

# Tradition... Tradition!



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*Fiddler on the Roof*

&

Chinese Food

A December 25  
tradition!

4 pm



Mark Fasman - Rabbi

## A Perutah For Your Thoughts

Alexander the Great tetradrachm  
ca. 325 BCE



Obverse: Herakles (Hercules)



Reverse: Zeus with eagle; inscription:  
"Of Alexander"

Hasmonean perutah  
Alexander Janneus (103-76 BCE)



Obverse: "YNTN High Priest  
and the Jewish 'hever'"



Reverse: double cornucopia

Some of you know that I have developed an interest in collecting artifacts connected with Jewish history. In addition to oil lamps and other pottery as much as 4,000 years old, I have begun a collection of ancient coins of the Land of Israel.

On my most recent stay in Jerusalem, last July, I added several coins to my collection, including the two shown above. On the left is a silver Alexander the Great tetradrachm, approximately 2300 years old, found in the vicinity of Jerusalem. The obverse (front) depicts a young (beardless) Herakles (the Romans called him Hercules) wearing a lion skin headdress, with the lion's paws tied at his neck. The reverse depicts a bearded Zeus, naked from the waist up, sitting on a backless throne, holding an eagle in his right hand and a scepter in his left hand. The Greek inscription translates into "Of Alexander."

We know that Alexander the Great conquered the Land of Israel in 332 BCE, as part of his campaign to conquer all of the known world of his time. Although the Second Temple had been built by this time, the Judeans were part of the Persian Empire, paying their taxes regularly, but otherwise allowed to practice their rituals and live in relative freedom in their established communities. To all of the lands that he conquered (Egypt to India), Alexander brought Greek culture, including the pantheon of Greek gods. Note that the coin contains an image of the most powerful of the Greek gods, Zeus, along with one of Zeus' many half divine/half human children, the demi-god Herakles. In addition to bringing Greek gods to the Land of Israel (supplanting or augmenting the existing Persian pantheon), the new Greek rulers also brought philosophy, public athletic contests, theater, music, public bath houses, and other entertainments.

Though there are few historical documents from the Second Temple period (ca. 500 BCE – 70 CE), it seems as though the Judean leadership of the time had already become used to living under the political control of others. First there was the Babylonian exile – actually, three separate exiles beginning in 597, 586, and 581 BCE and ending in 537, when the Persian emperor Cyrus allowed the Judeans to return to their land and to rebuild their Temple. Thus, the Judeans lived first under Babylonian rule, and then under Persian rule (either in the Land of Israel or in Babylonia) even after the "exile" ended.

As long as the ruling authorities left the Judean community alone (other than collecting taxes and imposing forced labor), and as long as the Temple ritual remained untouched, it seems that the majority of Jews (as they were now beginning to be called) accepted this new status quo. They were content to continue to believe in and to worship their one God as well as to behave according to established Jewish norms. I suspect that their attitude was similar to that depicted in Fiddler on the Roof: "May God bless and keep the czar ... far away from us."

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## HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkin



Another year, another Chanukah on its way – and the December dilemma begins yet again. My father always likes to note that Chanukah is a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar, and he believes, as many do, that the fuss over it is undeserved. But we live in a country that teaches our children and their parents that you must buy a lot and give a little during the “Holiday Season.” Chanukah isn’t even the gift-giving holiday – it’s on Purim that we are meant to exchange treats and goodies. The meaning of Chanukah is dedication. We celebrate the rededication of the Temple after its desecration by the Greek army, symbolized in the lighting of the Hanukkiyah. At the darkest time of year, we bring a little more light into our homes each night, until our Hanukkiot blaze with eight candles on the final night. How do we use the eight nights of Chanukah as a time to rededicate ourselves to Judaism, to our families, and to our community? How do we both honor the season and keep moderation in mind? Make each night of Chanukah a celebration of family, faith, and community, whether it is celebrating with friends or making sure the whole family is home for dinner and candlelighting. Make sure there is a Hanukkiyah for every member of the family. Invest in a new Chanukah CD and play it at home during dinner. Come to synagogue for evening minyan and help light candles here, or come each morning and hear the special Hallel (festival psalms) and Torah reading for each day. Perhaps designate each night of Chanukah with a special theme, as my colleague **Rabbi Rona Shapiro** suggests:

- Big Gift Night (each child gets one big gift from parents)
- Grandparent Night (children open gifts from their grandparents)
- Book Night (each child receives a book)
- Music Night (sing Chanukah songs, exchanging and playing Jewish CDs)
- Cooking Night (making latkes or sufganiyot)
- Tzedakah Night (wrapping presents to deliver to a children’s hospital or other charity)
- Homemade Gifts (lots are drawn before Chanukah and each member of the family makes a gift for someone else)

In the Talmud (Soferim 20:6), there is a special poem called “Hanerot Hallalu” (these lights) that is traditionally chanted after the Chanukah blessings. It reminds us that the lights we light on Chanukah are solely for enjoyment. As we revel in their beauty, we revel in our freedom and the many miracles God has wrought for us, both in ancient times and today:

We light these lights for the miracles and the wonders, for the redemption and the battles that You made for our ancestors in those days at this season, through Your holy priests. During all eight days of Chanukah, these lights are sacred, and we are not permitted to make ordinary use of them - but only to look at them; In order to express thanks and praise to Your great Name for your miracles, Your wonders and your salvations.

This year, as another Chanukah comes, say the words of Hanerot Hallalu and think about rededication in its true sense. Enjoy the candles after you light them. Enjoy your family, enjoy your friends, and enjoy the holiday. Chag sameach!

### Mazel Tov to...

**Allyson Klepner**, granddaughter of **Erwin & Anita Waldman**, and **Michael Feinstein** on their wedding November 25, performed by **Rabbi Fasman**.

