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Chanukah begins the evening of December 7. It took me a while to figure out how to express my varied feelings about Chanukah.

I could talk about the miracle of the one-day supply of oil that lasted eight days in the rededicated Temple menorah.

I could talk about military victory of the weak Hasmonean Jews over the mighty Assyrians.

I could talk about the December dilemma that affects most if not all Jewish families.

None of these themes reflect my feelings for this year at this time and place. There are countless issues that Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem congregants are facing medically, emotionally and spiritually. Things keep happening that postpone that happy and content feeling that we desperately need and crave.

Like the rapidly approaching cold season, events in our lives draw us to a dark place.

The days are getting shorter. Soon, we will wake up in the dark and come home from work in the dark - and I don't just mean that

metaphorically.

All of these things added together tend to make things bleak, depressing and downright scary.

Yet with the coming of the shortest day of the year - the winter solstice we see a tiny flicker of light.

For eight straight days the flicker gets ever so brighter or more intense. The light penetrates and contrasts the darkness all around us. What is that light?

Is it just the light of our chanukiot that we see in our window sills from the dark outside or is it something else?

We live in an age of moral decay, war, government corruption and a great economic divide between the rich and poor. Yet the indomitable human spirit triumphs in this time of tragedy and need.

When pushed to our limits, we reach deep inside ourselves and discover vast strengths that we did not know existed.

Do we have to give in to the dominant culture around us and do as they do and act as they act?

Our Jewish tradition is rich and deep and envisions the values of tolerance, kindness, faithfulness and obedience. We trust in God to protect us, but we have a part in that as well.

We must be true to ourselves and our co-religionists. If we stick

together we will help each other out of the darkness. We will see the spring when life begins anew and hope and faith again fill the air.

Chanukah is not just a military victory or a miracle of oil.

It is not just about latkes and jelly donuts.

It is not just about playing dreidel, presents or having a holiday to compete with Christmas.

It is deeper and more meaningful than all of that.

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It is about rescuing each other from the depths of our troubles and from the times when we have no faith in God or man or ourselves.

In Pirkei Avot, the ethics of our Fathers, it says, "If I am not for myself, who will be? If not now, when?"

So, take the time the season offers us with much darkness and use it to perfect your faith in Judaism and your fellow Jews.

Read a Jewish book.

Commit to attending services on a more regular basis.

Come and meet with me in my office. We can talk about the theological or religious issues that you are struggling with.

Use your time wisely for the short period that we grace this planet.

I wish each and every one of you Chanukat Sameach.

May the holiday bring light from the darkness and carry us through to see a bright new day.



by Co-Leaders Emily Allen & Elaine Kirkpatrick

Sisterhood has been very busy working on our annual Hanukkah Hoopla on December 3 at 11 a.m.

We will have our Steve Miller Latke Lunch, food and bake sale, afghan auction and pre-loved Judaica items for sale. We have a very special treat for you! Turia Stark and Miriam Wyman will be performing for us. We are going to have cookie decorating and dreidel games. Please come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Sisterhood Shabbat will be in early spring this year. Check your bulletin and emails for all upcoming events.

Happy Hanukkah!!

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To Fern Shinbaum and Rabbi Kramer, thank you for a wonderful visit to your congregation!

Rabbi Sharon Marcus and the Women's Group

In memory of Morris Segall Hazel, Janice and Nathan Segall

In memory of our parents
Drs. Jack & Verna Wool,
and in honor of Rabbi Scott
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# Mahrzeits 1

Remembering Loved Ones We Have Lost

May G-d give comfort to the families along with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

#### **DECEMBER 2 - 8 | 19 - 25 KISLEV**

- **FREIDA FAST**
- **SAM SHULMAN**
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#### **MORRIS CAPOUANO**

Remembered by Pearl Hasson, Leon Capouano, Esther Miller and Debbie Capp

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- **BAYA BETON**
- **EXECUTE** LEON CAPELUTO

