

Temple Israel Bulletin

From the Rabbi's Desk

[For a complete schedule of Temple events and religious services, please see "December at a Glance." Please note: the access information/LINKS for events and religious services are sent in a separate weekly email. Please consult that message to connect.]

Shalom and greetings!

Calendar Notes

We are about to celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving as I write this, falling on Nov. 26. I hope you feel that you have much for which to be grateful (despite the continuing Pandemic and other ills that exist around us). I know that I am thankful for family and friends, those in the community around me, the loving care and concern that I feel for and from you. I am aware of and grateful for health and wellbeing – my own, and that of those I know and love. I am hopeful and see much that is good around me, though there is more than enough that needs to be addressed and improved. In short, I feel blessed in so many ways – which means I have much to acknowledge and celebrate on our collective civil holiday for that purpose, and even though it will not be as I had envisioned it, or as it has been in past, it is still a time to reflect, take note, and appreciate all that there is in my/our life – individual and collective – that is good. Baruch Hashem (thank G-d), it seems to me that there is quite a lot.

Photo center of page: Chag Hanukkah.
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The next Jewish holiday is Hanukkah, which begins on the evening of Dec. 10 with the first candle, and concludes at sundown on Dec. 18 (the last evening is the 17th). We will plan to light the Hanukiah with two candles on Dec. 11 at the start of our Shabbat service – so you may wish to have yours ready that evening to light together. Then, we invite all to join together on Thursday,



First candle of Hanukkah is Thursday, Dec. 10. "Last Night" ONLINE celebration is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM

Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM to light their Hanukiot – everyone lighting all eight candles that evening. It will be a chance to celebrate together on Zoom and acknowledge the holiday, as well as enjoy the light and each other's company at this dark time of year. I invite you to bring not only your Menorah, but also any latkes, blintzes, wine, or other treats, and your dreidels and gelt! We will try to have some music, some conversation, and maybe even some games to celebrate, and make it a virtual party. I am happy to report that we will make this a community

Masthead photos

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wide celebration, inviting members of the Synagogue and the entire Jewish community of West Virginia to join us! Rabbi Urecki and I will be planning to celebrate this event with you!

In an odd calendar twist, the day of December 25th is Tzom Asara B'Tevet, the minor fast day of the 10th of Tevet, which commemorates the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylonia, and is observed from sunup to sundown. That is the entire holiday list, until we come to Tu B'Shevat on Jan. 28.

Reminders

All events are virtual, except for the service at St. Marks on Dec. 4.

Hanukkah begins on the evening of Dec. 10 and continues to sundown on Dec. 18.

The fast of the 10th of Tevet is on Dec. 25.

A few things to highlight in the coming month:

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In case you receive this Bulletin before Nov. 25 at 12 PM: The WV Council of Churches Interfaith will hold an ONLINE Thanks and Giving service, featuring many different faith traditions.

December worship services

Rabbi Blair sends out emails regularly to keep the congregation up to date. Zoom links to online events are emailed to those on the Temple's mailing lists. Shabbat services are scheduled every Friday at 5:30 PM. All religious services are via Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual Shabbat service

Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 AM Torah study

Friday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual Shabbat service

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual "Last Night of Hanukkah Celebration"

Friday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual Shabbat service

Friday, Dec. 25 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual Shabbat service

Friday, Jan. 1 at 5:30 PM LIVE Virtual Shabbat service



In the Congregation

[This includes only those who have approved having their name included.]

Refuah Shelemah/Mi Sheberach (Healing & Wholeness/Blessings) to those who have been included in recent Mi Sheberach lists at services, and wishes for continued good health for those who are on the mend or have returned to full health:

Tom Becker
Peggy Burkhardt
Kaela Butler
Lois Coleman
Patricia Cohen Coniglio
Jonathan Freedman
Betsy Gooding
Margie Hutt

Gary Markham
The McCollum family
Rabbi Victor Urecki

All who are impacted by the Pandemic
All affected by natural disasters, including Fire, Hurricanes, and Typhoons
All suffering due to violence, civil unrest, war, or other causes
All affected by natural disasters

Mazal Tov (Congratulations):

[Please tell us about these events so we can acknowledge them as appropriate.]

