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From the Desk of the Rabbi

What can the Sacrifice of Hannah Continue to Teach us Today?

Google is a great search engine when it comes to searching for information. You just type in the name or reference you are looking for and within milliseconds, you have tens of thousands if not even over a million links that are available to access to obtain the vital and precious bits of information that you are looking for. Instead of going to the local Library, or going to our own personal library, we'll use our computer literacy skills and just type in that one word which will launch us into the cyber world of the information highway depending on how you spell it.

I happen to be one of those many people that enjoy doing this on a regular basis. It is truly amazing what will come up on your computer screen when you type in that one word in the search box. Guess what happened when I typed the word "Hannah" into the search box? Did it bring up references to individuals with the name of Hannah that have played a significant role in Jewish History? Did it bring up references to the Hannah in the first Chapter of Samuel? Did it bring up the Chanukah story from the books of the Maccabees? No. Unlike in 2011 when it brought up a full page of references to "Hannah Montana" portrayed by Miley Cyrus, this time it brought up a Wikipedia link and guess what? Still no mention of the Hannah of the Chanukah story.

It was not until I entered the search words: "Hannah in the Chanukah Story" that Google took me to Chabad.org and NJOP.org where the full story of Hannah and her seven sons could be found. Unlike Disney and Hollywood, in this story there was no romance, no happiness, and no happy ending. The story of Hannah in the books of the Maccabees was a story in the history of our people of great sadness, but it also was a story of great heroism and tremendous martyrdom.

When we are teaching our young children about the story of Chanukah, we focus on the miracle where the Greeks were defeated and the Temple in Jerusalem was reclaimed and rededicated. We focus on the miracle of the one vial of oil that was found lasted for eight days instead of one. We focus on the miracle of the military accomplishments of Judah Maccabee, his brothers and the rest of the brave freedom fighters who sacrificed much for the preservation of our beautiful religion. The story of Hannah and her seven sons is usually taught briefly and not in great detail due to the graphic nature of what was done to her seven sons while she was made to watch as her children gave their lives "Al Kiddush Hashem, for the Sanctification of the Holy Name."

It is most unfortunate the heroic act of Hannah and her sons takes such a back seat to the glitter, fortune, and fame of Hannah Montana, Hannah the action film and Amazon series and other similar references when searching for that name on the Internet. It is a story that was the rallying cry of the ancient Maccabees along with many other stories of martyrdom which galvanized our people at that time to stand up against tyranny and religious persecution against all odds. When we look at our history at that time, we see where the spark of Judaism was nearly extinguished. Even throughout all the other times in Jewish history when that spark was all but extinguished, a miracle happened, and we, the Jewish people survived. Hannah's sacrifice reminds us that we must not take our Judaism for granted or forsake it no matter what the outside pressures of society may dictate or attempt to influence.

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President's Message

This year has been difficult in so many respects, but the same is true for so many others throughout history. Thanksgiving 2020 will certainly go down in history as a mixed bag of emotions and memories for everyone, with the many constraints and uncertainties over the last nine months arising from Covid-19, international unrest, economic issues and political unrest, to name a few. Yet, many of us have already lived long enough to see many similar issues over the years and we have seen hope and faith prevail.

We are approaching the season of Hanukkah. The wonderful story of a tiny remnant of oil sustaining the sanctuary lamp after a small band of Hebrew warriors fought to regain the Temple is one of the best reflections of faith and perseverance over the years. How hopeless and desolate that time must have seemed to the struggling Hebrews, but Hashem provided and sustained the light, once again proving that nothing is impossible where there is hope and faith. No darkness is so foreboding or imminent that Hashem's light cannot overcome the seemingly impossible.

Darkness only prevails if we believe the light will not be there to sustain us in our need.

As we enter the Hanukkah season, kindling each light in turn, may the candles burn brighter than ever for each of us and our loved ones, each night bolstering the light in our hearts and every moment reminding us that hope prevails where faith prevails.

May Hashem bless you for a beautiful Hanukkah season and may the candles of Hanukkah light the way for a beautiful and bright year.