**Allison Shenker**, daughter of **Mitchell & Janice Shenker**, on being named a National Merit Commended Student.

**Jennifer Levy**, daughter of **Joseph & Gayle Levy**, on her induction as the Youth Ambassador for the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation. As Youth Ambassador, Jenny will speak at large events and represent the youth of the chapter for CCFA. Additionally, she will act as a role model and support system for kids with Crohn’s and Colitis, showing them that they are not alone and can still be “normal” kids.

**Jacob Bashkin**, son of **James Bashkin** and **Shelley Shray**, who was selected for the National Young Leaders State Conference.

**Sarah Rubinson** on being chosen as the recipient of the Emerging Leader Award presented by J-ProStl (The Jewish Professional Association of St. Louis) at the annual Peer Recognition event. Sarah was nominated and selected by her peers in the Jewish community.

For information about ordering Ashreinu leaves and memorial plaques, please contact the office.



## Presenting Our 2007 B'nai Mitzvah Class



*Clockwise from left:*

Isaac Walker,  
Rinah West,  
Benji Goldsmith  
Brian Myers,  
Greg Markman,  
Taylor Wolf,  
Emily Ginsburg,  
Sarah Levy,  
Hannah Boxerman,  
Emma Rehfeld,  
Sam Bashkin,  
Corey Rosenberg,  
David Weinstein, and  
Daniel Sheinbein

### Calling 2008 B'nai Mitzvah candidates!

If your child is becoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the 2008 calendar year, please contact Chani Pinsberg at the office so we can confirm that our list is complete!

### Condolences

The synagogue offers condolences in their bereavement to the families of the following:

**Sheldon Katz**

October 10

Brother of Lillian Spetner (z"l), uncle of Alan (Helene) Spetner and Carol (Barry) Pessin, great-uncle of Amy Spetner and Rob Spetner.

**Family of Joe Preston**

October 24

**Esther Barzilai**

October 27

Mother of Ben (Joan) Barzilai.

**Beverly Freyman**

November 4

Mother of Julie (Jeff) Lazaroff.

**Dorothy Saxe**

November 15

Mother of Maxine Ray, grandmother of Allen Ray.

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## President's Gavel

Harriet Shanas - President

Well...this is it...my last column officially written as your President. It's inconceivable to me that two years have passed since I took on this exciting responsibility. I want to thank you for the confidence and trust you have shown in me and I hope you, in turn, have not been disappointed in the transformations Shaare Zedek has experienced during this time period.

Building on the tradition of strength and stability established by my presidential predecessors, Shaare Zedek's lay leaders and professional staff have worked tirelessly with me to coordinate a forward-thinking vision of Conservative Judaism while retaining the feeling of family and community that is at the core of our synagogue.

Some of the highlights include a new executive Director, **Harvey Leader**; the successful conclusion of our Capital Campaign, major reduction of our mortgage obligations and construction of a new lower Bimah; the hiring of our Hazzan, **Joanna Selznick Dulkan**, weekly musical Friday night services and ongoing efforts to create new Jewish musical and spiritual opportunities for our congregants; a new B'nai Mitzvah program; the continuation and growth of Shaare Shalom, our joint religious school with BSKI; enhanced family programming during the High Holidays and Shabbat; building enhancements including a new exterior sign; a development approach to raising funds, utilizing a proven annual appeal model; parlor parties where we can get to know each other; growing, vital Sisterhood and Men's Club auxiliaries; and an award-winning Youth Group with active programming for Noar, Kadima, and USY. In addition, we have strengthened our relationship with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, our parent organization, and brought Shaare Zedek notice at the local, regional, and national level.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers across the spectrum of synagogue activities that insure the care and feeding of our many programs, along with **Rabbi Fasman, Hazzan Dulkan, Harvey, Sarah, Chani, Nancy, Linda, Marty**, and the rest of our staff. I thank all of them. It's incredibly rewarding to be a member of this team.

I want to especially thank all of you. When I represent Shaare Zedek in the community, I am always proud, strengthened by your good sense and goodwill. Don't worry – I'm not really going anywhere. I am thrilled to serve as Chairman of the Board for the next term, offering my advice and experience to **Marsha Birenbaum** and the new crew of officers you've selected. I intend to continue to grow, learn, and worship with you. Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity you've afforded me to represent you as President over these last two years.

## Ask Zaide

*Since we all know that our Zaides know everything, Ask Zaide is a monthly column that answers your questions about the synagogue. Submit your question to [office@shaarezedek.org](mailto:office@shaarezedek.org).*



Dear Zaide,

Looking at the calendar, I see Chanukah is coming up. Where is Chanukah mentioned in the Torah? And exactly how do you spell it? I need to have an answer to tell my kids when they ask!

Sincerely,

*Quite Curious*

Dear Curious,

Well, actually, the miracle of Chanukah occurred after Biblical times, so it's nowhere in the Torah. The last of the Biblical prophets, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, lived at the onset of the Second Temple Era. Shortly thereafter the Men of the Great Assembly canonized the twenty-four books of the Bible.

The Maccabean war and the ensuing miracles happened close to two centuries later. Most of the events of Chanukah were recorded in the Books of the Maccabees. These books of unknown authorship, written by a Jewish chronicler who lived as the story of Chanukah unfolded, are universally accepted as being quite accurate. The basic Chanukah story is also recorded in Tractate Shabbat of the Talmud.

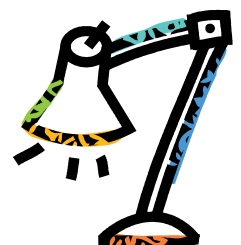
As for the correct spelling, the simple answer is that there really isn't one. When transliterating Hebrew into English, some letters (such as the Hebrew letter chet) don't have a partner in the English language. Additionally, the various spellings out there are really just different people's attempts to phonetically spell the holiday. None of them are incorrect; it's all about your personal preference.

So happy Chanukah, Chanukkah, Hanukah, and Hannukka!

*Zaide*

## Don't Be Left in the Dark!

Do you miss out on the timely reminders and updates from the synagogue via email? Well, it's easy to change that! Be sure to send your current email address to [Office@ShaareZedek.org](mailto:Office@ShaareZedek.org).



