



MONTHLY NEWS AND CALENDAR

A Message from the President

“I will make you as a light for the nations” — ISAIAH 49:6



Chanukah is the “Festival of Lights” when we light candles on each of eight nights. The meaning of Chanukah can be understood on many levels.

The celebration of Chanukah in modern times in America has focused on our children and gift-giving. We give presents to our kids on each night of Chanukah, and many families also get together and exchange gifts.

We light our *chanukiah* on eight consecutive nights, adding a lit candle each night. The familiar story is that when the Temple was restored and being rededicated there was only enough oil to last for one night but miraculously, the oil lasted for eight nights until more pure oil could be obtained. This is the “miracle that happened there.”

Going a little deeper into the history, we know that the Temple was reclaimed from the Greeks in 164 BCE during the Maccabean revolt. The Greek king Antiochus had controlled Israel and outlawed Jewish religious practices. Mattathias started a revolt, and when he was killed, his son, Judah, assumed leadership of the revolt. The rebellion forces were significantly outnumbered, and so out of necessity, Judah utilized guerilla warfare tactics and won a string of small victories. Judah became known as Judah Maccabee (translation: Judah the Hammer), and the battle victories attracted many recruits to the Maccabean cause. The Maccabees eventually defeated Antiochus’ army and freed Jerusalem. We celebrate the anniversary of the end of that war on Chanukah. This may have been the first war won for the cause of religious freedom.

We are thankful for the religious freedom we have today in the United States, but we don’t take it for granted. The number of anti-Semitic crimes is increasing alarmingly. Jews also know that hatred and prejudice are insidious and can become malignant. We stand for justice for all. We speak out and try to fight prejudice against any group.

It is not just about religious freedom. We realize that freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to congregate, and so on are tied together.

Our Social Justice group at Temple Judea recommended a *Brit Olam*, a pledge to fight injustice in our society. Our clergy and board have unanimously approved the *Brit Olam*, and we plan to display it in our lobby so that each of our members may sign it. In addition to promoting our symbolic *Brit Olam*, our Social Justice group is taking other actions to fight for justice. They are actively engaged in dialogue with various interfaith groups and reaching out to Muslim groups to establish ongoing communications within our broader community.

As the late Lubavich Rabbi Menachem Schneerson wrote in “The Obligation to Illuminate the World”: “Our Chanukah candles can remind us that illumination begins at home, within oneself and one’s family. The Chanukah lights symbolically also allude to the duty to bring light to those, who for one reason or another, still walk in darkness.”

Temple Judea is a place where we can lighten our own spirits and mutually find peace among friends. It’s great that teams of Temple Judea congregants also are working together for *tikkun olam*.

Happy Chanukah!

Joel Weiner

Dedicated Volunteers Run Successful 2017 Rummage Sale

Another Temple Judea Rummage Sale is in the books. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us create a successful Pop-Up Department Store in just 3½ days! Thank you to everyone who donated, who organized and sorted and priced our merchandise, who helped set up, who helped clean up, and who helped spread the word! Whether you were there for five minutes or five days (you know who you are!), I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Rummage Sale is one of my favorite activities at Temple Judea, but I certainly could never do it alone!

Also, thank you to our customers who lined up on Wednesday afternoon and who steadily came in throughout our 1½-day sale. All of our preparation would not be worth anything if we did not have our customers who come and shop! We love seeing some of the same faces year after year. The Temple Judea Rummage Sale is well known throughout our community as a large, well-organized sale.

I would especially like to thank Boy Scout Troop 71 for their incredible energy and hard work during our setup weekend. Troop members and their families helped us set up our tables and racks on Saturday night. More troop members and their families came on Sunday afternoon to help carry the donations into the temple from the cars of the donors — in the rain — and I didn't hear one complaint. This year's Rummage Sale got off to a great start because of Troop 71. Thank you very, very much.

Also, another special thank you goes to the family of Allison Leah Troth (Johanna Frank and Sean Troth) for donating the delicious platters of food to our Rummage Sale volunteers. Your thoughtfulness helped uplift (and feed) the tired and hungry volunteers. (Please pass along our compliments to the caterer. The food was beautiful as well as delicious!)