Tim Birmingham

CONGREGATION MEETING– DECEMBER 13TH

A Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m. here at the synagogue. If you are uncomfortable attending in person for the meeting, the meeting will be streamed live. A link will be announced soon.

If unable to attend, please know your proxy is due into the office at CAA by December 11th at 4:00 p.m. As usual, your proxy may be mailed, emailed or a simple email with your proxy designee is required by the due date and time. Emailed proxies MUST come from your primary email address we have on file here at the office.

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May all of us be granted the Koach from Hashem to constantly "rededicate" that "spark" of the Divine within ourselves every day of our lives. May none of us ever take this spark for granted even as we continue to work hard to stay safe in our COVID-19 times. Now, and perhaps more than ever, we must not lose hope despite the difficulties we are faced with as a congregation, a people, and as humanity. May Hashem guide all of humanity to a speedy recovery and may this Chanukah bring a Nes Gadol Haiya Sham V Po! May all of you have a happy and rededicated Chanukah!

With Torah Blessings,
Rabbi

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING

For All those who would like to gather (with appropriate social distancing), we will be lighting candles for the 4th night of Hanukkah following the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 13th (about 5:30 p.m.)

Each family will be at their own table. We will light candles, sing songs and send the children home with treat bags.

If you wish to participate virtually, please let Leanne or the Rabbi know and we will email you a virtual invitation with the link.

Please bring your own candles and Hanukkiah!



DECEMBER Bimah Schedule

- 5 Dale Latner
- 12 Dr. Michael Tobes
- 19 Sean Hammel
- 26 Samantha Clark

Remember, if you can't be on the Bimah when scheduled, you need to find a replacement.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 18
for **JANUARY**
Bulletin

Submit articles to:
caasecretary@
suddenlinkmail.com
Thank you !

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Sunday, DECEMBER 13, 2020
4:00 p.m. at the Synagogue

If you have an item for the agenda,
please call or e-mail
Tim Birmingham or
Dr. Michael Tobes



shabbat shalom



DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF READINGS Triennial Readings/Holiday Readings

Saturday	December	5	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAYISHLACH Genesis 34:1 - 35:15 Obadiah 1:1 - 21	9:00 A.M.
				BIRCHAT HaCHODESH	
Saturday	December	12	Morning Service Torah Reading Maftir Haftorah	VAYESHEV Genesis 38:1 - 38:30 Numbers 7:18 - 23 Zechariah 2:14 - 4:7	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	December	19	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	MIKETZ Genesis 41:53 - 43:15 I Kings 3:15 - 4:1	9:00 A.M.
Saturday	December	26	Morning Service Torah Reading Haftorah	VAYIGGASH Genesis 45:28 - 46:27 Ezekiel 37:15 - 28	9:00 A.M.



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Service: 9:00 a.m. Parsha: VAYISHLACH Bimah: Dale Lather
6	7	8 15 Kislev	9 16 Kislev	10 Erev Hanukkah 17 Kislev	11 18 Kislev	12 19 Kislev
13 Hanukkah III CAA Board Meeting 4:00 p.m. CAA Congregation Meeting 5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Candlelighting to follow Congregation Meeting	14 20 Kislev 21 Kislev Hanukkah IV	15 22 Kislev Hanukkah V	16 23 Kislev Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI	17 24 Kislev Hanukkah VII	18 25 Kislev Hanukkah VIII	19 26 Kislev
20 27 Kislev	21 28 Kislev	22 29 Kislev	23 1 Tevet	24 2 Tevet	25 3 Tevet	26 4 Tevet
27 11 Kislev	28 12 Kislev	29 13 Kislev	30 14 Kislev	31 11 Kislev	9 Kislev	10 Kislev

