

THE FOCAL POINT

The Newsletter of Kehilath Israel Synagogue



MESSAGE FROM RABBI MOSHE GRUSSGOTT



I am distraught to see that in my former home base of New York City, an outright anti-Jewish candidate has won the race to become mayor of America's largest city, and its largest Jewish community. Zohran Mamdani is virulently hostile to Israel and to Zionism.

In my cynical moments, I simply say, well, just add that to the list of reasons I am glad to have left New York! However, we can't afford to be so cynical. What happens to Jews in America's largest city affects all of us. Mamdani has speciously claimed that police violence in New York City can be blamed on the IDF and Israel, since the IDF has occasionally held joint training sessions with the NYPD. This is nothing but classical antisemitism - the notion that all of the world's ostensible problems can be traced back to the Jews. Mamdani deals with such tropes from the far left.

Meanwhile, on the far right, we have the case of the odious Tucker Carlson recently sitting down for a

deplorable friendly chat with white nationalist Nick Fuentes. It seems that we Jews are taking hits from all sides.

On Chanukah, we commemorate how the Syrian Greeks attempted to assimilate us into their Hellenist belief system and to abandon our Judaism. Hellenism was the flavor of the day at the time. Today it might be the neo-Marxism of Mamdani or the neo-Fascism of Carlson and Fuentes.

We take comfort this Chanukah in knowing that we have always outlasted our enemies. That doesn't mean we don't remain vigilant in the meantime. But it does mean we don't let those enemies ruin our commitment to living Jewish lives in a state of Simcha (joy) and confidence.

**Wishing a
happy Chanukah
to us all!!**

RABBI GRUSSGOTT'S OFFICE HOURS:

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOSEPH ADAMOUS



As the crisp air settles in, and the leaves begin to change color and fall across the Midwest, we find ourselves in a season transition and quiet reflection. The simplicity of autumn, with its cooler days and shorter nights, invites us to slow down, appreciate the

environment and connect more deeply with our community and faith.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we are reminded of gratitude, for the blessings we have for the support of family and community and opportunity to reflect on many ways we can give thanks in our lives.

As many of you are aware, our main fundraiser, the **Grand Givers** event, was a festive evening featuring a gourmet dinner with wine and music from Elton John's albums presented by Elton Dan and rocket band. This affair was a success, thanks to the hard work of doctors **Drs. Michael and Shari Sokol** and their talented committee.

In the following weeks, we had the opportunity to hear two guest speakers at K.I.:

Doctor Emil Schrijver the general director of the Jewish historic museum of Amsterdam, who is also the professor of Jewish book history at the university of Amsterdam and a renowned author, spoke about Jewish books, including the pictorial Hagaddahs and the hidden meanings in some of those pictures.

In the following month, **Dr. Rami Zeeidan**, program director of undergraduate Jewish studies At KU, was invited by the **K.I. Men's Club** to present a fascinating lecture on the Israeli Druze Community and the role they play, as a minority, in the Israeli Society.

Now thinking of our future events, please reserve **Sunday evening, December 21st for a Hanukkah celebration** at K.I. We encourage every family to bring their own menorah and candles, as we are going to light the candles and recite the blessing together. This event will be followed by a dinner, including latkes and different activities for the kids.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable moments as you gather with family and friends, sharing delicious food, and treasured company.

Joseph Adamous

A graphic for a Chanukah celebration. It features four blue dreidels (spinning tops) with white Hebrew letters (Shema, Menorah, Latkes, and Hanukkah) on a yellow background. Below the dreidels, the text reads: "Chanukah Celebration", "December 21 - 5:15 PM", "Kehilath Israel Synagogue", and "Sign up online at bit.ly/KIChanukah2025".

Chanukah Celebration
December 21 - 5:15 PM
Kehilath Israel Synagogue
Sign up online at bit.ly/KIChanukah2025

Join us at Kehilath Israel Synagogue for a Chanukah Celebration on the 8th night of Chanukah. We will light candles (please bring your own with a menorah), enjoy a delicious holiday dinner of brisket and latkes, and a performance from the youth choir. Back by popular demand, we will have laser tag for the kids again this year!