Dave Propper - President



This past October, **Burton Boxerman** presented a well-received program for Men's Club entitled "Jewish Lyricists." Approximately 25 attendees enjoyed our traditional Men's Club Deli Dinner and learned about the "Jewish writers behind the words" in the music we love and remember. Thank you to Burton for a great presentation and the Men's Club Kitchen Team who got the "bread on the table."

Chanukah is just around the corner, and the Shaare Zedek Men's Club will be teaming again for the second consecutive year with the Men from BSKI to bring the "Make Your Own Hanukkiyah" program to the Shaare Shalom Religious School on Sunday, December 3. Based upon the success this program enjoyed in its inaugural year, it will be expanded to include both the 3rd and 5th grade classes. Led by Master Hanukkiyah Maker **Alan Schwartz**, we are looking forward to helping our students design and build their own Hanukkiyahs from common materials found in Dad's workshop!

While it will be difficult for our Shaare Zedek Men's Club Sports Night to top the Cardinal's win of the 2006 Baseball World Series, we are pleased to announce that Cardinal's Radio and Television Broadcaster, **Wayne Hagin**, will be our guest speaker at our 2007 Sports Night! In addition to serving as a baseball analyst for Sports Open Line and Sports on a Sunday Morning, Wayne Hagin is the St. Louis Cardinals television play-by-play announcer for WB11, KPLR. Hagin served as the Cardinals play-by-play radio announcer on KMOX Radio from 2003-2005. Please see the ad below for more information.

The previously scheduled FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) Town Hall Meeting with FJMC President, **Bob Braitman**, has been rescheduled into December due to technical difficulties with the telephone conferencing system. However, I can tell you that I was invited to attend FJMC's International Leadership Development Institute in Baltimore, MD January 19 through 21. This is a training and development program for the officers of FJMC and Presidents of affiliated Men's Clubs. I'm looking forward to attending and working with my colleagues at FJMC.

**MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR**

**December 3:** Hanukkiyah Program  
**January 14:** Sports Night & Spaghetti Dinner

## The Men's Club Annual Sports Night & Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, January 14th at 6:30 pm.

# We're Talkin' Baseball with Wayne Hagin

Cardinals' broadcaster Wayne Hagin will speak to us on a variety of topics related to the upcoming baseball season.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US**

Reservations - Call the Synagogue Office at 314-727-1747 by January 9th, 2007

Door Prizes and Raffles of Sports Related "stuff"

**DINNER IS \$7.50 PER PERSON.**

Call the Synagogue office for reservations no later than Wed., Jan. 9.

**Don't miss this Major League Event!**



## Sisterhood

Cindy Ginsburg - President



Wow, it's hard to believe that December is upon us and it's Chanukah time!

**Sue Propper**, Vice President of Programming, has designed a unique morning of fun at our "Light My Fire" Chanukah Workshop. We will rotate through stations to include a latke cooking demo, crafts, games, and storytelling. Learn about the olive press (and make olive oil) through an interesting demonstration. And of course, **Arlene Kerman** is cooking brunch! Plan to join us on Sunday, December 10 at 10 am. Best of all ladies, the morning activities are free for all paid sisterhood members (\$10 for all others). So, send in your dues quickly or plan to pay that morning!

Do you need more information on Sisterhood dues? What will your \$27.50 (chai and a half) do for you? Well, you will be supporting your Sisterhood and synagogue, and you will have the opportunity to join all of our programming, workshops, and fun! In addition, you and your children are eligible to apply for scholarships for training, conventions, and camps! And, remember, first year members are free. Contact **Lisa Gellman**, Vice President of Membership at lisagellman@yahoo.com or 995-7177.

Once again, this year Sisterhood is sponsoring the "Chanukah Hugs" program at Shaare Zedek. This is a community-based program through Jewish Family and Children's Services. Please donate unwrapped gift items for teens, school age children, or toddler/infants. Just put your items in the large blue box labeled "Chanukah Hugs," and JF&CS will distribute them to families in need during the eight-day celebration. Sisterhood will also be collecting items at our "Light My Fire" Chanukah Workshop on December 10.

Sisterhood would also like to thank **Sue Roth**, Financial Advisor, for her workshop on "Empowering Women: What you need to know about finances for you and your Family." Information discussed included saving money for your children/grandchildren, financing college, and Trusts/Wills. Members enjoyed fresh fruit and pastries while gaining important information.

### SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

**December 10:** Chanukah Program

Save the Date for Casino Night!

March 17, 2007

Sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood

## Deadline for The New Cookbook has been extended to January 2007...

Get your recipes (like this one) into the office today!

### Chocolate Thumbprint Cookies

3 cups flour  
1 cup butter  
1 cup brown sugar  
3 tsp vanilla  
1/4 cup milk  
12-oz pkg chocolate chips  
2 Tbs shortening  
1/4 cup light Karo syrup  
2 Tbs water  
2 tsp vanilla  
powdered sugar

Chop 1/4 of the chocolate chips. Sift flour. Blend butter, brown sugar, and 3 tsp vanilla. Stir in flour, milk, and chopped chips.

Shape into 1/2-inch balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Make depression in center of each cookie with thumb. Bake 10-12 minutes at 375F. Roll in powdered sugar.

Combine over hot water the rest of the chips and the shortening. Stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in Karo, 2 Tbs water, and the 2 tsp vanilla. You can add some Amaretto if you wish!

Fill each cookie. In the center of the chocolate filling, pipe a tiny Magen David or a dreidel with white or blue icing, if desired. Makes about 4 dozen.