To those who reached or will reach milestones in the past month or this one, and to all who had any birthday or anniversary or other life event worth celebrating! Among those we know who are/

were to be acknowledged we include:

November: Ken Kleeman, Norma Winter, Roger Forman, Mark Schaul (milestone), Natalie Winowich, Betty Stern, Jill Epstein, Kim Aaron, Judy Watkins-Rimmey.

December: Ellie Schaul, Steve Jubelirer, Barbara Braun and Allan Tweddle, Cookie Glasser, David Feibelman, Melissa Cadle, Jackie Artz, Marion Baer.

January: Caroline Ostand, Ken Silverstein, Elizabeth Kantor-Bright, David Kushner, Richard Holicker, Terrie Rosenfeld, Tiana Hall, Hedy Poppelsdorf (milestone), Richard Gottlieb, David Shapiro, Beth Winter.

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Please contact Rabbi Blair

If you are having any difficulties getting groceries or medicine, feel a need to talk to someone, have a pastoral concern, or just want to talk, please feel free to email me (the rabbi) at

RabbiJoeB@gmail.com

or call (304) 989-4014

I am in the building for at least part of most days (Saturdays excepted), and can always find time to talk to you. I read email regularly (except on Shabbat or

holidays).

You can call me on Shabbat, and if it is an emergency, leave me a message telling me that it is urgent – I will call back as soon as I can.

At this time, though I would love to see you, in light of the Covid-19 case load numbers still increasing and the recommendations of many health professionals, I am erring on the side of caution and avoiding in-person meetings.

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December yahrzeits

Names are read the Friday evening prior to the yahrzeit date, which is in parentheses.

December 4th

Edward B. Cohen (5)
Dr. Leonard M. Eckmann (5)
Goldie Mendelsohn (5)
Lavalie Bixby Hoss (6)
Howard J. Klapper (6)
Frederick Barkus (7)
Marcus Lopin (7)
Cecile Rossin (7)
Albert Thalheimer Jr. (7)
Selma Widman (7)
Frederic J. Glazer (8)
Jean Loewenstein Lazarus (9)
Hershel R. Hark (10)
Emma Rae Jones (10)
Jo Marshuetz (10)
Maxwell Lewis Broverman (11)
Jess Cohn (11)

December 11th

Patricia Logan (13)
Esther Darling Weingarden (13)
Evelyn Forman (15)
Severna "Cissie" Herman (15)
Larry Zakin (15)

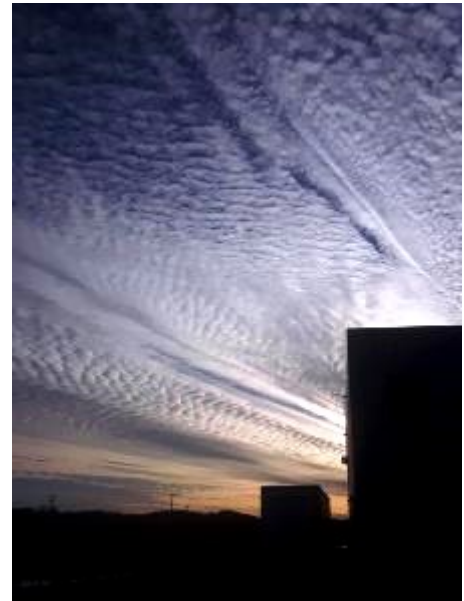
Hugh M. Jones Jr. (16)
Sara Goldhirsh Dash (17)
Teresa Roberts Davis (17)
Manuel Pickus (17)
Avraham Angel (18)
Helen Baer (18)

