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**The AIC Board wishes all a very
happy Chanukah and a warm
holiday season!**

Shabbat Candlelighting

12/ 3 Parshat Miketz- Rosh Chodesh- Chanukah- 4:18 PM candlelighting

12/10 Parshat Vayigash- 4:18 PM candlelighting

12/17 Parshat Vayechi- 4:19 PM candlelighting

12/24 Parshat Shemot- 4:23 PM candlelighting

12/31 Parshat Va'Era- 4:28 PM candlelighting

Fast of Tevet- December 14

City Hall Chanukah Menorah Candlelighting



John Haeger / Staff Photographer

Members of the Jewish community are celebrating Hanukkah, the “festival of lights,” with the lighting of the menorah at Hazleton’s City Hall. Attending Monday’s event are, from left: Christina Ferry, Harriet Douglass, David Douglass, Bob Supowit, Dr. Carl Frankel, Marlene Leonard, Debbie Walko, Rabbi Yossi Zylberberg of Beth Israel Temple, Leonard Trattner, Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat, Helene Kline and Richard Kline.

Hanukkah menorah lighting at City Hall

Hanukkah in Israel

Hanukkah in Israel is a magical time. There are events happening all over the country, schools are on holiday, and families are busy exploring the country and celebrating the ‘festival of light’. This year, Hanukkah will begin on November 28 and continue for 8 nights, ending on December 6th.

Hanukkah is the festival of light.



HANNUKAH 2021

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, we are still waiting for the updated information regarding many events that used to happen regularly over Hannukah in Israel. We will continue to update our information as the organizers' release dates for 2021. We've left up the regular annual events so you know what to expect, but please check with the organizers if there's a specific event you want to attend.

EVENTS DURING HANUKKAH IN ISRAEL

The following is an example of the typical event lineup:

Throughout December – [Holiday of Holidays](#) in Haifa will offer festivities to celebrate the major festivals of its Jewish, Christian, and Muslim residents, during Hanukkah, Christmas, and Ramadan. Nearly every day of the month, and especially on weekends, there are concerts, exhibitions, tours, shows, and conferences.

Tel Aviv Independence Park – live music, a workshop for kids, and a [Menorah Lighting](#).

The annual Hanukkah Torch Relay marks the beginning of the holiday in Israel. People line the road from the city of Modi'in (outside Tel Aviv) to the Western Wall in [Jerusalem](#), passing a burning torch from hand to hand. The torch then lights the giant hanukkiah (menorah) at the Western Wall. Modi'in is believed to have been the home of Hanukkah's heroes, the Maccabees, and the place where the Maccabean revolt began.

Get a true feel for the Hanukkah festival by going back in time. The holiday story is recreated every year at the Hasmonean Village in Shilat. Come and learn the story of the Maccabees, harvest olives, create mosaics and make wax candles.

Visit the Ein Yael Museum in Jerusalem during Hanukkah to experience the annual Ein Yael Oil Festival. Make olive oil the old-fashioned way alongside different activities.

The Israel Nature and Parks Authority offers all sorts of activities during Hanukkah. They encourage families to take hikes and lead storytelling activities and environmentally oriented activities for kids, like making ecological hanukkiah.

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel offers a range of Hanukkah events for the whole family. Guides lead groups through some of Israel's finest nature.

MUSEUMS

Hanukkah is the festival of oil, so where better to start than at the Museum of Edible Oil Production (2 Tuviya Street, Haifa Bay) in [Haifa](#)? In a country overflowing with museums of every size and nature, the holiday is a great time to pack the family and go get cultured. Almost every museum offers special holiday activities for the whole family.

[The Tower of David Museum](#) always offers something special for Hanukkah, as do the [Israel Children's Museum](#) in Holon, the [Israel Museum in Jerusalem](#), and the [Tel Aviv Museum of Art](#) , among many others.



GET WELL WISHES ARE EXPRESSED TO: BOBBIE KLEMOW, LEANNE TRATTNER, SHERRI KLEMOW SHELVIN, DOTTY TAUB, & EILEEN BRENNER.

SHOULD ANYONE HAVE ANY NEWS TO SHARE WITH THE AIC FAMILY, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO AGUDASISRAELHAZLETON@GMAIL.COM TO RUN IN THE NEXT AGUDAGRAM!

May the memory of the righteous endure as a blessing.

The yahrzeit plaque lights are on in the sanctuary in memory of our departed loved ones.

*Numbers before each name correspond to the Hebrew date of their passing. The date after each name is the secular day of the yahrzeit. Yahrzeit candles should be lit the evening before this date burning through the day of their passing. Kaddish should be said the evening before and the day of the date of passing.