### Happy December Anniversary to...

Stan Braude & Nancy Berg  
Rolf & Shelby Cooke  
Jerome & Arlene Feldman  
Harvey & Carol Friedman  
Stanley & Nancy Goldstein  
Merwyn & Maxine Kalina  
Jack & Arleen Kerman  
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Michael & Harriet Shanas  
Zalman & Ellen Stein  
Alan & Bonnie Templeton  
Daniel & Sherri Weintrop



*Above: Hazzan and Zac Dulkan lead a train of dancers around the room.*

# MISHPACHA!

*Right: Rachel Guller and her granddaughter add decorations to their family Kiddush cup.*



*Below Left: Emma, Andren, and Hoben Rebfeld lead David Melech Yisrael.*

Our first Mishpacha (family) event, the Havdalah Pajama Party, was a huge success! Fourteen families with children ages three months to five years joined Hazzan Dulkan, Marty Schaeffer, Sarah Rubinson, and guest songleader Andrew Rehfeld for Havdalah, songs, dancing, and a special bedtime story. We made our own Havdalah sets and had a wonderful time together! We will be gathering on a monthly basis, and the group is open to members, prospective members, and friends.



*Above: Marc, Claire, and Lvav Spector participate in the singing.*



Our next event will be Chanukah Mishpacha Style on Sunday afternoon, December 17 from 4:15 to 5:45 pm. We'll celebrate with crafts, songs, and treats. Bring a wrapped holiday gift (book, game, toy) to give to a child at Children's Hospital.



*Above: Zac and Rabbi Ryan Dulkan make a Kiddush cup together.*



*Above: The Portman family works together, adding various spices for the spice bag.*

*Left: The Selipsky family holds their candle as they participate in the Havdalah service.*

## Youth Programs

Sarah Rubinson - Youth Director

Both November and December are very busy months for us! Back in November, the Noar-ites competed in Iron Chef (Mazel Tov to our winner, **Corey Rosenberg**). The Kadimaniks took a trip to Columbia, MO (thanks to **Amanda Rainey** and **Shira Berkowitz** for hosting us), and USY had numerous programs. We had our first USY sleepover, planned by **Jake Shanas**, with a huge attendance. We held an Israel program before partaking in Laser Tag and a few games of Demolition Ball.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, nineteen fabulous SZSLers traveled to Des Moines, Iowa to the largest regional convention of the year, Kinnus. Our attendees were **Ben Arnstein**, **Amanda Cooke**, **Philip Cooke**, **Rachyl Cooke**, **David Feldman**, **David Ginsburg**, **Maggie Israeli**, **Jenny Levy**, **Mital Lyons-Warren**, **Eliot Markman**, **Emily Marx**, **Kelsey O'Donnell**, **Jamie Rosenberg**, **Laura Rosenberg**, **Jake Shanas**, **Allison Shenker**, **Mimi Sosna**, **Claire Waxenberg**, and **Jesse Zvibleman**. And, thanks to the proceeds from the Purim Carnival, as well as donations to the Iken Fund and money from the Sisterhood, we were able to fully subsidize the cost of transportation for this convention.

This month we continue with our packed schedule. On December 6, we will have a SATO Lounge Night, planned by **Eliot Markman**. As part of the evening's activities, the USYers will be able to donate money for the opportunity to help cut my hair for Locks of Love.

We will also be holding our first Shabbat dinner of the year. Thanks in advance to the Rosenbergs for opening their home to us for the night.

At the end of the month, Jenny Levy, Allison Shenker, and I will be heading to Boston for International Convention. Over a thousand USYers will convene for eight days of fantastic programming.

Also in December, **Bryan Goltzman** (the Regional Youth Director) and **Moshe Levi** (the Regional Shaliach) will be coming to St. Louis to hold a summer program informational session. USY offers some really great opportunities for the summer months (including a new program for incoming 9th graders). Information was sent out last month, and I urge you to look over it and attend this session to get more information so that no one misses out!

Finally, we have begun a new incentive program for attendance at USY programs. For every program a USYer attends, he'll receive a sticker on our chart. At the end of each month, the USYer with the most stickers will receive a \$20 credit for future programs and become the Member of the Month. And, at the end of the year, the USYer with the most stickers will receive a free trip to Chapter Membership Training (to be held in June). So keep coming to those programs!



*Jake Shanas, Ben Arnstein, and David Feldman lead Havdalah at the start of the USY Sleepover.*



*SZSL Kadimaniks and Columbia middle schoolers pose in front of the wagon after the hayride.*



*Emma Rehfeld, Hannab Boxerman, Taylor Wolf, Sarah Levy, and Emily Ginsburg decorate tiles with the Hebrew names. at the B'nai Mitzvah dinner.*

### YOUTH CALENDAR

- December 4:** USY Shabbat
- December 3:** Kadima Iron Chef
- December 3:** Summer Program Info Night
- December 6:** USY SATO Lounge Night
- December 8:** Shabbat Unplugged
- December 9:** USY Program
- December 10:** Noar Program
- December 15:** USY Shabbat Dinner
- December 17:** Latkapalooza
- December 20-28:** International Convention

## CAJE

Maxine Weil - Jewish Community Hebrew School  
Rabbi Ari Vernon - Jewish Community High School

*"The commandment for Chanukah is one light per household."*

- *Talmud Shabbat 21b*

You probably didn't know that when it comes to observing Chanukah many of us go well beyond the minimum requirement and go the extra mile in lighting one light per person per night. Our practice of going the extra mile, called mehadrin min hamehadrin, reflects the value that we place in not just doing mitzvot, but in doing them in a beautiful way. That same spirit of hidur mitzvah guides the programming of our schools and the commitment of our faculty. Especially at this time of year, when the weather can be dreary, we are working to brighten up our spirits with exciting and fun programming.

In the last few months, our students have enjoyed the annual Yom Limmud: A Day of Discovery for Jewish Teens, opportunities to meet with Israelis from Yokneam-Meggido who served in the Israeli Army this summer and Israeli participants in the Israel-at-Heart program, and the 7th Grade Conservative Community Shabbaton.

This month at the Jewish Community Hebrew School we are anticipating an exciting community shabbaton for 4th graders on December 8/9, and our school-wide Mincha service will soon transition to Ma'ariv. We'll have the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah together with "Lotsa Latkes" during class time on December 18 /19, the last days of school before Winter break.