December 18th

Robert Silverstein Sr. (19)
Esther "Mickey" Baer (20)
Rudolph Grinberg (21)
Samuel Rosen (21)
Goldie Cohen (22)
Naomi Jean Bright (24)
Zelda Plotkin (24)
David Selinger (25)
Kaethe Wells (25)

December 25th

Beatrice H. Kleeman (26)
Edward Doernberg (28)
Paul Joseph Kaufman (28)
Rose Jean Kaufman (28)
Steven Miles Kaufman (28)
Eva Waisburd (28)



Nathan Forb (29)
Dorothy Allen (30)
George Badner (30)
Suzie Greenwald Chaskin (30)
Sydney Joseph Kaufman (31)
Otto Spiegler (31)
Charles H. Levine (Jan. 1)

Condolences are on p. 7

December at a Glance

All services, meetings, classes and events are virtual with one exception, via Zoom and/or conference call, until further notice. If you aren't receiving emails from Rabbi Blair about these sessions, please let him know.*

Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 9 AM – Temple Israel Conference Call Check-in
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 3 PM – A Bissel Torah
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 PM – The Two Rabbis: "In Light of Hanukkah: A look at religious freedom, then and now"

*Friday, Dec. 4 – At *St. Marks UMC in

downtown Charleston
*outdoors: 12-12:15 PM:
Interfaith Service of Unity and Reconciliation (masks and social distancing required)

Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 PM – LIVE and Virtual Shabbat service

Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 AM – Torah study

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 PM – Yiddish/ Hebrew Literature in Translation

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 PM – Charleston Death Café

Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 PM—Temple board meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 9 AM – Temple Israel Conference Call Check-in

Thursday, Dec. 10 in the evening – first candle of Hanukkah is kindled

Friday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 PM – LIVE and Virtual Shabbat service (2nd night of Hanukkah, two candles plus the Shamash candle are lit)

Monday, Dec. 14 at 10 AM – Temple Israel Zoom Check-in

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Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 9 AM – Temple Israel Conference Call Check-in

Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7 PM – Leora May Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 12 PM – WV Council of Churches ONLINE event “Holidays Presentation” featuring seasonal stories and information from many different faith traditions

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 3 PM – A Bissel Torah

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM – Last Night of Hanukkah Celebration jointly with B’nai Jacob Synagogue

Friday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 PM – LIVE and Virtual Shabbat service

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 AM—Sisterhood board meeting

Monday, Dec. 21 at 10 AM – Temple Israel Zoom Check-in

Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 9 AM – Temple Israel Conference Call Check-in

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 & 25 – Temple office closed

Friday, Dec. 25 at 5:30 PM – LIVE and Virtual Shabbat service

Monday, Dec. 28 at 10 AM – Temple Israel Zoom Check-in

Monday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 PM – Social Action Committee meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 9 AM – Temple Israel Conference Call Check-in

Thursday, Dec. 31—Temple office closed

Next Month

Friday, Jan. 1 – Temple office closed in observance of New Year’s Day

Friday, Jan. 1 at 5:30 PM – LIVE and Virtual Shabbat service.

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Dec. 3 at 6:30 PM. The Two Rabbis: Religious Freedom Then & Now.

Dec. 4, from 12 – 12:15 PM. Charleston Ecumenical & Interfaith Coalition Service of Unity and Reconciliation, at St Marks United Methodist Church, 900 Washington St. E. in Charleston. Join us for a brief service to promote healing and reconciliation for our community and country. We will hold this service monthly on the first Friday.

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 12 PM. WV Council of Churches Interfaith Winter Holidays Presentation featuring seasonal stories and information from many different faith traditions.

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 PM. Hanukkah last night celebration, jointly with the Synagogue. 8th night of Hanukkah. Stories, Songs, and Candle lighting. Bring your Hanukkah and kindle it along with everyone else. Remember your Sufganiyot and Latkes and Gelt!

