



Message from the Rabbi

Dear friends,

The first night of Chanukah is Tuesday, December 16 – right around the corner! At a loss for a special gift for a loved one? Would you like to give a good gift and *do* good at the same time? Help is here. The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (our Movement’s legislative advocacy arm in Washington D.C.) has just published its annual guide, “Give the Gift of Tzedek: Our Hanukkah Social Justice Gift Guide 5775.” There are 8 gift suggestions, one for each night of the holiday. Even if you do just one this year, you will have the great satisfaction of knowing that you’ve made the world just a little bit kinder, fairer and more compassionate. And then, perhaps, next year you can do two of these suggestions... 😊

For more information about the extraordinary Religious Action Center (affectionately known as “the RAC”), click here: www.rac.org.

Wishing you and your loved ones a festival of light, joy and family, in which you both give and receive...

Rabbi Kim Geringer

Give the Gift of Life

Help your loved ones give the most meaningful gift of all – the Gift of Life – by having them join the [National Bone Marrow Registry](#).

Thousands of adults and children need blood transfusions or life-saving bone marrow transplants each year, and depend on matches from donors like you. You can run a drive in your community, donate the cost of processing a swab kit to Gift of Life, or order kits to get tested yourself!

Give Nothing but Nets

This Hanukkah, help eliminate malaria death in sub-Saharan Africa by joining the Union for Reform Judaism’s Nothing But Nets campaign. With a [\\$10 donation](#) you can provide a life-saving bed net to families who have fled conflict and are living in refugee camps. [Make a donation](#) and help save lives today.

Give Support to Ebola Victims & Families

Light a candle and give a gift to support those facing and responding to the deadly outbreak of Ebola in West Africa. The Reform Movement has partnered with American Jewish World Service to raise funds to assist with contact tracing, burial, and community outreach throughout the countries most hard hit by this terrible virus. Give the [gift of relief today](#).

Give the Gift of Music

Have any musicians in your life? Have anyone who believes music can change the world? [Give the ultimate social justice songbook – Tzedek Tirdof](#) – featuring songs that resound with Jewish values and transcend personal boundaries. Start a (musical) revolution!

Give Thoughtful Travel

Know someone who is always on the road? We have the perfect gift idea! Whether it’s towels in your hotel room or the carbon emissions associated with your flights, buying offsets through the Reform Movement’s [Travel Justly fund](#) ensure environmental justice through our grant-making and advocacy work. As you travel this holiday season, give an additional present than just your presence.

Give a Legacy of Social Justice

In honor of your favorite social justice hero, considering donating to the RAC’s Saperstein Legacy Fund, which celebrates our long-time director’s 40 years of service. For four decades, Rabbi David Saperstein has been the predominant Jewish voice for justice in Washington, D.C. – serving as the leader of the RAC, representing the entire Reform Movement on the most pressing issues of our day – economic inequality, environmental justice and human rights.

Give Food to a Foodie

The foodie in your family will love the healthy and ethically-sourced foods that come with a share in your local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, purchased through [Hazon's Tuv Ha'aretz Jewish CSA program](#) or a farm near you. A few hundred dollars buys an entire season's worth of nutritious food and the opportunity to connect with your community, Jewish values and the environment in the most delicious way!

Give Some Justice, Give Some Jewish

When was that last time you gave some cool Judaica to someone? It's Hanukkah after all, so maybe you should consider giving that Jewish social justice junkie in your life some fair trade Hanukkah gelt from [Guilt Free Gelt](#) or a new *tallit* or challah covering made by Guatemalan artisans receiving fair wages available at [Fair Trade Judaica](#). Check out the fair trade jewelry at [Bead for Life](#) or the delicious coffee beans at [Equal Exchange](#).

President's Message

Hello Fellow Congregants,

As has been the tradition for a good few years now, our Temple has taken the responsibility of organizing the lighting of the township menorah in Barnegat, inviting anyone who wishes to participate in the event, and providing refreshments. I personally make sure the menorah is up and running for the occasion. My understanding is that this year, the menorah, which is traditionally knocked down at least once a year by high winds, is still serviceable, but is hanging in there with the efforts of the Barnegat Township Public Works department and some duct tape. If anyone knows where we might get our hands on an inexpensive giant menorah, please let us know.

Please join us for this holiday tradition on **December 16 at 5pm**. We are using the occasion this year to kick off our special membership drive, involving offering a discounted trial period to those who may be interested in what we are all about. While we try many methods of reaching out to potential members in the community, utilizing a limited budget, our best resource is always existing members. Please make an effort to contact any unaffiliated folks you may know, and urge them to attend this event and/or give our trial membership a shot.