The Jewish Community High School is quickly wrapping up its Fall semester. We will conclude with a Chanukah party on Thursday evening, December 21. Even if you're not a Hebrew High student, if you're in grades 8-12 you are welcome to join in the fun. Registration for the Spring semester is already open, and we invite returning students and new students to send in their registration forms soon. Spring semester begins on January 4.

We wish you all a wonderful end to the secular year and a Happy Chanukah.

### CAJE CALENDAR

**December 20-January 3:** No Hebrew School

**December 21:** Hebrew High Party

**January 4/8:** Hebrew School resumes

**January 4:** Hebrew High School Resumes

## Religious School

Chani Pinsberg - Education Director

You have probably had a chance to see the big poster with the kids' names and dates of synagogue attendance. Students who fulfill the attendance requirement will be invited to a bowling party at Olivette Lanes on January 28 from 2 to 3 pm. This fun party will be attended by students from Shaare Zedek, BSKI, and B'nai Amoona who have earned at least 10 attendance stickers since the beginning of September for Shabbat and holidays. Shabbat attendance is an integral part of religious education, and it is very important for the students to come to the synagogue and use the skills they have acquired at Religious School, Day School, and Hebrew School. I hope to see everybody at Shul because it is cool!

The Education Fair was a wonderful opportunity to see so many teachers from the whole community involved in Jewish Education. Our madrichim (assistants) were invited to attend special sessions with many other St. Louis area teenagers who are also assisting in Religious School. It's refreshing to see so many teens who choose to work on Sunday mornings. These young men and women can serve as role models for our students.

During the month of December, the students are studying the holiday of Chanukah. Students in the lower grades will have the opportunity to experience the holiday through music and art in addition to reading and discussing the meaning and symbols of the holiday. The older students will discuss the historical and spiritual relevance of the holiday, deal with the "December dilemma," and create Chanukah objects to take home or donate to needy children.

While we rejoice in the holiday, we want to help those who are less fortunate than us. Please bring a new toy to donate to Chanukah Hugs. The Jewish Family & Children's Service sponsors this project and is working with the congregations once again this year to collect new, unwrapped books, toys, and wrapping paper to distribute to families in need. There are decorated boxes set up for the toy drive around the synagogue.

Wishing you a Happy Chanukah, Chag Chanukah Sameach!

### SHAARE SHALOM CALENDAR

**December 24 and 31:** No School

**January 7:** Return to School

# Everyone Has a Story: The Story of Harry Baker

by Sima Needleman

Long time Shaare Zedek member and staunch baseball fan, **Harry Baker** was born December 17, 1909 and will be 97 years old next month! He and his wife, Betty, have been married for 69 years.

Harry's story began with his parents who were born in neighboring villages in Lithuania but who really did not know each other well until they immigrated to America.

After they got married, his father, who had been trained as a tailor in Europe, peddled clothing to earn a living. Later, he worked for a tailoring company, and, in time, he opened a tailor shop of his own. He and Harry's mother lived behind the shop. Later, the couple moved to a row house on 14th and Cass Streets where their four sons were born. Harry was the third son. A few years later, the family moved to a larger home in Jennings, and there, Harry's sister was born. The children went swimming in Fairgrounds Park and the boys played soccer. The four brothers always stuck together. All four of them went to work as delivery boys in drug stores, both before and after school, to help support their family. Interestingly, all four later became pharmacists, and three out of four of them owned their own drug stores. Harry attended Pharmacy School after graduating from Soldan High School.

He met his wife, **Betty**, on a blind date. They went to the Mundy Opera that night and then often after that. Harry and Betty got married in 1937, which, according to Harry, was the best thing that ever happened to him. In the beginning, he did not earn much money, and his parents could not help them out financially. He eventually met a man who sold wholesale drug supplies, however, and he helped him get started in buying and operating a drug store.

Today, Harry and Betty have one daughter, **Eileen** (whom they adopted when she was four months old) and three grandsons (Joel, Drew, and Brett) who are the pride of their grandfather's life. His daughter is a nurse who graduated from City Hospital's School of Nursing. Her three sons are all college graduates who were involved in student exchange programs and, therefore, have lived in various countries such as England, Japan, South Korea, Holland, South America, and Africa.

In thinking back over the years, Harry stated that he always enjoyed nature and the outdoors with its fresh air, sunrises, and sunsets. Also, he used to like to go fishing and to take the family to Forest Park on hot summer evenings to escape the heat. Evidence of his love of the outdoors is in his home. Harry has gathered colorful leaves and arranged them in pretty patterns around pictures on the white walls of his living room. Also, Harry has been a Cardinal fan since 1924 and remembers seeing the team play in their first World Series game in 1926.

Harry is a man who never wanted to be in the limelight and has always tried to be truthful and to do the right thing. He has had many good years and does not envy anyone. In addition, he feels satisfied with the life that he and Betty have had. He says this even though Betty now has Alzheimer's Disease. She needs someone to take care of her, and he considers that his job. Harry does have outside help on certain days each week, and his daughter (Eileen) and Betty's brother, **Hy**, help out, too. Harry added that he actually depends on Eileen a great deal, and that she loves them very much and shows it.

Eileen added to Harry's narrative. One of the things she said was that her father always loved life and has a happy heart. He loves to walk, and he walks around whistling and singing and often says that if you can't laugh, you might as well be dead.

Then, she mentioned that she had a terrific childhood and cannot say enough about what her parents have done for her. Now, she wants to repay them, take care of them, and have them come live with her. Furthermore, she stated that her parents have always been so devoted to each other. Her mother used to do everything for her father, and now he is doing everything for her.

Their love for each other is apparent in a daily ritual that Harry initiated. At dinner every day, Harry stands beside Betty's chair and helps her recite the Bruchas over the food. When she is finished, he kisses her first on the lips and then on her forehead and says, "I love you." This quiet and kind man, who shuns being in the limelight, has a story that is worth telling.

## Calling all College students!

We like to maintain contact with our students even when they are away!