Status

Covid-19 Concerns — The situation is unchanged from last month, though numbers have been increasing rapidly lately. Please stay safe and healthy – use masks, handwashing, and social distancing. The



Hanukkah begins on the evening of Dec. 10 with the lighting of the first candle. Packs of standard Hanukkah candles are available from the Temple office for \$2 per box. Pay anytime.

Covid-19 Coronavirus is no joke, and can have serious consequences.

Online Activities— The new equipment to allow us to continue our online presence has been ordered and received. Soon it will be set up and tested, and congregants will begin to be trained in its’ use by Rich Katz. This provides us with flexibility and the means to continue our virtual events, and then when it is deemed safe and appropriate, to phase in some in person aspects as well. We are planning ahead and preparing to support as many options as possible.

Meantime, our online Zoom services continue, and seem to be working well, allowing attendance by our usual crowd plus others who join us from near and far – a lovely unexpected benefit.

Services – We will continue weekly Shabbat services as we have been, opening

the Zoom session at 5 PM, with services starting at 5:30. Other events will also be offered – see the weekly LINKS email for how to connect.

Prayer Books – We are prepared to lend prayer books to congregants. If you wish to borrow a siddur for Shabbat please be in touch with the Rabbi or the office to arrange to pick one up. You don’t need to come in the building at all – just let us know you want to borrow prayer book(s), and let us know when you plan to come by. We will place them on the bench at the front of the building (Kanawha Blvd side); you can just pull up into the circular drive, find the bag on the bench in front with your name on it, and take that bag of books.

As always, we want to serve you in as many ways and as well as it is possible. Please be in touch with me (the rabbi), the office (Greg), or members of the board if you have any needs, suggestions, concerns, or questions.

Warm wishes for a happy thanksgiving, with many blessings, and may our festival of lights bring light, joy, and peace to you and your loved ones. May this darkest season of the year be the sign that light will soon be growing, and that blessings and good things are in store.

B’virkat Shalom (with blessings of peace),

Joe

Rabbi Joe Blair

Sisterhood Message

Care Comm. making up Hanukkah bags; we need your ideas

Dear Members of Temple Israel Sisterhood,

The election results are final and depending on your preference, you are either happy or not so. So, it goes, whenever diverse collective thinking is in play. As a segue into collective thinking and involvement, our Sisterhood needs more energy.

In so many groups there are always a select few who "do the work." During the political campaign, one candidate used a slogan that caught my attention, "For the Many and Not Just the Few."

It is no secret of our diminishing numbers in the membership at Temple as a whole and in Sisterhood for sure. This is true on a broader scale even in larger populations. That fact can be accepted as the way it is or some of you could volunteer to do more once we are out of Covid and even while we are still under restraints. Everything we do is on Zoom, but we could do more.

Become involved in Yiddish Literature, create a committee to do good in a way that is not known, adopt a family, support immigrants, put together some effort to raise money for a cause near to your heart, work on a talent show for a later time, create an event with readings, do a cookery and tasting when we can, add ideas since there is no such thing as a bad one.

There has been a uniqueness to my presidency, since we are under the Covid guidelines, but there is much to do and my efforts and those on the executive board are attempting to do more, but we could surely use more ideas and so much more energy. Have an idea for programming? Contact Marsha Albert – she is open to your suggestions.

If the way Sisterhood is run is boring to you, help us make it not so. Each one of us can be charged with malaise or an unwillingness to accept that copout.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Chanukah and to let you know that the Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee is working on gift bags that will contain things apropos to the holiday, such as latkes, applesauce, etc. for the many Temple members who will appreciate our loving outreach.

The Festival of Lights and the first candle is Dec. 10.

Hope you are keeping safe and helping others in your circle to be safe as well.

Smiling from behind my face mask,

Millie Snyder,

President

Sisterhood board meeting —
Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 AM



A big THANK YOU to each of you who responded to this year's 66th Holland Bulb Sale. Sisterhood is grateful for your support. This allows Sisterhood to continue local assistance in the community.