Children 12 and under will receive a hot dog dinner.

Cost: \$18 per adult / \$36 per couple

No cost for prospective members, out-of-town guests, and children 12 and under (please still register!) Due to planning needs, **RSVPs are required by December 14th**. Please reach out to Henri at henri@kisyn.org if cost is an impediment to attendance.

LAWS AND CUSTOMS OF CHANUKAH

On the first night of Chanukah, **Sunday, December 14**, the three blessings below are recited immediately PRIOR to the lighting of the candles (not while lighting them). On all other nights, we recite only the first two blessings. Chanukah candles are placed from right to left side until finally on the eighth night, the Chanukah is full. We light the newest candle first; therefore, we always begin by kindling the candle at the left and proceed toward the right. Shabbat always takes precedence over other holidays; therefore, on **December 19, the Friday night of Chanukah**, we should light the Chanukah candles first and then the Shabbat candles. Both need to be done by 4:41 pm, and since the Chanukah candles need to burn at least one half hour after dark, it is traditional to use larger candles such as Shabbat candles or tall tapers for the Chanukah. **On Saturday night, December 20, any time after Havdalah at 5:35 p.m., it is permissible to light the Chanukah menorah (Chanukah).** For Chanukah, one might light either an oil or a candle menorah, the only requirement being that whichever type of light is used, it should be clear and bright. There has been a great deal of discussion as to the use of an electric Chanukah. Since it is not definite as to

whether or not an electric menorah fulfills the obligation of the lighting of Chanukah lights, it is best to avoid the use of such a Chanukah, except for purely decorative purposes. In general, on a weekday night other than Sabbath night, the Chanukah candles are to be lit approximately at dark. If, however, one is not at home or this time is inconvenient, they can be lit at any time during the entire night. If one has to leave home prior to dark and may not return for the rest of the evening, the Chanukah candles may be lit about an hour before dark, provided that Chanukah lights will burn for a short period of time after dark. The Chanukah candles are to be lit simply for religious reasons and are not to be used for any secular purposes such as lighting other objects, reading lights, etc. The rabbis of old determined that the required burning time of a Chanukah candle is one half hour, and after that time, they may be used for any other purpose or even extinguished. It is customary to place the Chanukah in the window of one's home, on the main table around which the family gathers, near the door, or any place where lighting of the candles will become a public event.

BLESSINGS FOR LIGHTING THE CHANUKAH MENORAH

(רק ליל ראשון)

(3) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶּךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁהֵחֵינִי וְקִימְנִי וְהַגְעֵנִי לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

(first night only)

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
sheh-heh-cheh-yanu v'key-y'manu v'hee-gee-yanu
la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and has brought us to this season.



(1) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam,
asher ke-d'shanu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzee-vanu
l'had-leek nair shell Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

(2) בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', אֱלֹהֵינוּ מְלֶכֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שְׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם
בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

*Baruch Attah Hashem, Elokainu Melech ha-olam
sheh-ah-sah nee-sim la-ah-vo-tanu, bah-yamim
hah-haim baz-man hah-zeh.*

Praised are You, Hashem our G-d, King of the universe, Who has performed miracles for our forefathers, in those days at this season.

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Sunday *Shacharit*..... 9:00 AM
Daily *Shacharit* 7:00 Am

Sunday -Thursday

Mincha & Maariv:

Week Of November 31... 4:45 PM

Week Of December 7 4:45 PM

Week Of December 14 . 4:45 PM

Week Of December 21 ... 4:45 PM

Week Of December 28 . 4:50 PM

SHABBAT SERVICES

See Synagogue Calendar inside

**Deadline for submissions to the
January issue is
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GRAND
Givers

**Thank you to
everyone who made
Grand Givers 2025 a success!**



MILESTONES

Refuah Shleimah

We express sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to all members of the congregation and community who have been ill or hospitalized.

רפוא שלימה

Mazel Tov!