Send in your children's college addresses so that they can be included in our holiday mailings and other opportunities.

Student information is not kept from year to year. Please resubmit your information as soon as possible

Information can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the office.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Member and Community News...

## CHOICES

Jewish College Fair 2007

Looking at Colleges through Jewish Eyes

Sunday, January 28, 2007

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Temple Israel #1 Rabbi Alvan D. Rubin Dr. St. Louis, MO 63141

## FIRST EVER JEWISH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

A JEWISH Summer Opportunities Fair will be held on Sunday, January 28, from 11 am to 2 pm at B'nai Amoona Congregation.

This will be free and open to the public and geared toward families of school-aged children. There will be representatives for the following:

- Jewish day camps in St. Louis
- Jewish overnight camps spanning the entire religious and ideological spectrum of the Jewish community from this area and other regions
- Teen programs including national travel programs, trips to Israel, and other unique and specialized offerings
- Staff recruitment of camps

The Fair is a joint project of the Jewish Camp Directors Council of the St. Louis Central Agency for Jewish Education (CAJE) and Tips on Trips and Camps ([www.TipsonTripsandCamps.com](http://www.TipsonTripsandCamps.com)), a camp referral service with over 35 years in the camping industry.

If you have any questions, please feel to call **Jenny Wolkowitz**, Midwest consultant for Tips on Trips, at 432-8642 or [Jenny@TipsonTripsandCamps.com](mailto:Jenny@TipsonTripsandCamps.com).



A unique opportunity to meet college representatives from around the country and have your specific questions answered **one on one**.

**Over 55 colleges and universities will be represented!**

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Contact: Karen Rader 314.442.3756 or [krader@cajestl.org](mailto:krader@cajestl.org) or visit our website [www.cajestl.org](http://www.cajestl.org).



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## Help Solomon Schechter Day School with Cookies and Magazines

Aunt Bonnie's Gourmet cookie dough is a made-from-scratch recipe sold in tubs. Think homemade cookies without the mess and hassle of making them yourself...so easy for the holidays or any time!

- Each 3 lb tub makes 96 – one-half ounce cookies
- This dough is OU KOSHER dairy
- Store in fridge 2 months, or freezer 6 months
- Sugar, Chocolate Chunk, Chocolate Candy, Honey Oatmeal Raisin, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Peanut Butter, Triple Chocolate Deluxe, Snickerdoodle, Gourmet White Macadamia Nut (\$11-\$13 per tub)

On sale Friday, November 3 – Monday, November 20 with pick up on Thursday, December 14 at SSDS

40%-50% of the sale goes directly into enhancing student experiences.

For more information, contact Debra Sartori at 636-530-1852.

Once again, the SSDS Parents Association is selling magazine subscriptions. Last year, we earned over \$2,500 for enrichment programs.

FAQ: Why should I buy magazines through Solomon Schechter?

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**R e m e m b e r :**  
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## The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Your Help

For the month of December, the St. Louis Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items in order to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need:

1. Tuna Fish
2. Pasta Sauce
3. Jelly
4. Macaroni & Cheese
5. Personal Care Items

Items should be brought to the collection areas at the synagogue. For further information, please contact **Louise Levine** at 636-227-1259.

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Congratulations to **Burton Boxerman** for another fabulous Trivia Night! We were sold out and collected over \$5000! Everyone had a great time due to the hard work of volunteers **Steve Birenbaum, Barry Freedman, Joe & Julia Iken, Byron & Audrey Katcher, Allen Levin, Arleen Kerman, David & Tara Tenzer, and Myles Tenzer.**

Mark your calendar for February 3, 2007 for "A Glass Act" event welcoming our new Hazzan, **Joanna Selznick Dulkan,** to our Shaare Zedek community! The time is 7:30 pm, and the place is the Third Degree Glass Factory. This delicious Kosher cocktail party includes glass blowing demonstrations and jazz music. The Third Degree Glass Factory is conveniently located at 5200 Delmar and has ample parking. Ticket prices start at \$85 per person, and there are opportunities to sponsor this special event. For more information, contact co-chairs **Joyce Podolsky** at 432-6564 or **Phyllis Loiterstein** at 434-1339.



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swipe the card.**

## St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music to Present Chanukah Concert

Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm at Congregation Shaare Emeth

Admission is \$5 for adults. Children under 12 are free.

Proceeds benefit the ongoing work of the St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music

The entire Jewish community is cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

For additional information, contact 772-2171



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However, over time there developed an increasing problem with Jews assimilating into Greek culture. To get a sense of this tension between Torah and Greek philosophy, I recommend the book, *As a Driven Leaf*, by Milton Steinberg.

There are four extant books of Maccabees, not included in the Hebrew bible, but certainly known to the rabbis who shaped our tradition. After the death of Alexander the Great (in 323 BCE, at the age of 32), his empire was divided up among his three generals. Seleucus got the Land of Israel (along with Anatolia/Turkey, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia). Between 323 and 60 BCE, there were no fewer than thirty Seleucid kings over this empire. By the time that Antiochus IV Epiphanes had risen to power (175 BCE), the process of assimilation between Jews and Greek culture had progressed so far that it would only take a small push to start a civil war between those Hellenized Jews and the “traditionalists.”

The “push” came in 168 BCE. Two years earlier, Antiochus had begun a campaign against Egypt, conquering all but Alexandria. Two years later, after the king of Alexandria allied himself with his brother, the “puppet” king of Egypt, Antiochus invaded again, with similar results. However, this time, he was met by an envoy from Rome, who told him that he must immediately withdraw from Egypt and Cyprus. Antiochus responded that he would have to talk it over with his council, so the envoy drew a line around him in the sand and told him to “think about it here.”

That famous line in the sand led to the withdrawal of Antiochus from Egypt and Cyprus, and in his frustration and anger, he organized an expedition against Jerusalem (on his way home). He brutally murdered many Jews and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the Jewish community was experiencing plenty of internal turmoil already. The attack on Jerusalem emboldened a priestly family (that of Matitياهو, Kohen ha-Gadol – known as the Maccabees) who began their revolt initially against Hellenized Jews who were willing to accede to the Seleucid demand for religious loyalty, a demand that meant relinquishing their exclusive loyalty to the One God of Israel.