Judy Lundy
Bulb Chair

P.S. We look forward to the 67th Year as being one of our best.

Social Action Corner

Homelessness: many causes, solutions; "Tisket" thru Dec. 6

The Social Action Committee's first Issue of Conscience presentation this fiscal year was on homelessness. Presented at the October meeting, it was organized by Marsha Albert and focused on issues and programs in the Charleston area. She shared her interview with Emily Hanna, Coordinator of the City's Care Office, who coordinates her office's homeless programs and activities with the City's Addiction Response and Suicide Prevention programs.

We learned that mental health and substance abuse addictions were often intricately woven within the homeless population and that the COVID-19 epi-



More than 70 baskets available at "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket: Online Basket Auction" now through Dec 6

demic has made an already difficult and fragile situation even more precarious. The lack of affordable housing creates an even larger problem.

Hanna and her staff are involved with strategic planning as well as hands-on work, such as accompanying police and fire fighters in emergency calls when requested. Funded by a three-year grant, they also offer awareness training and community programs. Hanna is seeking to fill an open mental health coordinator position.

Marsha's second interview was with Kista McNeil, peer counselor at the PEER Family Day Center, located on Smith St. across from the Capitol Market. Under the umbrella of Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center,

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Our Thoughtful Contributors

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Donations received after the Bulletin deadline will be acknowledged in the next issue.
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If you would like to make a donation to a Temple or Sisterhood fund, please mail your check to Temple Israel and tell us to whom you would like a card to be sent.

Donations to a Sisterhood fund (Care Committee, Floral Fund or Y.E.S. Fund): checks should be made payable to Temple Israel Sisterhood, noting which fund on the memo line .

Donations to the Temple Israel Social Action Fund should be made payable to that fund.

Donations to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund should be made payable to that fund. Donations are used to help Temple members in financial distress.

Unrestricted donations or those to the Library should be made payable to Temple Israel.

Sisterhood Giving

Helen F. Thalheimer Care Committee of Temple Israel Sisterhood – Provides cards

and gifts to members who are ill or bereaved.

Floral Fund – Provides arrangements for pulpit flowers for Sabbath services and High Holy Days.

Y.E.S. Fund – Youth, Education, Special projects provides scholarship assistance for rabbinic students, National Federation of Temple Youth, and contributes to special projects of religious education, social and humanitarian concern.

Uniongrams – A service of sending messages for all occasions. Proceeds aid YES Fund.

Circle of Service – Membership is open to all interested people within or beyond the Sisterhood or the Temple family. Contributions are tax deductible.

World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) helps establish congregations, develops religious educational material, provides rabbinic leadership, and serves in an advisory and advocacy role.

- Services to the Blind and Visually Handicapped
- Supports the program of the Jewish Braille Institute.

***Looking forward to
 another January
 New Year***



After Hanukkah (and the minor fast day Tzom Asara B'Tevet on Dec. 25th) our next holiday is Tu B'Shevat on January 28th. We'll let you know what is planned for its observance as soon as we can.

Tu Bishvat fruits and nuts. Gilabrand, CC BY 3.0 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0>>, via Wikimedia Commons

Please write separate checks when making contributions to more than one fund or when paying membership dues.

Needs run unusually high during Corona Virus Pandemic

Please be generous – at this time there are many who are struggling, and needs continue to run unusually high in light of the Corona Virus Pandemic's impact, in limitations on businesses, resulting job losses, housing costs, and rampant health care costs that are hitting those who can least afford them – to name only a few of the causes.

In addition, there are many suffering from natural disasters, including flooding in South America, fires in the western states, violence caused by civil unrest and war, and supply chain failures for food in many areas. This is hitting not only locally, but globally.

The result is that needs are greater now than at almost any

other time. Please think generously and donate as you are able. Federated Jewish Charities, AJWS, HIAS, and so many other organizations are faced with requests from an overwhelming number of those in dire need.