Through the efforts of many people, we were able to raise over \$5,700 for Temple Judea. The items we didn't sell went to many worthwhile charities such as Grands as Parents in Philadelphia, In Full Swing in Doylestown (supports A Woman's Place), Animal Lifeline in Warrington, ReStore in Chalfont (supports Habitat for Humanity) and PlanetAid. We also donated clothing to a family who lost their home in Florida to Hurricane Irma and to a community in Puerto Rico devastated by Hurricane Maria. Clothing and shoes were collected for a residence for orphaned children in Uganda. The items we didn't have a direct home for were picked up again this year by JDog, a veteran-owned and operated company which picks up items and delivers them to local resale stores and charities. Again, Rob Dennis of JDog in Warminster generously donated his company's services. If you have a clean out project in your plans this year, please consider patronizing this local company. You can find out more at jdogjunkremoval.com/franchising/warminster or by calling 484-941-2311.

If you would like to be added to either our volunteer email list or our customer email list, or if you have any questions about the Rummage Sale, please contact me at Rummage-Sale@TempleJudea.org.

It's never too early to plan for next year. Start saving your donations and prepare to help out with next year's Rummage Sale on Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Thank you to everyone in the community who helped make Rummage Sale 2017 a great success. I will see you at the temple and at next year's Rummage Sale!

Sincerely,

Lorraine Kogan,
Chair, Rummage Sale

Mazel Tov to Our December Bar Mitzvah

Lucas Rubeo, son of Darrell and Jennifer Rubeo – December 2

*All are welcome to attend any Shabbat service.
Please join us to celebrate these joyous occasions as our
young adults become Bar and Bat Mitzvah!*

Dr. Rebecca's Monthly Moment

This December, as we enter into the holiday season and many Jews' favorite Jewish holiday, Chanukah, it reminds me of the importance of being a knowledgeable Jew. Knowing about one's religion, or the faith of our loved ones is essential to the understanding of our beliefs as people. Although Chanukah may be an exciting holiday filled with light, fried foods, and gifts, it is a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar.

Temple Judea is a Reform temple. The official definition of Reform Judaism laid out by the Union of Reform Judaism (the governing body of the Reform Jewish movement) states that it "maintains faith in the Covenant between God and Israel as expressed over the generations in the teachings of an ever-evolving Torah and tradition."

What this statement means to me is that Reform Judaism understands that the Torah is open to individual interpretation and will continue to evolve in the current era. Although open to personal interpretation, certain beliefs within Judaism remain unalienable—including the Ten Commandments.

Reform Judaism believes in the core ideas of God, Torah, and the State of Israel. It values doing good deeds for all people and being inclusive of everyone. It offers an understanding that although different Jews may believe in unique ways to practice their faith, the Reform movement mandates tolerance towards everyone.

The curriculum, teachings, and projects in the Religious School reflect these ideals. Our students learn about the holidays, prayer, ethics, and Jewish history. I invite our congregants to ask questions and to learn more about our Jewish history and ideals.

Upcoming Events:

December 3: Giant Lego Menorah, grades 3–6, with one adult per household

Adult Ed presents Middle East scholar and analyst

ASAF ROMIROWSKY

**Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions and
the New Anti-Semitism**

December 17

Bagels, etc 10:00 Lecture 10:30

*Please join us as we welcome Asaf back to Temple Judea.
He always gives an interesting and informative talk.*

December 10: Sing-a-Long with the Cantor and continued Chanukah Celebration, Pre-Gan

December 13: Synagogue-wide Chanukah Party with the Confirmation Academy/Prayer Prep, crafts, goodies and candle lighting!

December 17: Report cards distributed for grades K–6

December 20: Final class of fall semester for B'nai Mitzvah Prep

December 24-January 1: No school, Winter break

Happy Chanukah!

Dr. Rebecca

Director, Temple Judea Religious School



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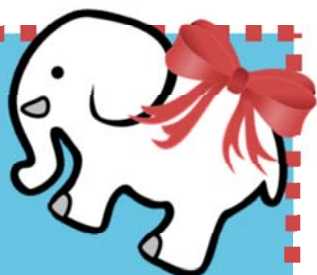
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F. Randy and Jane Vogenberg In support of Temple Judea's High Holidays 5778 with great insights from Rabbi Strom and enjoyment of Krißtin Goodkin and the choir

White Elephant Gift Exchange + Shul In



Where: Temple Judea
(38 Rogers Rd, Furlong, Pa 18925)

When: December 8, 5:00 pm to 9:00 am

Who: Friday night service — grades 6–12
Shul-in — grades 9–12

RSVP: templejudea.org/justy

Please bring a gift of \$15 value to participate in the gift exchange!