For Matitياهو and his sons, this was their line in the sand. Jews could not be permitted to assimilate to the extent that they gave up their Jewish religious particularity – their unique beliefs and behaviors. It took three years, but the Maccabees ultimately defeated the Seleucid army and established a dynasty – the Hasmoneans – who ruled over Judea for 102 years, from 165 to 63 BCE (when the Romans took control). The Hasmoneans were, in many ways, as brutal as Antiochus had been; but this time, their brutality was directed against the Hellenized Jews. They combined the role of King and High Priest (forbidden by Torah as well as politically foolish). They engaged in forced conversions to Judaism – the only time in our history that this occurred.

On the other hand, the Hasmonean dynasty reestablished Temple worship and traditional Jewish practices within the land that they controlled. They also minted their own money. At the beginning of this article you see a Hasmonean bronze perutah, essentially like a penny. It was with this coin that Rabbi Akiba later said that a man could acquire a wife. Note the writing on the obverse (front) of the coin. It is in ancient Hebrew script, not the Aramaic script (with which we are familiar) that had already come into common use.

I now own ten ancient coins from the Land of Israel, the oldest being the Alexander the Great tetradrachm pictured above, and the newest being 136 CE (a year after the end of the Bar Kokhba revolt). The only coins from this 468-year period of time that contain Hebrew (in either ancient or Aramaic script) are from this Hasmonean period and from the two periods of revolt against Rome. Only the former were “legal tender” – the latter two types carry with them the death penalty, since they were created by over-stamping a Roman coin, literally de-facing the Emperor.

Most of the time the language on the coins is Greek and Latin, since these were the languages of the dominant empires of the period; only sovereign rulers were permitted to mint money. Thus, from 597 BCE until 1948 CE, the only “legal” coins produced by Jews were produced during the century that Jews ruled themselves: 165 to 63 BCE.

We are a nation without a nation, a people without a land. Israelite religion transformed itself to meet the needs of living in exile beginning 2,600 years ago. During the intervening years, it became Judaism and continued its transformation designed to meet the exquisitely difficult balancing act between beliefs and practices of the Jewish tradition and the beliefs and practices of the ruling culture in which we live.

We live in constant tension, faced with constant conflict (both internally and externally). But the miracle of Chanukah is that this one tiny Jewish spark, kindled nearly 4,000 years ago and handed from generation to generation in every part of the world, shining more or less brightly in dozens of languages and dozens of cultures, has continued to glow, casting light for ourselves and for our world. As beneficiaries of this miracle, we have but one task: don't let the light go out.

Chag Ha-Urim Sameach – Have a Joyous Feast of Lights.

*Alexander Jannaeus (also known as Alexander Jannai/Yannai), king of Judea from (103 BCE to 76 BCE), son of John Hyrcanus, inherited the throne from his brother Aristobulus, and appears to have married his brother's widow, Shlomit or Shlomit or “Shelomit”, also known as Salome Alexandra, according to the Biblical law of Yibum (“levirate marriage”), although Josephus is inexplicit on that point.*

*His likely full Hebrew name was Jonathan; he may have been the High Priest Jonathan, rather than his great-uncle of the same name, who established the Masada fortress. Under the name King Yannai, he appears as a wicked tyrant in the Talmud, reflecting his conflict with the Pharisee party. He is among the more colorful historical figures little known, however, outside specialized history, although the impact of him and his widow on the subsequent development of Judaism and Christianity is substantial.*

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The Sisterhood acknowledges with thanks the following contributions in support of our many projects.

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We thank the people who chanted Haftarat during November: **Sydney Farber, Steve Keyser, Gary Vickar, and Alex Shimony**

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## Sharing our Simchas

The synagogue thanks the following for hosting a Shabbat Kiddush in November:

**The Faye Keyser Fund & Jewish War Veterans** in honor of Veterans' Day Shabbat.

**Garry & Bonnie Vickar** in honor of their grandchildren's naming.

**Josh & Becky Shimony** in honor of **Alex's** Bar Mitzvah.

# Join Us Shabbat Morning For...

## Babysitting (1-5 years)

*10 am in the ECC or Mirowitz Auditorium (downstairs)*

Fun and games for those too young to experience the other options, complete with snacks and juice.

## Junior Congregation (K-4th grades)

*10:45 am in the Guller Chapel*

A lively and engaging service for our younger members. Parents and families are encouraged to attend.

## Family Service (K-4th graders & families)

These services are led by dynamic guests. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children as it is truly fun and educational for all ages.

## The Mitzvah Years (5th-8th graders)

*10:45 am in the Youth Lounge*

A special service held most Shabbat mornings for those around B'nai Mitzvah age led by Youth Director Sarah Rubinson.

## Shacharit in the Sanctuary

*8:45 am in the Epstein Sanctuary*

All are welcome in the sanctuary for our traditional egalitarian service. All children are welcome; they are especially encouraged to attend towards the end for Adon Olam and other prayers before helping the Rabbi and Hazzan with Kiddush.

## Shabbat Calendar

### December 2

Andrew Rehfeld Family Service

USY Shabbat

Mitzvah Years

### Friday, December 8

Shabbat Unplugged

### December 9

Junior Congregation

Mitzvah Years

### December 16

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Mitzvah Years

### December 23

Kalina Baby Naming

Junior Congregation

### December 30

Junior Congregation

Save the Date!



## An Evening of FUN, Food & Celebration!

To Welcome our Hazzan Joanna Dulkan  
Join us on February 3, 2007  
at the Third Degree Glass Factory

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## What's Happening This Month...

For more information about any of these programs, please call the office at 727-1747 or visit our website at [www.ShaareZedek.org](http://www.ShaareZedek.org).