#### DECEMBER 9 - 15 | 26 KISLEV - 3 TEVET

- **MORRIS EDWARD FINKELSTEIN**
- **MORRIS HAIM HANAN**

#### **PAT TOURIAL**

Remembered by Frances Capouya

#### **BARBARA BRENNER**

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- **ELI ISAAC HAIM**
- **MAX L. MENDEL**

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#### ABE EMPEL

Remembered by Jay Empel

#### **A LOUIS GELLERMAN**

#### **☆ JACOB RUDNICK**

Remembered by Leslie Rudnick

#### **X** HYMAN W. SILVERBERG

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Remembered by Marcus Bruchis

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#### **A HAIM MOUSIFIR**

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Remembered by Edward Raymon

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#### **RACHEL MOON**

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#### **DECEMBER 16 - 22 | 4 - 10 TEVET**

#### **♥ VICTORIA G. CAPELOTO**

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#### **IDA KISHNER**

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#### BEN SHARKER

Remembered by Cindy Sharker

#### **XX** YECHIEL MANDELBAUM

#### **▼ JERRE MCMANAMA, SR.**

Remembered by Tina McManama

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Remembered by Emily Allen and Linda Smith

#### **IRA HERMAN**

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#### **DECEMBER 23 - 29 | 11 - 17 TEVET**

#### **MAURICE (RED) BELL**

#### **XX** KATHLEEN GOLSON

Remembered by Lisa McDonald, Leslie Capp and Ira Kupferberg

#### SOPHIE OSHRY

Remembered by Steve Kermish

#### **ELIAS ROSEN**

Remembered by Helen Bern

#### **A FANNIE SCHULWOLF**

#### **PEARL E. TORANTO**

Remembered by Leon Capouano

#### ROSE S. HORN

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- **ANNA IDA SAUERMANN**
- **GILSON CAPILOUTO**
- **LOEB KRASELSKY**
- **ALBERT BERG**

#### **ALAN MARTIN**

Remembered by Rita C. Martin

#### DR. NACE R. COHEN

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#### DEC. 30 - JAN. 5 | 18 - 24 TEVET

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Remembered by Emily Allen and Linda Smith

#### **SIDNEY ROSEN**

Remembered by Emily Allen and Linda Smith

#### M. HYMAN M. SCHWARTZ

Remembered by Steve Lande



by Executive Director Linda R. Smith

Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 11:30 a.m. for our annual Hanukkah Luncheon at Sinclair's We will have a selection of delicious meals to choose from.

The cost is \$17 per person. Reservations close on December 7.

We can invoice you if you are a L'Chaim League member. If not, please mail a check to: Temple Beth Or, 2246 Narrow Lane Rd., Montogmery AL 36106.

Phil Ensler will be our featured speaker Wednesday, January 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Beth Or. As executive director of Jewish Federation of Central Alabama and an Alabama State legislator, Phil will bring us up to date on the news regarding Israel and antisemitism. His insights into these topics will be of interest to us all. A luncheon will also take place at the same

time. Details will be forthcoming.

Thanksgiving Meal and Pantry Fill was a huge success. Special thanks to Gina Friday for organizing and baking. We are grateful to Elaine Kirkpatrick, Mae Cohen, Susan Finklestein, Emily Allen and Bill Brounstein for their help in completing this annual event.



Join us in the North Georgia mountains for a fun-filled, family-friendly, all-inclusive weekend with members of our community and a chance to schmooze with others from around the Southeast.



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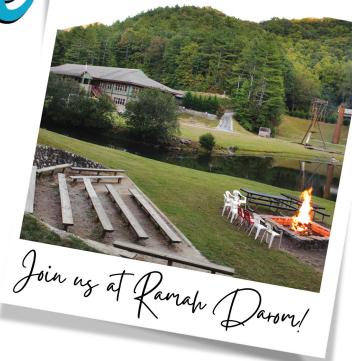
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## 2023 Chanukah Lighting Calendar

## Chanukah begins Sunday night, December 7

#### How to light the candles

While facing the Chanukiyah (Chanukah Menorah), place the Shamash candle in the Chanukiyah first. Place the daily candles in from the right to the left.