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Big News from Small Wonders

As we approached the fourth month of our school year, with three fabulous months under our belt, I took a step back to really look at how we are doing. And I must say, things are really great!

So many changes are of course always met with some fear of the unknown, but it very much is at the point now where it feels like this is how our school community has always been.

Families new to Temple Judea have jumped right in and gotten involved, and are working right alongside those who were already a part of our community. Ladies Night Out, our highly successful fundraiser back at the end of October was a perfect example of old and new parents working together to make it happen. We raised close to \$8,000, which will be used to help our school continue to improve in the year ahead. My sincerest thanks to everyone who helped this happen!

Our Thanksgiving celebrations were bigger and better than ever with Pow Wows featuring singing, dancing and many lessons learned about Native Americans. Our Secret Shop at the end of November is sure to be fun for the children and parent volunteers alike, and will help raise money for our Small Wonders Scholarship Fund.

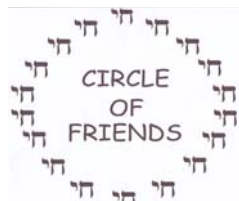
In December we will be celebrating winter and the holidays with songs, crafts and parties. Enjoy the season!

Sheryl Milstein

Director, Small Wonders at Temple Judea



Children attending Small Wonders receive music instruction twice a month from Dayle Magida (left), an experienced, certified, music instructor. They are learning about rhythm, various musical styles, and so much more.



Circle of Friends

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Klezmer and more

*Enjoy a concert of Old World and contemporary tunes
with select members of the West Philadelphia Orchestra*

Sunday, December 10, 2:00 pm

Dessert reception to follow • Open to the whole community

General admission: \$20

Students: free • Circle of Friends members: \$10 • Temple Judea members: \$15

For more info, contact carole.roth@yahoo.com, 215-230-3408

Advance tickets available through the temple office with credit card or check payable to Temple Judea

Join us for Circle of Friends events throughout the year

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CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA!

When: **December 13, 5:30 pm**

Where: **Temple Judea**

Who: **Everyone!**

What: **Come with your menorahs and dancing shoes to feast on some latkes and spin the dreidels!**

We are pleased to have **jkidphilly** joining us for this event.
A program of Jewish Learning Ventures

Temple Judea is located at 38 Rogers Road, Furlong, Pa
additional information call the temple office 215-348-5022

Temple Judea Upcoming Events

December

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:00 am

Friday, December 1	NFTY-PAR Junior Youth Kallah at Camp Harlam (grades 6–8) Shabbat Service led by Cantor Frimark	7:00 pm
Saturday, December 2	Shabbat Service with Bar Mitzvah of Lucas Rubeo led by Cantor Frimark	10:30 am
Sunday, December 3	Religious School Chanukah Legos grades 3–6	9:00 am 9:00 am
Wednesday, December 6	B’nai Mitzvah Class URJ Biennial in Boston; NFTY grades 9–12	6:30 pm
Friday, December 8	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Koch JUSTY Shul-in and White Elephant	7:00 pm 8:30 pm
Sunday, December 10	Religious School with Pre-Gan JUSTY Board meeting JUSTY Pretzel Sale Circle of Friends Presents a Klezmer Concert with The West Philadelphia Orchestra	9:00 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm
Wednesday, December 13	Community Chanukah celebration at Temple Judea Confirmation Academy and Prayer Class B’nai Mitzvah Class	5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm
Friday, December 15	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Simon	7:00 pm
Saturday, December 16	Kaballah Class on Chanukah led by Rabbi Simon	10:30 am
Sunday, December 17	Religious School Adult Ed with speaker Asaf Romirowsky	9:00 am 10:00 am
Tuesday, December 19	Executive Board dinner meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 20	B’nai Mitzvah Class – last class session 1	6:30 pm
Friday, December 22	Small Wonders early dismissal Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Simon	12:00 pm 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 23	Kaballah Class with Rabbi Simon	10:30 am
Sunday, December 24	No Religious School	
Monday, December 25	Small Wonders winter break Office closed	
Tuesday, December 26	Small Wonders winter break	
Wednesday, December 27	Small Wonders winter break No Prayer Class	
Thursday, December 28	Small Wonders winter break	
Friday, December 29	Small Wonders winter break Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Simon	7:00 pm
Saturday, December 30	Kaballah class with Rabbi Simon	10:30 am
Sunday, December 31	No Religious School	