Looking forward to seeing all at the lighting, as well as the **Hanukkah dinner and service on the 19th**.

Philip Miller

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HANUKKAH.

HANUKKAH 2014 BEGINS IN THE EVENING OF

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

AND ENDS IN THE EVENING OF

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24



Membership News

The Board of Trustees has a membership offer for individuals that have not been affiliated with our congregation. We will offer a membership rate of \$36 which will be a one time offer, expiring on January 31, 2015. This will be in effect until May 31, 2015. We do hope that you will let your friends, neighbors and relatives, that have not had a previous membership with us, that this is available to them...encourage them to join and see what we have to offer!

Yahrzeits



בראבא יתגדל

- December 7 Minnie Krupnick, Mother of Madelyn Dunn and Sheila Ehrlick
- December 10 Beatrice Sales, Sister in law of Maralyn Ricciardi Kislev 27
- December 14 Paul Donadio, Husband of Rosalie Donadio
- December 16 Billy Krupnick, Brother of Madelyn Dunn and Sheila Ehrlick
- December 18 Emanuel Berlin, Grandfather of Syble Bleiweis
- December 30 Dr. Marvin J. Taub, Brother of Cyndy Friedland
- December 31 Cecelia Topper, Mother in law of Samuel Lewis Teveth 21

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

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To Dolly Weiss : From: Phil and Harriet Cohen

To Maralyn Ricciardi From: Dolly and Mike Weiss



Sha'arey Ha-yam Congregation sends Get Well Wishes for a Speedy Recovery to

Dolly Weiss

NEW Fundraisers... We need your support!!!

Amazon Smile - When shopping at www.SMILE.Amazon.com you can designate **REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT** (there no additional fees, the congregation makes a percentage). We have already received a check from this fundraiser :)

ShopRite Cards are always sold at services, but can be purchased anytime by contacting Dayna (609.709.9410) or Syble (609.978.4240)

Tribute Cards can be sent to anyone for any reason with a *minimum* donation of \$5. Contact Syble (609.978.4240)

Chanukah Shabbat Dinner - December 19th. Please contact Madelyn to make your reservation. (609.660.1614)



To: Rabbi Geringer and Colin Dunn for son Adam's wedding to Erica From: Dolly and Mike Weiss

To: Syble and Ernie Bleiweis for the Bar Mitzvah of their Grandson, Dustin From: Cyndy Friedland, Joan and Terry Silverman, Madelyn and Robert Dunn, Ruth and Gary Schlyen



December 21, 1961 Syble & Ernest Bleiweis

December 31, 1958 Dolly & Mike Weiss



To: Eileen Tormey and family in memory of son and brother, Johnny From: Cyndy Friedland



- December 06 Myles Levy
- December 08 Cyndy Friedland
- December 09 Rosalie Donadio
- December 12 Dolly Weiss
- December 12 Inez Levine
- December 17 Shelly Wallerstein
- December 24 Michael Dunn

TEMPLE COMMITTEES

New Members Welcome

Temple Committees	Chair/Members
Birthdays & Anniversaries	
Choir	<u>Philip Altland</u> Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Pat Barndt, Madelyn Dunn, Robert Dunn, Syble Bleiweis, Rena Kreisler
Finance	Treasurer, Financial Secretary, President
Fundraising	<u>Dayna Otto</u> Pat Barndt, Syble Bleiweis, Bari Cohen, Madelyn Dunn, Cyndy Friedland, Wendi Higgins, Joan Silverman, Blanche Spiegel
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Hospital Visits	<u>Jack Crespy</u>
Membership	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u> Syble Bleiweis, Joan Silverman
Music	<u>Philip Altland</u> Stan Jackson
Newsletter	<u>Rose Jackson</u> Hope Gardiner
Oneg & Dinners	<u>Madelyn Dunn</u> Pat Barndt, Wendi Higgins
Publicity	<u>Cyndy Friedland</u>
Religious School	<u>Cyndy Friedland/ Phil Miller</u>
Ritual	<u>Allan Levy</u> Charles Flum Philip Altland , Stan Jackson
Sunshine	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u> Ruth Schlyen, Phyllis Blum, Harriet Cohen
Tributes	<u>Syble Bleiweis</u>
Yahrzeits	<u>Harriet Cohen</u>



Gelt Without Guilt

Forget the yellow mesh bag. This Hanukkah, look for ethically produced and distributed chocolate coins.

By [Marjorie Ingall](#) | November 27, 2012



'Tis the season for those little yellow mesh bags of Hanukkah gelt, the very sight of which make kids salivate and bounce. Adults, however, know that the chocolate coins inside those bags are generally so waxy and disgusting, you might as well eat the aluminum wrapper. Or the little yellow mesh bag.