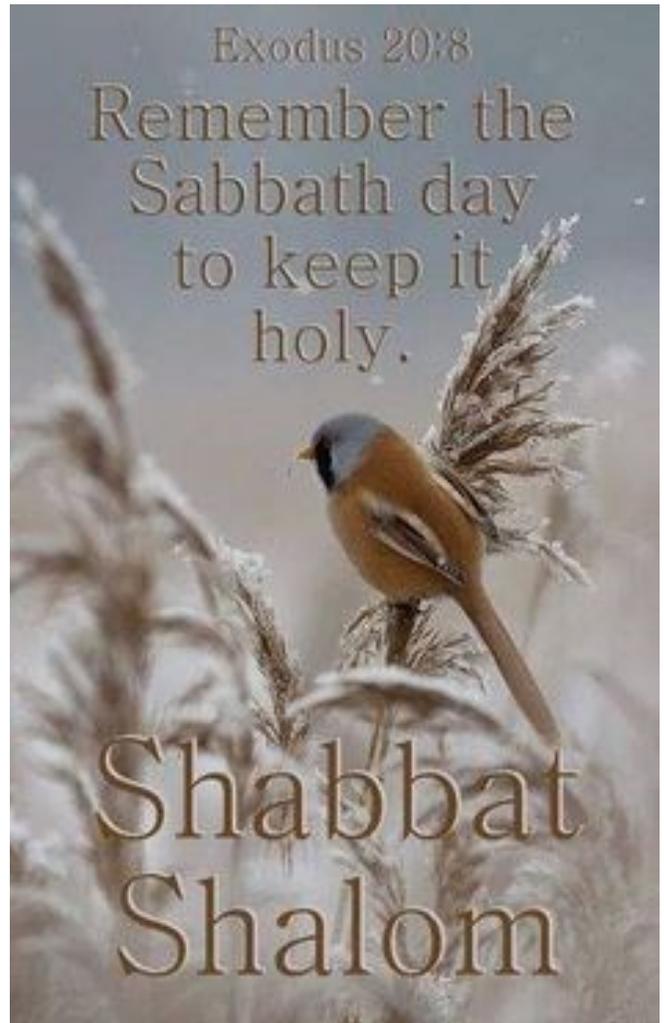
**NO TORAH STUDY
AFTER SERVICES**



December Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 *Noah Birmingham*
- 6 *Gabriel Rosenfield*
- 9 *Emma Caroline Rubinsky*
- 10 *Joanne Frank*
- 12 *Galileo "Ki-Ki" Perez*
- 14 *Brian Harrison Roosth*
- 15 *Steve Roosth*
- 16 *Julie Diane Roosth*
- 21 *Gary W. Beck*
- 22 *Richard Melamed*
- 24 *Keren Feld*
Loren Seth Goodman
- 27 *Kimberly Walls*
- 30 *Asher Gavriel Walls*



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INDICATE THE FUND OF YOUR CHOICE BELOW AND IN THE MEMO AREA OF YOUR CHECK. MINIMUM DONATION \$5 PER REMEMBRANCE.

- Breakfast Fund
- Maintenance Fund
- Hebrew School Fund
- Adult Education Fund
- Safety Fund
- General Fund
- Rabbinic Fund
- Book Fund

THE FUNDS BELOW REQUIRE A SEPARATE CHECK

- Sylvan Mellinger Maintenance Fund
- Rabbi Discretionary Fund
- Sisterhood Flower Fund - CAA SISTERHOOD
- Cemetery Fund - CAA CEMETERY

Yahrzeits

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

4 Bertha Bertheim
William Edelman
Morris Goldberg
Frank Levine
5 Frances Chalmers
Walter H. Lazarus
6 Hilda G. Roosth
7 Meyer Mellinger

DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

12 Alex Golenternek
13 Abner Waghalter
Ben Edleman
14 Madeline Lieberman Wolf
Rebecca Heffler Berry
16 Hershel Sobel
Sam Greenberg

DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 24

19 Fanny Fleishman
20 Freda Levy
Sallie Mellinger
22 Claire Ann Gaylin
23 Madeline Lugassy Richings
24 Annie Rosenthal

DECEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 31

25 Hyman Golenternek
Ida Green
Bertram Jacob Learner
26 William Parks
27 Phillip Golenternek
28 Freda Genecov
29 Louis Miller
30 Edward Chalmers
Isaac Goldberg
31 Phillip Mosier