January

Torah Study every Saturday morning at 9:00 am

Monday, January 1	Small Wonders closed	
	Office closed	
Tuesday, January 2	League of Our Own Programming meeting	12:00 pm
Wednesday, January 3	Confirmation Academy and Prayer Class	5:30 pm
Friday, January 5	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Strom	7:00 pm
Sunday, January 7	Religious School	9:00 am
	Grade 1 Family Ed	10:30 am
	JUSTY Board meeting	11:30 am
	JUSTY Pretzel Sale	11:30 am
Friday, January 12	Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Koch	7:00 pm
	NFTY-PAR-WINSTY grades 9-10	
Saturday, January 13	NFTY-PAR-WINSTY grades 9-10	
	Grade 6 Shabbat Service	10:30 am
Sunday, January 14	No Religious School	
Monday, January 15	Small Wonders closed	
Tuesday, January 16	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday, January 17	Confirmation Academy and Prayer Class	5:30 am
Friday, January 19	Munchkin Minyan	6:00 pm
	Pizza dinner	6:30 pm
	Shabbat Service led by Cantor Frimark with Temple Judea Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 20	Coffee House for all ages sponsored by JUSTY	7:00 pm
Sunday, January 21	Religious School with Pre-Gan	9:00 am
	JUSTY Pretzel Sale	11:30 am
Friday, January 26	Grade 4 dinner	6:00 pm
	Grade 4 Shabbat Service led by Cantor Frimark	7:00 pm
Sunday, January 28	Religious School	9:00 am
Tuesday, January 30	Tu B'Shevat Seder led by Rabbi Strom	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 31	Small Wonders closed for parent/teacher conferences	
	Confirmation Academy and Prayer Class	5:30 pm



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16 Kislev	December 4	Evelyn Goldstein	Mother of Sandy Marshall
17 Kislev	December 5	Philip Hurwitz	Husband of Ruth Hurwitz
18 Kislev	December 6	Freda Rosenwasser	Mother of Ann Lieberman
		Yolanda Wohl	Mother of Jerel Wohl
20 Kislev	December 8	Harold Wolf	Grandfather of Lizabeth Cohen
21 Kislev	December 9	Esther Naselow	Mother of Elaine Donsky
25 Kislev	December 13	Milton Imberman	Father of Pauline Imberman
29 Kislev	December 17	David Garber	Father of Arlene Hanauer
		Shirley Neiman	Mother of Glenn Neiman
30 Kislev	December 18	Dora Berman	Grandmother of Dawn Peck
		Lisa Kaplan	Mother of Kenneth Kaplan
		Simon Stertz	Father of Susan Schultz
5 Tevet	December 23	Marvin Appel	Stepfather of Elissa Goldberg
		Carol Goldstein	Wife of Mark Goldstein
		Harry Rosoff	Father of Rita Cohen
6 Tevet	December 24	Martin Bedrock	Father of Nathene Pogach
8 Tevet	December 26	Helen Asch	Mother of Elizabeth Downing
		Alvin Cipperman	Father of Leesa Shulman
9 Tevet	December 27	Barry Friedman	Father of Bryan Friedman
		Barbara Italiano	Aunt of Sheryl Milstein
		Julius Prager	Father of Donna Saffren
10 Tevet	December 28	Betty Forman	Grandmother of Robert Braverman
		Jerry Victor	Stepfather of Jeffrey Richman
		Mildred Weber	Mother of Melvin Weber
11 Tevet	December 29	Joan Goldberg	Aunt of Randi Rosenthal
			Sister of Leonard Saffren
		Herbert Hollender	Father of Fran Delcau
		Rochelle Litke	Sister of Irene Trachtenberg
		Beatrice Needleman	Mother of Richard Needleman
		Marian Trachtenberg	Mother of Dan Trachtenberg
12 Tevet	December 30	Leah Krassenstein	Grandmother of Shari Wohl
13 Tevet	December 31	Sylvia Tannenbaum	Grandmother of Alisa Talke
		Albert Wohl	Father of Jerel Wohl
		Arthur Zaffrin	Father-in law of Lynn Zaffrin

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Benefits JUSTY Youth Group

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7:00 pm @ Temple Judea**

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**To register your 3-minute song,
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Saturday, December 16	Torah Study	9:00 am
	Kaballah Class	10:30 am
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are welcome to attend these events.*