When lighting the candles, light the Shamash first. Using the Shamash, light candles from the left to right. Each evening, you end up lighting the newest candle first.

Light candles in the evening after 3 stars appear in sky. The only exceptations are:

- Friday night light the Chanukah candles before the Shabbat candles
- Saturday night light the Chanukah candles after Havdalah

1st Candle Thursday night, December 7

2nd Candle Friday night, December 8

**Light before Shabbat Candles** 

3rd Candle Saturday night, December 9

Light after Havdalah

4th Candle Sunday night, December 10

5th Candle Monday night, December 11

6th Candle Tuesday night, December 12

7th Candle Wednesday night, December 13

8th Candle Thursday night, December 14



#### שירון לחנוכה Hanukkah Song Sheet

#### 1. סביבוו סב סב סב

#### 1. S'vivon Sov Sov Sov

סְבִיבוֹן סֹב סֹב סֹב, חֲנֻכָּה הוּא חֵג טוֹב, חֲנֵכָּה הוּא חַג טוֹב, סְבִיבוֹן סֹב סֹב סֹב. חַג שִמְחָה הוּא לַעָם, נֵס גָדוֹל הָיָה שָם, נֵס גַדוֹל הַיָּה שָם, חַג שִמְחַה הוּא לַעָם.

S'vivon sov sov sov, Hanukkah hu hag tov, Hanukkah hu hag tov, s'vivon sov sov sov. Hag simhah hu la-am, neis gadol hayah sham, neis gadol hayah sham, hag simhah hu la-am.

Dreidel, spin, spin, spin; Hanukkah is a great holiday. A joyous holiday for the nation; a great miracle happened there. (L.Kipnis)

#### 2. תַנְכָּה, תַנְכָּה

#### 2. Hanukkah, Hanukkah

חֲנֵכָּה, חֲנֻכָּה, חֵג יָפֶה כָּל כְּדְּ, אוֹר חָבִיב מִסְּבִיב, גִּיל לְיֶלֶד רַדְּ. חֲנֵכָּה, חֲנֻכָּה, סְבִיבוֹן סֹב סֹב, סב סב סב, סב סב סב, מַה נַּעִים וְטוֹב. Hanukkah, Hanukkah, hag yafeh kol kakh, or haviv misaviv gil l'yeled rakh. Hanukkah, Hanukkah, s'vivon sov sov, sov sov sov, sov sov, mah na'im v'tov.

Hanukkah, what a nice holiday: lovely light all around, fun for children. Hanukkah: the dreidel spins, how wonderful.

#### 3. יַמֵי הַחַנְכָּה

#### 3. Y'mei Ha-Hanukkah

יְמֵי הַחְנֻכָּה חֲנֻכַּת מִקְדְּשֵׁנוּ, בְּגִיל וּבְשִׁמְחָה מְמַלְאִים אֶת לִבֵּנוּ, לַיְלָה וָיוֹם סְבִיבוֹנֵנוּ יִסֹב, סִפְגַנִיוֹת נִאכֵל בָּם לַרֹב. Y'mei ha-Hanukkah hanukkat mikdasheinu, b'gil u-vsimhah m'mal'im et libeinu, lailah va-yom s'vivoteinu yisov, sufganiyot nokhal bam la-rov.

הָאִירוּ, הַדְלִיקוּ, נֵרוֹת חֲנֻכָּה רַבִּים! Ha'iru, hadliku, neirot Hanukkah rabim! על הַנְּפִילות אֲשֶׁר חוֹלְלוּ הַמַּכַּבִּים. (2 פעמים) Al ha-nisim v'al ha-nifla'ot asher hol'lu ha-makabim. (x2)

Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah, come light the Menorah. Let's have a party, we'll all dance the hora. Gather round the table, we'll all have a treat. S'vivon to play with, and latkes to eat.

