.

- Click on the YouTube icon on your TV.
- When YouTube opens, search for "Congregation B'nai Israel - Sylvania, Ohio".
- Be sure to click on the listing that has the photo with Jewish star (*see photo above*).
- We recommend that you "subscribe" to the channel so you can easily locate the live stream for future services.
- We also highly recommend connecting to the live stream services on your TV as it is the most immersive and closest experience, short of being in the synagogue.

## CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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## How to access CBI Zoom Programs & Services

- Check your email for the Zoom link and password for CBI Zoom services.
- Click on the link in the body of the email.
- If you have never used Zoom, you will be prompted to follow steps to download it on your computer.
- After that is successful, click on the link provided in the email, type in the provided password and you will be connected to the Zoom service.

*A link and passcode will be emailed to congregants.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b> No Religious School 9:30 AM <b>Zoom Only</b> Morning Service	2 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	3 12:30 PM In-Person <b>Canasta</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	4 1:00 PM In-Person <b>CBI Movie Festival:</b> "Welcome to Kutzshers" 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	5 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	6 11:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah:</b> <i>Torah Portion of the Week</i> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayetztei 12:45 PM Mincha  5:50 PM <i>Light Holiday Candles</i>
8 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School	9 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	10 12:30 PM In-Person <b>Canasta</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	11 12:45 PM In-Person <b>CBI Movie Festival:</b> "Billy Crystal: 700 Sundays" 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	12 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	13 11:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah:</b> <i>Torah Portion of the Week</i> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	14 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayishlach 12:45 PM Mincha  5:51 PM <i>Shabbat Ends</i>
15 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School	16 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	17 10:30 AM In-Person at CBI <b>WCBI Book Club: "Kantika"</b> 12:30 PM In-Person <b>Canasta</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	18 1:00 PM In-Person <b>CBI Movie Festival:</b> "When Jews Were Funny" 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	19 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 11:00 AM In-Person <b>Making Hanukkah Goodie Bags</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 6:45 PM Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Board Meeting	20 11:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah:</b> <i>Torah Portion of the Week</i> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	21 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayeishev 12:45 PM Mincha  5:54 <i>Shabbat Ends</i>
22 <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No Religious School 9:30 AM <b>Zoom Only</b> Morning Service	23 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 10:00 AM In-Person at CBI <b>"Demo &amp; Devour" Part II</b> <b>Sufganiyot Making Event</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	24 12:30 PM In-Person <b>Canasta</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	25 <b>HANUKKAH - 1st Candle</b> Office Closed <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No Hebrew School 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	26 <b>HANUKKAH - 2nd Candle</b> 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 10:00 AM Cherry St. Mission <b>Connecting Kids to Meals</b> 5:45 PM Zoom <b>CBI Zoom Hanukkah Candle Lighting Event &amp; Service</b>	27 <b>HANUKKAH - 3rd Candle</b> 11:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah:</b> <i>Torah Portion of the Week</i> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	28 <b>HANUKKAH - 4th Candle</b> 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream <b>Shabbat/Hanukkah Morning Service &amp; Special Kiddush</b> Holiday Torah Reading 12:45 PM Mincha  5:58 PM <i>Light Candles</i>
29 <b>HANUKKAH - 5th Candle</b> <b>WINTER BREAK</b> No Religious School 9:30 AM <b>Zoom Only</b> Morning Service	30 <b>HANUKKAH - 6th Candle</b> 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	31 <b>HANUKKAH - 7th Candle</b> 12:30 PM In-Person <b>Canasta</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service				

# December 2024

## CBI Gift Shop

Call for an appointment  
419.882.2111 or 419. 517.8400



## Hanukkah Essentials

Hanukkah candles, gelt, dreidels, menorahs, wrapping paper, and gifts items are available for purchase in the Gift Shop at CBI.

To see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please call the numbers above to make an appointment. The gift shop is open during Sunday School 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

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## CBI Office Hours

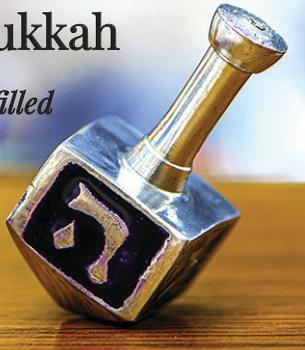
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Saturdays CLOSED  
\*Sundays 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM  
*\*when Religious School classes are held  
in the building (see the monthly calendar)*

## HANUKKAH 2024 ~ 5785

1st candle lit: December 25, 2024 8th candle lit: January 1, 2025

### Happy Hanukkah

*May your home be filled  
with joy and health,  
love and light,  
making each day  
bright!*



#### KINDLING THE HANUKKAH LIGHTS:

- The candles in your Menorah should be placed in a straight row, since no day of Hanukkah is superior to another. Only the Shammes, used to kindle the others, should stand higher than the others or separate. The Hanukkah lights should be kindled after dark (except on Friday night).
- This is the proper way to kindle the lights: On the first night place one candle in the Menorah at the extreme right. On the other seven nights, place the candles from right to left, adding one each night. Light the Shammes. With it light the candle on the left first.
- On Shabbat Hanukkah, the Hanukkah lights are kindled before the Shabbat candles. It is customary to use extra-long Hanukkah candles, since the fulfillment of the mitzvah requires that the Hanukkah lights burn for at least one half hour after dark.
- Before lighting the candles, each night two brachot (blessings) are recited, except for the first night when the following three brachot are recited.

On all nights light the Shammes and recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצוותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנכה: (אמן)

*Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neyr shel hanukkah.*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments, and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה: (אמן)

*Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has performed miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added and recited on the first evening only or whenever candles are lit for the first time:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה: (אמן)

*Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'ki-y'-manu, v'hi-gi-anu, la-z' man ha-zeh.*

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.