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 7

1 David Mayerson
2 Sherry Lynn Roosth
Charlie Cohen
3 Carl Green
4 Celia Levine
Oscar Mastbaum
5 Rose Frankel
Joe Golenternek
6 Mindel Katz
Mickey Mermelstein
Max Rubin
7 Max Antonoff
Mildred Sable

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 14

8 William Beleck
Rose Carst Mirsky
Sam Roosth
9 Max Mellinger
10 Monroe Mirsky
Elizabeth Levy Sherman
Eugene (Sandy) Katz
11 Murray Kravitz
12 Rose Carter
Sarah Hertzfeld
Morris Leaman
Joe Levy
Jesseo Tubat
Louis Sobel
14 Mollie Acenberg

JANUARY 15 - JANUARY 21

16 Winifred Heringhi
Milton Joel Kapner
17 Dr. Dan Golenternek
Aaron Joseph Levy
Harris Zuckerman
18 Frayde Mastbaum
Minnie Beatrice Waghalter
21 Robert Beaver
Ellinore S. Learner

JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 28

22 Dorothy E. (Leon) Jacobs
23 Morris Sherman
24 Emmanuel (Manny) Smith
Samuel Genecov
25 Joseph Aranow
Marlene Mandell
Rebecca Miller
26 Jennie Haltzman
27 Mollie Mirsky
Ike Rudman
Sidney C. Kahn
Minnie Kahn
Selma Kahn
28 Frances Soltes Sobel

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4

29 Rose Beaver
31 Isaac Block
Raymond Kahn
Jane Pearl Suarez
Sidney M. Wolf
1 Ida Kurtz
2 Barnett Wolf
3 Eva Levy
Sam Krasner
Sarah Kline
Sol Katz
Jeanette Levy Lemson

FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 11

5 Fannie Abramsky
Millie Heffler
Mike Levine
6 Morris Engle
7 Sarah Lee Lulky
Minnie Nathan
8 Israel Katz
Laura W. Muntz
9 Harry Freedman
Sam Vogel

FEBRUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 18

12 Mayer Lulky
14 Leo Frank
Sara Krumholtz
15 Ernestine Berlin
16 Boris Shtenshleifer
17 Melvin Rubin
Frances Vogel
Mary R. Golenternek
Richard Hale Jeffers
Freda Serkes
18 Hattie Freeman
Dr. Harold Roosth
Celia Goldstucker

FEBRUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 23

19 Harry Mermelstein
20 Rabbi Morris Nathan Taxon
Alexander Golenternek
Miriam Seiderman
21 Mary Cohen Golenternek
22 Jake Roosth
23 Morris Jarett
24 Ida Goldberg
25 Abraham Eisen
Isadore Golenternek

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 4

27 Ruby Hayman Kahn
Helen Levy
28 Marcus Leon Strum
Helen Nathan Caro
2 Dr. Wiley Roosth
Mynette Rochelle Goldberg
Sol Smith
Nate Ginsberg
Bert Jacobs
3 Grace Luskey Laves
4 Jean Katz

May Their Memory Bring A Blessing

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FOR RABBI LEARNER
TUESDAY- THURSDAY
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 : ter H, Chapter 411, Government :
 : Code (handgun licensing law), :
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To help you with your wording, please look at the leaves currently on the tree. You will notice that the fewer words, the better, as the letters are larger and can be seen more clearly. We encourage you to follow this formula when you plan the wording for your leaf. If there are too many words, you will be asked to revise the wording and I will give you suggestions for changes. Remember.....simple is better!!

Each leaf is \$100.00 and should take about 3 weeks from order, to receipt, to placement on the tree. You may choose the placement of your leaf. Please consider these things when you are placing an order. If you are interested in a leaf, please contact Leanne the secretary and I will be more than happy to help you!

Thank you, Leanne