And while we are playing, the candles are burning bright

One for each night, they shed a sweet light to remind us of days long ago. (x2)

#### 4. Mi Y'maleil מי ימלל

מִי יְמַלֵּל גְּבוּרוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל, אוֹתָן מִי יִמְנֶה? הן בכל דור יקום הגבור, גואל העם. Mi y'maleil g'vurot Yisrael, otan mi yimneh? Hein b'khol dor yakum ha-gibor, go'eil ha-am.

שְׁמַע! בַּיָּמִים הָהֶם בַּזְּמֵן הַזֶּה מַכַּבִּי מושִׁיעַ וּפוֹדֶה, וּבָיָמֵינוּ כַּל עָם יִשְׁרַאָל, יָתַאחֵד יַקוּם וִיְגַּאֵל. Sh'ma! Ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh Makabi moshi'a u-fodeh,

u-vyameinu kol am Yisrael, yitaheid yakum v'yiga'el.

Who can retell the things that befell us, Who can count them? In every age, a hero or sage came to our aid. Hark! In days of yore in Israel's ancient land. Brave Maccabeus led the faithful band. But now all Israel must as one arise, redeem itself through deed and sacrifice.

(Judith K. Eisenstein)

#### 5. I Have a Little Dreidel

I have a little dreidel, I made it out of clay. And when it's dry and ready, then dreidel I shall play!

It has a lovely body, with legs so short and thin. And when my dreidel's tired, it drops and then I win! [chorus]

My dreidel's always playful, it loves to dance and spin. A happy game of dreidel, come play now, let's begin! [chorus]

(S.E. Goldfarb and S.S. Grossman)

#### 6. ער לי 6. Neir Li

. אַדְלִיק. בַּחֲנֻכָּה נֵרִי אַדְלִיק. Meir li, neir li dakik, ba-Hanukkah neiri adlik. בּחֲנֻכָּה נֵרִי יָאִיר, בַּחֲנֻכָּה שִׁירִי אָשִׁיר. Ba-Hanukkah neir ya'ir,ba-Hanukkah shiri ashir.

I have a fine candle; I will light it on Hanukkah. On Hanukkah, my candle will bring light; on Hanukkah I will sing my song. (L.Kipnis)

#### Lighting the **Hanukkah** Candles

Candles are lit on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah. One the first night, two the second, and an additional candle on each subsequent night. The candle for the first night is placed at the far right on the menorah; on each subsequent night, another candle is added to the left. An extra candle, designated as the "shamash" is lit first, then used to light the others after the blessings are recited.

> בַרוּך אַתַּה ה', אֵ-להינוּ מֵלֶךְּ הַעוּלֶם, אָשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְנָנוּ

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu וֹלְהַדְלִיק גֵר שֵׁל חֲנוּכָה. I'hadlik neir shel Hanukkah.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, instilling in us the holiness of mitzvot by commanding us to light the lights of Hanukkah.

בַרוּך אַתַּה ה', אֵ-להינוּ מֵלֵךְ הַעוּלֶם, ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh.

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, שעשה נסים לאבותינו, she-asah nisim la-avoteinu,

Praised are you Adonai our God, who rules the universe, accomplishing miracles for our ancestors from ancient days until our time.

On the first night only:

,ברוּך אַתַּה ה', אֱ-לֹהינוּ מֵלֶךְ הַעוֹלָם Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, אַהְחֵיֵנוּ וְקִיּמְנוּ וְהָגְּעַנוּ לַזְּמֵן הַזָּה. she-heheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day.