Sunday, December 3 at 7:30 pm

### OPHIR PINES-PAZ

Ophir Pines-Paz, the past Israeli Minister of Science, Technology, Culture, and Sports, will be speaking. Pines-Paz is one of the up and coming leaders of the Labor Party and is also a member of the Ramot Masorti congregation (the Conservative movement in Israel).

Friday, December 8 at 6 pm

### SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

Our monthly service, complete with a band and lots of Ruach. This month we will be focusing on our families with school-age children.

Saturday, December 9 at 7 pm

### MOVIE: LIFE OF BRIAN

The Saturday Night Movie series will continue its tour through Jewish Comedy with a strictly seasonal entry. Monty Python's "Life of Brian" is a satire about a nice Jewish boy who happens to be born two-thousand-plus years ago in the stable next door to *another* nice Jewish boy. Things go downhill from there, as people keep mistaking Brian Cohen for their (latest) Messiah. The Judaism is Second Temple, and the accents are British, but the comedy is universal. And sometimes scatological -- this movie is rated R for language and (brief) nudity.

We'll begin with a brief introduction to the Jewish themes of the movie, a screening (94 minutes), and optional discussion afterwards. Admission is free, and so are the popcorn and soda!

Sunday, December 10 at 10 am

### SISTERHOOD LIGHT MY FIRE PROGRAM

A Chanukah Workshop sponsored by Sisterhood featuring a light brunch. Come learn about the olive press & watch olive oil being made! The program will also feature cooking demonstrations, crafts, story telling, games, and lots of fun. There is no cost to paid members of Sisterhood; \$10 for non-members. RSVP by Tuesday, December 5 to Sue Propper at 862-5698 or [suemeryl@charter.net](mailto:suemeryl@charter.net). Please bring a new, unwrapped toy/gift for our Chanukah Hugs collection.

Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 pm

### B'NAI MITZVAH DINNER

A D'Var Torah workshop for those families celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2007. Dinner is included. Please RSVP to the office by December 6.

Sunday, December 17 from 4:15 - 5:45 pm

### CHANUKAH MISHPACHA STYLE

Join us for Chanukah singing, treats, and crafts on the third day of Chanukah. Bring a wrapped children's gift (toy, book, game) to share with the kids at Children's Hospital. For children 0-5 and their families.

Monday, December 25 at 4 pm

### TRADITION...TRADITION!

Join us for everyone's favorite December 25 tradition of Chinese food and a movie. We'll watch and sing along with *Fiddler on the Roof* and dine on Chinese food during intermission. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. RSVP to the office by December 20.

## Shaare Zedek Young Adults:

Join us for a Chanukah outing to Ameristar on Saturday, December 16. Contact Liz at [YoungAdults@ShaareZedek.org](mailto:YoungAdults@ShaareZedek.org) for more information.

### 10th of Tevet

Please plan to attend one or more of the services commemorating Asarah be'Tevet (10th of Tevet) on Sunday, December 31. It is one of the four minor fast days we observe each year. A minor fast day lasts during the daylight hours only. This fast marks the beginning of Nebuchadnezzar's siege of Jerusalem, leading to the destruction of the first Temple. The morning minyan will be at 8 am, the normal time for Sunday. The special minchah service will be at 1:30 pm that day. The Torah will be read at both services, and a short Haftarah will be chanted at the mincha service. To properly observe this day at least six of the required 10 adults must be fasting.

Watch for  
information about  
Chanukah events  
soon!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>The deadline for the January News is December 10.</p> <p><b>Happy Chanukah!</b></p>					1 10	2 11 VAYETZE
3 12 Shaare Shalom Chanukah Program Kadima Program 7:30 pm Ophir Pines-Paz 8 am & 6 pm	4 13 9:45 am WL Class 7 am & 6 pm	5 14 8 am Text Study 7 am & 6 pm	6 15 7 am & 6 pm	7 16 7 am & 6 pm	8 17 <b>Shabbat Unplugged</b> 4th Grade Shabbaton at BA Candlelighting 4:22 7 am & 5:30 pm	9 18 <b>VAYISHLACH</b> Spetner/Doughty Auf Ruf USY Program 7 pm Movie: Life of Brian 8:45 am & 3:35 pm
10 19 10 am Sisterhood Program Noar Program B'nai Mitzvah Dinner 8 am & 6 pm	11 20 9:45 am WL Class 7 am & 6 pm	12 21 8 am Text Study 7 am & 6 pm	13 22 7 am & 6 pm	14 23 7 pm Circle of Jewish Music Concert 7 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7 am & 6 pm	15 24 First Chanukah Candle USY Shabbat Dinner Candlelighting 4:23 7 am & 5:30 pm	16 25 <b>VAYESHEV CHANUKAH</b> 2nd Candle 8:45 am & 3:40 pm
17 26 3rd Candle Mishpacha 8 am & 6 pm	18 27 9:45 am WL Class 4th Candle 6:45 am & 6 pm	19 28 8 am Text Study 5th Candle 6:45 am & 6 pm	20 29 6th Candle 6:45 am & 6 pm	21 30 7th Candle Rosh Chodesh No Hebrew School Hebrew High Chanukah Party 6:45 am & 6 pm	22 1 Rosh Chodesh 8th Candle Candlelighting 4:25 6:45 am & 5:30 pm	23 2 <b>MIKETZ CHANUKAH</b> Kalina Baby Naming 8:45 am & 3:40 pm
24 3 No Sunday School 8 am & 6 pm	25 4 9:45 am WL Class No Hebrew School Chinese Food/ Fiddler on the Roof 7 am & 6 pm	26 5 8 am Text Study No Hebrew School 7 am & 6 pm	27 6 No Hebrew School 7 am & 6 pm	28 7 No Hebrew School/Hebrew High 7 pm Board Meeting 7 am & 6 pm	29 8 Candlelighting 4:30 7 am & 5:30 pm	30 9 <b>VAYIGASH</b> 8:45 am & 3:45 pm
31 10 No Sunday School Fast Day 8 am, 1:30 pm & 6 pm						

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