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Miketz — Shabbat M'vorchim — Chanukah

28 Kislev, 5778

### Good for Good

More than two millennia ago, the Syrian-Hellenist army came to Israel.

They told the indigenous Jews that they, as Hellenists, were peaceful people. The Jews had nothing to fear, they told us, as these invaders only sought enlightenment and beauty. The two peoples actually lived well together for a short time. Then the Syrian-Hellenist bias came to the fore. They couldn't stomach the Jews' stubborn adherence to their traditional faith, practices and rituals. They abhorred our deep-seated Jewish faith in G-d and Holiness.

So the Syrian-Hellenists began a campaign to make us change our ways, asking us to shed our traditions and join their culture of 'friendship and amity'. Some Jews went along with it, placing higher value on 'getting along' than on being themselves. Other Jews, while they welcomed the Syrians-Hellenists to the neighborhood, refused to abandon their own Judaic value system.

That brought out the worst in our Syrian-Hellenist conquerors. They decided to force their 'peaceful philosophy' on our people, butchering our men and raping our women. The Syrian-Hellenist army was huge, like a tidal wave engulfing the Jews, and we were no match for them. How could we cling to our faith in the face of such an overwhelming reality?

A small group of Jews recognized that we are never alone. They would fight back. Their war wouldn't be a simple match of military prowess, it would be a righteous stand against intolerance and bigotry. They stood up in self-defense, in an epic struggle for the freedom to find G-d through our Torah.

And won.

For two thousand years, we've been celebrating their victory, our victory, as a triumph of faith over adversity. It's the celebration of Chanukah. This coming Sunday evening, we'll be kindling candles that represent the flame of connectedness which burns deep inside our souls. On Chanukah, we bring our Jewish conviction into the open through kindling the Menora.

Sometimes our inner flare of faith feels suffocated by the Hellenism of the moment. Right now, it feels less safe to be a Jew walking the streets of Copenhagen, Los Angeles or Paris; but we can't allow that to squelch our timeless flame of connectedness.

If Jewish history has taught us anything, it's that our connection to Jewish tradition is an anchor that allows us to weather any storm.

So be engaged in the societal discourse and make your voice heard.

But make sure your faith shines.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

### Fried Mushroom Poppers

<b>Ingredients:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 lb. white mushrooms</li><li>• 2 eggs</li><li>• 1 cup flour</li><li>• 1 cup breadcrumbs</li><li>• salt</li><li>• pepper</li><li>• vegetable oil for frying</li></ul>	<b>Directions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Peel the mushrooms and trim the stems.</li><li>2. In one bowl, beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Pour the breadcrumbs and flour into separate bowls.</li><li>3. Coat each mushroom in flour, then in egg and then in breadcrumbs.</li><li>4. Heat oil over medium-high heat and fry 2-3 minutes until golden brown.</li></ol>
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## Community Information of Interest

**December 16: Hubris and Atonement: The State of Israel and the Jewish People 1972-75. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.** *Affliction: The Yom Kippur War Part 3.*

This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

**December 17: Celebrate Chanukah at the J** with fun-filled activities for the entire family at **Chanukah Wonderland**, Sunday, 12/17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Park Heights JCC. Enjoy donut decorating, Chanukah arts & crafts, face painting, an inflatable obstacle course, olive press demonstrations and more!

In partnership with Cheder Chabad and Chabad of Park Heights. \$18/family for Members and Cheder families, \$25/family for Guests. Find out more at [jcc.org/ChanukahWonderland](http://jcc.org/ChanukahWonderland).



We wish a Mazel Tov to **Chaim and Debbie Eisenberg**  
on the occasion of the **Bar Mitzvah**  
of their grandson **Avi Eisenberg** in Modi'in, Israel.  
Mazel Tov to Zvi's parents **Aryeh and Derborah**.

Kol Hanaarim this Friday evening at 7:45 p.m. in The Shul. Chulent is provided by O'Fishel Catering!  
Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Gertner for sponsoring the dessert treats!

### Yahrzeits This Week:

Irv Hain	28 Kislev - Friday night / Shabbat	for father	Uri ben Hechover Moshe
Chaim Kahn	1 Tevet - Saturday night/Sunday	for father	R' Nachman ben R' Meir
Deborah Eisenberg	1 Tevet - Saturday night/Sunday	for mother	Sheva bas Rav Chaim Elazar
Rebetzin Rochelle Kaplan	3 Tevet - Monday night/Tuesday	for father	Rav Peretz ben Yehoshua

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### Davening and Shiurim Schedule

**Friday, 12/15 — 27 Kislev**

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.  
 Fourth Chanukah Candle — 4:24 p.m.  
 Candles — 4:26 p.m.  
 Mincha / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.

**Shabbat, 12/16 — 28 Kislev**

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:39 a.m.  
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 3:45 p.m.  
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 4:15 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 5:28 p.m.  
 Fifth Chanukah Candle — after 5:29 p.n.

**Sunday, 12/17 — 29 Kislev**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.  
 Sixth Chanukah Candle — at night

**Monday — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 12/18 — 30 Kislev**

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.  
 Seventh Chanukah Candle — at night

**Tuesday — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 12/19 — 1 Tevet**

Shacharit — 6:35 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.  
 Eighth Chanukah Candle — at night

**Wednesday, 12/20 — 2 Tevet**

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, 12/21 — 3 Tevet**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Ma'ariv — 8:15

**Friday, 12/22 — 4 Tevet**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Candles — 4:29 p.m.  
 Mincha / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.