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Miketz – Chanukah – Rosh Chodesh Tevet

30 Kislev, 5780

Reliving Chanukah

When video recorders first came out, taking one along on vacation almost meant bringing a luggage carrier just to shlepp the equipment with you. Today, you can fit a camcorder or viewcam in any decent-sized briefcase or even a purse. Now it's easier than ever to capture for posterity those memories in progress, once-in-a-lifetime experiences that will be saved in your mind, your heart and your audio/video storage cabinet. Months or years later, you can watch the "home videos" and remember the good times.

Nowadays we have ways to keep memories alive. But can we actually relive an experience?

Haven't we all wished, at one time or another, that we could capture a moment and actually relive it at a future date?

"These days are remembered and experienced." A basic Jewish teaching is that not only is a holiday or holy day a commemoration of an event that took place many years ago, but the actual event is re-experienced yearly on the anniversary of its happening.

The upcoming festival of Chanukah is no exception. The same "spiritual energy" that was present at that time is in the world once again. This means that we can tap into those forces and make them "work" for us in our lives today. We can actually relive the miracles and lessons of Chanukah.

What Chanukah energy are we able to remember and experience?

One of the Chanukah miracles was that a small band of Jews who were devoted heart, body and soul to G-d and to the Torah were able to vanquish the strongest army of the day. On Chanukah we experience this same devotion and enthusiasm about Jewish life and living. We can devote ourselves heart, body and soul to a special mitzva we have long wanted to do, and we will successfully integrate that mitzva into our lives.

The second miracle of Chanukah was when a small amount of oil kept the rededicated Temple menorah lit for a wondrous eight days until more oil could be produced. There was, in fact, other oil readily available. However, it had been tampered with by the Greeks and though permissible to use, the Jewish victors would not accept compromises for the rededication of the Temple. They wanted no traces of corruption or decay.

We relive this Chanukah miracle when we refuse to compromise our Judaism, even under extenuating circumstances. The Maccabees' resolve to use only pure oil gives us the strength to enhance our Jewish living by being uncompromising in our performance of mitzvot, whether it's putting a few coins in a charity box daily, befriending a lonely person, affixing mezuzot to our doorposts, speaking only kindly of others, or setting aside time for Jewish learning.

As one of the Chanukah blessings states, G-d performed miracles for us "in those days at this time." On Chanukah we can expect that G-d will perform miracles for us in our days at this time, culminating in the ultimate miracle-the peace, plentitude, health and Divine wisdom for the entire world that will be experienced in the Messianic Era.

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

We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Mr. Reuven and Mrs. Gavi Frank and Family
on the **Birth of their Daughter, Tova Chana.**

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents; **Mr. Michael and Mrs. Terry Frank,**
Mr. And Mrs Palanker, and Great-grandmother; **Mrs. Sally Friedman.**



Kol Hanaarim– Father and Son Learning – every Friday evening during the winter at 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. in The Shul. Each session is "topped off" at the end with a fascinating story. Chulent and other refreshments are served. For any questions, please see Rabbi Itzkowitz.

Community Information of Interest

December 28: Two Parties and a State: Israel and the Jewish People 1980-1983. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz. *Vietnam in the Middle-East: Israel and Lebanon Part II.* This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah

As it is dark both on the way to Shul in the morning and going home after Ma'ariv; please wear reflective clothing, bands, belts, vests, etc. when walking to and from Shul.



The Shul is seeking a volunteer to coordinate the occasional rental of the Shul. Please contact Rabbi Kaplan if you are able to do this.



Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Kahn are sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat in memory of Chaim's father, R. Nachman b. Meir, a"h, whose yahrzeit is this Sunday.

Starting
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במסכתות כריתות

Shiur @ 7:45pm

Just 30 min - Followed by Maariv at 8:15pm

At The Lubavitch Center
6701 Old Pimlico Rd
Monday - Thursday

Led by R. Shimon Raskin

Yahrzeits The Next Three Weeks:

Chaim Kahn	1 Tevet - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	Rav Nachman ben Rav Meir
Deborah Eisenberg	1 Tevet - Saturday night / Sunday	for mother	Sheva bas Rav Chaim Elazar
Rebetzin Rochel Kaplan	3 Tevet - Monday night / Tuesday	for father	Rav Peretz ben Yehoshua

DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 12/27 — 29 Kislev

Shacharit — 6:45 a.m.
Sixth Chanukah Candle — 4:27 p.m.
Candles — 4:32 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:35 p.m.

Shabbat — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 12/28 — 30 Kislev

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:44 a.m.
Beitzah Gemora Shiur — 3:50 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 4:20 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 5:34 p.m.
Seventh Chanukah Candle — after Havdallah

Sunday — Rosh Chodesh Tevet, 12/29 — 1 Tevet

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.
Eighth Chanukah Candle — at night

Monday, 12/30 — 2 Tevet

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

Tuesday, 12/31— 3 Tevet

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 1/1 — 4 Tevet

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Mincha / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.

Thursday, 1/2 — 5 Tevet

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

Friday, 1/3 — 6 Tevet

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 4:37 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:40 p.m.