Sentient adult Jews, you see, know a thing or two about chocolate, as Rabbi Deborah R. Prinz explains in a new [book](#), *On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals, and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao*. As she traces Jews' confectionery connections through the centuries, however, Prinz—director of program and member services at the Central Conference of American Rabbis—raises serious moral concerns with modern chocolate production, from the treatment of cacao growers to the policies of major candy manufacturers.

In other words, tastelessness may be the least of Hanukkah gelt's troubles. No one wants to think that a holiday staple that brings children such joy can be associated with misery ... but it can be. And right now is a fine time to think about the origins of the chocolate we buy. "Given the themes of Hanukkah around freedom of religion, and given the experiences Jews have had over centuries asserting ourselves as a minority culture," said Prinz, "it seems appropriate that at this time of year we should think about finding ethically produced chocolate."

We Hebrews didn't invent chocolate. That honor goes to the pre-Columbian cultures of Mesoamerica. Anthropologists have found [cacao](#) residue in [Honduran pottery](#) from 1400 B.C.E. But even if we didn't invent it, Jews did play a critical part a few hundred years later in the *business* of cacao and its spread across the world.

Prinz writes that Christopher Columbus may or may not have been a [Jew](#), and some of his crew members were certainly [Conversos](#)—Sephardim who'd been baptized to protect their lives but still secretly identified as Jews. They helped bring chocolate from the New World to the old. Columbus' son Ferdinand wrote about his father's crew's discovery of cacao's trade value by way of a cacao-bean-filled canoe in the Bay of Honduras in 1502: "I noticed that when [the beans] were brought aboard with the other goods, and some fell to the floor, all the Indians stooped to pick them up as if they had lost something of great value." Clue!

Cacao's popularity and cachet quickly grew throughout Europe. Prinz argues that by establishing themselves as chocolate gurus in France by the mid-1600s, Sephardic Jews may have started Paris' reputation as a world center for fine chocolate. Many Converso families lived in the port city of Bayonne, near the Spanish border, because the Inquisition wasn't paying much attention to converts who were secretly practicing their religion there. "Spain was the primary European market for chocolate at the beginning of the 17th century," Prinz writes. "Bayonne's extremely valuable port enabled traders to bypass the Spanish embargoes of 1621, creating lucrative economic traffic between Spain's Castile region and other Jewish communities, particularly Amsterdam." So, Jews became cacao smugglers, secretly transporting the stuff to Madrid via mules traveling through mountain passes and making and selling chocolate in France. (Jealous goyish Bayonnaise chocolate-makers often used anti-Semitic tricks to try to shut their Jewish competitors down, mostly unsuccessfully.) Elsewhere in Europe, and in the Caribbean, too, Jews were machers in the chocolate biz. ([Sachertorte](#), for instance, was invented by a 16-year-old Austrian Jewish confectioner named Franz Sacher in 1832.)

And as a native Rhode Islander, I was thrilled to learn that one of the first big "chocklit" manufacturers in the American colonies was a Sephardic woman in Newport named Rebecca Gomez. Her family, along with the Lopez family in New York, actually started making chocolate before [Baker's](#), which calls itself "America's Oldest Chocolate Brand." Gomez figured out in the 1700s how to use advertising and marketing effectively; she bought newspaper ads calling her products "superfine, free from any sediments," used bulk promotions, and industrialized production. Jewish feminist chocolate power!

Chocolate even had its place in Jewish ritual. Prinz reports that Mexican [crypto-Jews](#) used chocolate to welcome the Sabbath (wine was scarce in "[New Spain](#)," and the fact that chocolate drinks could be made without milk was a bonus: That meant it could be served with milk or meat meals. And on the fast day of Tisha B'Av in 1832, a Jewish doctor in New York named Daniel L.M. Peixotto said that drinking chocolate was permissible during a cholera epidemic: Jews, he said, "should be permitted to take a light meal of coffee, tea, or cocoa, with dry toast" to stay healthy.



Hanukkah Dinner Friday, Dec. 19th

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

\$18.00 per adult children 12 & under free

Menu: chicken, brisket, vegetables, salad & of course -
latkes!

After dinner, Friday night services will be in the dining
room at 7:30 p.m.

Fill out & detach tear-off below.
Enclose check made payable to
Congregation Sha'arey Ha Yam.

Mail or give to Madelyn Dunn
148 Leeward Road
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

**Please don't delay! Deadline for
reservations is Dec. 12th. We need
enough time to shop and cook!**



Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

of adults _____ @ \$18.00 each = _____

of children _____ (Free)
(12 + under)

HANUKKAH
DINNER
Dec. 19, 2014