After the candles are lit:

#### הנרות הַלַּלוּ

#### Ha-neirot Ha-lalu

הַנְרוֹת הַלַּלוּ אֲנוּ מַדְלִיקִים עַל הַנְּסִים וְעַל הַנְּפַלְאוֹת ועל הַתְּשוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמְּלְחֵמוֹת, שֵעשִית לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיַמִים הַהֶּם בַּזְמַן הַזֶּה, על ידי כהניף הקדושים. וכל שמונת ימי חנכה הַנֵרות הַלָּלוּ קְדֵשׁ הֵם, ואין לַנוּ רשות להשתמש בַהם, אֶלָא לִרְאוֹתֶם בִּלְבָד, כְּדֵי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל ֓ לְשִׁמְךּ הַנָּדוֹל, עַל נָפֶיךּ וִעַל נָפָלְאוֹתֵיךּ וִעַל יִשׁוּעָתֶךָּ.

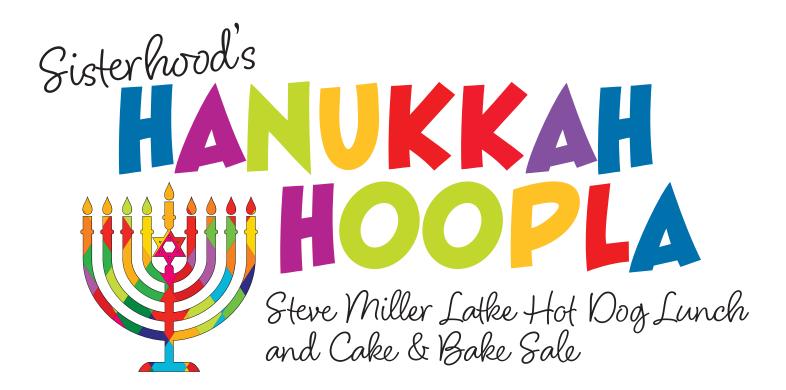
Ha-neirot ha-lalu anu madlikim al ha-nisim v'al ha-nifla'ot v'al ha-t'shu'ot v'al ha-milhamot, she-asita la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh, al y'dei kohanekha ha-k'doshim. v'khol sh'monat y'mei Hanukkah ha-neirot ha-lalu kodesh heim, v'ein lanu r'shut l'hishtameish ba-heim, ela lirotam bilvad, k'dei l'hodot u-lhaleil l'shim'kha ha-gadol, al nisekha v'al nifl'otekha v'al y'shu'atekha.

These lights which we kindle recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy Kohanim for our ancestors from ancient days until our time. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of Hanukkah. We may not make use of their light, but are only to look upon them, and thus be reminded to thank and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

#### מַעוֹז צוּר Ma'oz Tzur

מעוז צור ישועתי, לד נאה לשבח, תכון בית תפלתי, ושם תודה נזבח, ַלְעֵת תַּכִין מַטְבֵּחַ, מִצֵּר הַמְנַבֵּחַ, אַז אָגמר בְּשִיר מִזְמוֹר, חֲנַכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ. Ma'oz tzur y'shu'ati, l'kha na'eh l'shabei'ah, Tikon beit t'filati, v'sham todah n'zabei'ah, l'eit takhin matbei'ah, mi-tzor hamnabei'ah, az egmor b'shir mizmor, hanukkat ha-mizbei'ah.

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us. (Translation: G. Gottheil)



## 11 AM SUNDAY DEC 3

- Lunch: \$7 per plate | children free
  - Food & Bake Sale
  - Pre-loved Judaica items
  - Cookie Decorating Station
    - Dreidel games

A SPECIAL AFGHAN MADE BY INA ORANGE WILL BE AUCTIONED!



**RSVP by December 1** 

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## CALENDAR December CALENDAR

Services in red are also livestreamed on aieamontgomery.org, Facebook and YouTube. Blue events are on Zoom. All other events are purple.