KISLEV

28 Dorothee Lande 12/1
29 Nathan Adler 12/2
29 Henry Rockman 12/2

TEVET

1 Rosa Brenner 12/5
1 Herman Schwabe 12/5
1 Samuel Trattner 12/5
2 Jacob Buchbinder 12/6
3 Ida Klemow 12/7
5 Joseph Smulyan 12/9
6 William Chaskin 12/10
6 Jean Skyken 12/10
6 Phillip Klemow 12/10
7 Samuel Gildenburg 12/11
7 Abe Dymond 12/11
8 Ruth Litwack 12/12
9 Ethel Baum 12/13
9 Morris Lefkowitz 12/13
9 Rose Steiner 12/13
10 Simon Faltz 12/14
10 Louis L. Steinhart 12/14

11 Rebecca Jaffe 12/15
12 Sol Goldberg 12/16
12 Abraham Levy 12/16
14 Bernard H. Kline 12/18
14 Howard Goldberg 12/18
15 Abe Bishop 12/19
15 Max Schwartz 12/19
16 Betty Bohard 12/20
16 Israel Walkin 12/20
17 Hope Gorin 12/21
17 Beatrice Kline 12/21
17 Sondra Wells 12/21
18 Faye Director 12/22
19 Pauline Frumkin 12/23
20 Arnold Sukenik 12/24
20 George Hoffman 12/24
21 Marion Feldman 12/25
21 Adele Cohn 12/25
21 Samuel L. Cohn 12/25
21 Sophie Levy 12/25
22 Fanny Rabinowitz Klemow 12/26
23 Jean Warshofsky 12/27
26 Ida Gildenberg Kline 12/30
27 Eli Becker 12/31

PLEASE REMEMBER THE MITZVAH OF GIVING TZEDUKAH TO YOUR SHUL
OR THE SHUL OF YOUR LOVED ONE WHO HAS PASSED, ON THE OCCASION
OF THEIR YAHRZEIT IN THEIR MEMORY.

Prayers To Recite When Lighting the Yahrzeit Candle

"I light this candle to bring peace to the soul of _____ (insert Jewish name) ben/bat (son
of/daughter of) _____ (insert father's Jewish name)."

The human soul is a light from God. May it be your will that the soul of (*insert name*) enjoy eternal life, along
with the souls of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah, and the rest of the righteous that
are in Gan Eden. Amen.

*Neir Adonai Nishmat Adam. Yehi Ratzon Milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu Veilohei Avoteinu, Shetehei Nishmat
(insert name) Tzerurah betzeror hachayim, im nishmot Avraham Yitzchak ve'Ya'akov, Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel
VeLeah. Tehi Menutchatah kavod, Selah.*

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We greatly appreciate donations for yahrzeits, life events, and other celebrations!

**Thank
You**

They truly keep the shul running and show how strong our congregation is.

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To the Gordon Family: Thank you so much for the beautiful artwork donated to Agudas Israel Congregation in memory of Marilyn and Morton Gordon by their daughter Lisa, son Scott and their families. We spent many joyous occasions with the Gordon family in our shul and appreciate their memory living on through this artwork.

**SHEILA IS RESIDING AT ST. LUKE'S PAVILION. VISITATION AT ST. LUKE'S IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE WEAR A MASK SHOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT AND REFRESH HER MEMORY OF HER LIFE WITH US!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HER A CARD, YOU MAY SEND IT TO:
SHEILA MOYER
C/O ST. LUKE'S PAVILION
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If anyone has current mailing and/or email addresses for: Gertrude Hoffman, Al Rosen, or Marilyn Bergstein, please send any update to our email agudasisraelhazleton@gmail.com as the info we have was returned for being insufficient. Thank you!

December 4, AIC will hold a Chanukah Shabbat kiddush for our congregation. We are thrilled to have this event come to light! Thanks to all who are attending, helped plan, and will be leading the service. Details to follow in the next Agudagram- the first of 2022!



DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am very happy that we have scheduled an in-person Hanukkah Shabbat service along with a delicious deli Kiddish. Thank you to our Sisterhood for their continued sponsorship, we certainly appreciate their generosity. We are looking forward to sharing our beautiful sanctuary with Cantor Barry Butensky and Richard Kline on December 4 leading our service. This service will be also available for our Zoom audience and Christina Ferry, Office Manager will be present to assist.

On November 29, 2021 members of Hazleton Jewish Community Center, Agudas Israel Congregation and Beth Israel Temple joined together with Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat and his staff in front of Hazleton's City Hall to celebrate Hanukkah. Thank you to all who attended with us on that cold afternoon, along with the Standard Speaker Newspaper and WYLN News. Check on the Agudas Israel Facebook page to view this joyous occasion. Thanks to Richard Rockman for scheduling this event with City Hall, and to Rabbi Yossi for his involvement.

Our 2022 Calendar will soon be going to print, we appreciate all our sponsors, members, photographers and organizers for this project. Christina and Sherri Klemow Shevlin have done an amazing job computerizing its content. This year's content will contain birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and Yahrzeits. Please contact the office for calendar inquiries.

Stay warm and healthy during this holiday season!

Best wishes for a
beautiful holiday season,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Walker".