Please remember the many Tzedakah opportunities locally: Manna Meal, Covenant House, YWCA's Sojourner's Shelter, RCCR, Mazon, and all the other worthy causes in our community, and those beyond. Please make your donations directly to the worthy organization(s) of your choice, and be as generous as you are able.

Joe
 Rabbi Joe Blair

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this facility opened in response to the Pandemic and provides homeless individuals access to a shower and laundry facility and other programs previously provided at Covenant House, such as bus tickets, ID's, housing assistance, and warm clothing. This program, open 8 AM – 4 PM is currently a backup to Covenant House, whose facilities are stretched since assuming the responsibility for the Food Pantry previously located at First Presbyterian Church. Blankets, socks, gloves, coats and gift cards are welcome in the way of donations to help those being served by the Center.

Depending on how the Pandemic affects gatherings in the spring, the issue of homelessness is being considered as a major initiative program for the SAC before the end of this fiscal year.

Announcements

The Friends of the Library Founda-

tion of Kanawha County, Inc.'s "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket: Online Auction" virtual fundraiser (a reconfiguration of the canceled April event at the Temple), which began Nov. 16, is auctioning off more than 70 baskets through 8 PM Dec 6. More detailed information has been emailed. More info online at <http://kanawhalibrary.org/> or on the [Friends of the Library Facebook page](#).

The Racism Summit sponsored by The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation via Zoom is continuing: Please contact Rachel Dash for Zoom information. More info online at <https://racematterswv.tv/>

At press time the Committee's next general business meeting was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30, 6:30 - 7:45 PM. All Temple members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Dash and Cookie Glasser,
Co-Chairs

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If you have a milestone event of any kind, or any birthday, anniversary, or life event that is worthy of celebration, please let us acknowledge and celebrate it with you! Tell the Rabbi about it.

Baruch Dayan Haemet (Condolences)

Temple Israel sends condolences to the McCollum family on the recent loss of Frank Engle McCollum. May his memory be a blessing and may the mourners be comforted from heaven.

Temple Israel sends condolences to the Kushner family on the recent loss of Tom McCann. May his memory be a blessing, and may the mourners be comforted from heaven.

ONLINE Auction to Benefit the Kanawha County Public Library
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthelibrarykanawhaco/>



WELCOME
to the
2020 A Tisket, a Tasket,
A Literary Basket
Silent Basket Auction

Proceeds benefit KCPL.

Nov. 16, 8 a.m. ~ Dec. 6, 8 p.m.





סֵדֵר הַדְּלָקַת נֵרוֹת חֲנֻכָּה

CHANUKAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav

v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu

bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ
בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

For first night only

BARUCH atah, Adonai

Eloheinu, Melech haolam,

shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all,
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

HANEROT HALALU — הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ

הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ אֲנַחְנוּ מִדְּלִיקִים עַל הַנִּסִּים וְעַל הַנִּפְלְאוֹת וְעַל
הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל הַמַּלְחָמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה. וְכָל שְׂמוֹנֶת יָמֵי חֲנֻכָּה הַנֵּרוֹת הַלְלוּ קִדְּשָׁנוּ וְאִין לָנוּ
רְשׁוֹת לְהִשְׁתַּמֵּשׁ בָּהֶם, אֶלָּא לְרֹאשׁוֹתָם בְּלִבָּד. כְּדִי לְהוֹדוֹת וּלְהַלֵּל
לְשִׁמְךָ הַגָּדוֹל עַל-נִסִּיךָ וְעַל-נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְעַל-יְשׁוּעָתְךָ.

WE KINDLE THESE LIGHTS because of the wondrous deliverance You performed
for our ancestors. During these eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred; we are
not to use them but only to behold them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks
for Your wondrous acts of deliverance.

First
candle of
Hanukkah
is Dec. 10.
“Last
Night”
ONLINE
celebration
is Dec. 17
at 5:30
PM—see.
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