- Friday, December 1 | 18 Kislev Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, December 2 | 19 Kislev Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m. Havdalah - 7 p.m.
- 3 Sunday, December 3 | 20 Kislev Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m. at Temple Beth Or Hanukkah Hoopla - 11 a.m.
- Monday, December 4 | 21 Kislev
  Minyan with breakfast 7:15 a.m.
  Introduction to Judaism Class ~ 6 p.m.
- 7 Thursday, December 7 | 24 Kislev Chanukah 1st Candle Minyan with breakfast - 7:15 a.m. City of Montogmery Menorah Lighting - TBA at Montgomery City Hall
- Friday, December 8 | 25 Kislev Chanukah 2nd Candle Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, December 9 | 26 Kislev Chanukah 3rd Candle Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m. Havdalah - 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 10 | 27 Kislev
  Chanukah 4th Candle
  Rabbi Elliot L. Stevens Kol Ami
  Religious School ~ 9:30 a.m.
  at Temple Beth Or
- Monday, December 11 | 28 Kislev Chanukah 5th Candle Minyan with breakfast - 7:15 a.m. JFCA Chanukah Celebration - 5:30 p.m. at the JFCA Courtyard No Judaism Class
- Tuesday, December 12 | 29 Kislev Chanukah 6th Candle Board Meeting - 4 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 13 | 1 Tevet Chanukah 7th Candle L'Chaim Chanukkah Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. at Sinclairs on Vaughn Road
- Thursday, December 14 | 2 Tevet Chanukah 8th Candle Minyan with breakfast - 7:15 a.m.
- Friday, December 15 | 3 Tevet 8th Day of Chanukah Kabbalat Shabbat - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16 | 4 Tevet Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m. Havdalah - 7 p.m.
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- Monday, December 18 | 5 Tevet
  Minyan with breakfast 7:15 a.m.
  Introduction to Judaism Class ~ 6 p.m.
- Thursday, December 21 | 9 Tevet
  Minyan with breakfast 7:15 a.m.
  Friday, December 22 10 Tevet
  Kabbalat Shabbat 6 p.m.
- Saturday, December 23 | 11 Tevet Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m. Havdalah - 7 p.m.
- 24 Sunday, December 24 | 12 Tevet
  No Religious School
- Monday, December 25 | 13 Tevet Minyan - 7:15 a.m. No Judaism Class
- Thursday, December 28 | 16 Tevet Minyan with breakfast 7:15 a.m.
- Friday, December 29 | 17 Tevet Kabbalat Shabbat 6 p.m.
- Saturday, December 30 | 18 Tevet Shabbat Services - 9:30 a.m. Havdalah - 7 p.m.

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Adena Kramer
- 02 Sofia Gonzalez-Daneshvar
- 03 Josie Aronov
- 04 Michael Broder
- 04 Zachary Cruce
- 07 John Kirkpatrick
- 08 Bobby Segall
- 08 Sandy Segall
- 09 Kenneth Capouya
- 10 Ken Wool
- 12 Marie Berlin
- 13 Rubin A. Franco
- 15 Jay Empel
- 16 Elliot Labovitz
- 19 Neilson Capouya
- 20 Amy Labovitz
- 22 Ira Kupferberg
- 26 Lynn Capouya
- 28 Andrew Allen
- 28 Joy Rousso
- 28 Zoe Weber
- 30 Meaghan Skiba
- 31 Rick Ginsburg

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

10 Buddy & Jo Anne Rousso 10 Ken & Celia Wool 17 Morris & Leslie Capp 20 Jeffrey & Vera Planchard 20 Jimmy & Linda Smith 27 Mitchell & Sharon Allen

> Rabbi Kramer will be on vacation December 10 - 17



Call the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama 24 hours in advance to request a free ride for an appointment, religious service or community event.



#### **EVERY MONDAY AT 6 P.M.**

Rabbi Scott Kramer is leading an *Introduction to Judaism* adult education class Mondays at 6 p.m. at the synagogue.

Whether you were born Jewish, a "Jew by choice" or are thinking about joining our family, you will enjoy this class. The *Introduction to Judaism* class is designed to help us appreciate Jewish history, heritage, observances, holidays, prayers and ethics.

The Rabbi will be using the curriculum from the American Jewish University, Los Angeles "Miller Intro to Judaism Program." Contact the Rabbi if you have questions.