To **Joyce and Stan Zeldin** who will host a **kiddush luncheon on December 13th** to celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary**.

מזל טוב



Todah Rabah

To **Max Jevinsky** for delivering *The Focal Point* to the main KCMO post office each month, ensuring that those who prefer a print edition can still receive it.

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To **Brenda Fishman, Maureen Minoofar, Cristi Gillom, Rachel Lubowicz, Katie Rosenbaum, Amy Stoltz, Janet Stone, And Joel Zitron** For Preparing Delicious Shabbat Kiddushim.



Mazel Tov to these couples celebrating anniversaries:

Nov. 2	Tatyana Oskotsky & Arkadiy Kats	41 st
Dec. 2	Joseph & Debby Pfefer	13 th
Dec. 3	Seth & Lisa Gortenburg	20 th
Dec. 9	Max & Sonia Singer	47 th
Dec. 10	Robyn Jacobs & Daniel Rosenbloom	20 th
Dec. 16	Mitchell & Lori Gold	30 th
Dec. 18	Michael & Karen Gortenburg	42 nd
Dec. 19	Stan & Joyce Zeldin	60 th
Dec. 20	Scott & Rachel Macek	16 th
Dec. 21	Marc & Leslee Price	11 th
Dec. 27	Steven & Susan Osman	56 th
Dec. 29	Sam & Megan Pener	12 th
Dec. 30	Henri & Benjamin Gaeddert	7 th



Mazel Tov to these congregants celebrating December birthdays

Liz Friedman, Dmitry Kapustin, Nathan Khalemsky (Dec. 1); Avi Hammer, Illiana Hammer, Ephraim Mandl, Emily Minoofar (Dec. 2); William Anderson, Blake Sallis (Dec. 4); Leonidas Fusarelli, Jonathan Kaplan (Dec. 5); Manny Grussgott (Dec. 6); Jackson Jacobson (Dec. 7); Scott Bronston, Kayla Fink (Dec. 9); Amy Stoltz (Dec. 10); Robyn Jacobs, Matthew von Ende (Dec. 11); Sandra Romer (Dec. 13); H. Scott White (Dec. 14); Janet Eisman (Dec. 18); Clint Gillom (Dec. 19); Marcie Kaplan (Dec. 20); Sheila Rosmarine (Dec. 21); Rachel Lubowicz (Dec. 23); Austin Ruben, Joel Zitron (Dec. 24); Arnold Caviar, Isaac Eastman (Dec. 25); Debra Entine (Dec. 26).



ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE TABLETS

With Reverence We Record The Following Yahrzeits:

11 Kislev - December 1

Victor Bulavsky
Betty Cone
Esther Glassman
Sol Jacob Goldberg
Frieda Kabrisky
Harry Kantor
Shirley Kruger Lerner
Harry Lesner
Abraham Rapoport
Jack Schwartz
Riva Yatskevich

12 Kislev - December 2

Alta Bell
Rose Deckelbaum Bratt
Hannah Cohn
Jacob Eisberg
Morris Schanzer

13 Kislev - December 3

Aaron Agron
Minnie Cohen
Elizabeth Friedman
Zolan Gilgus
Louis Golad
Irwin Kotelov
Aslan Mosseri
Haskell Sobol
Phillip Strauss
Mayme Weiss

14 Kislev - December 4

Harry J. Barash
Harriet Smith Baron
Robert Bretton
Frieda Fingersh
Mary Goodbinder
Jack Krashin
Reuven Kushner
Arthur Kusnetzky
Joe Levin
Blanche Levine
William London
Reba Pitluck
Lila Roberts
Benjamin Stillman
Earl J. Tranin

15 Kislev - December 5

Jeffery Agron
Morris Alper
Anne Bodker
Harvey Bodker
James Cohen
Eta Estrin
Morris Feder
Anna Harris
Joseph Levey
Libbie Mallin
Elaine Mandelbaum
Elaine Ireland Mills
Semion Harry Osman
Harriet Radetsky
Irene Rachel Rosenberg
Irving Slack
Ruben Slobosky
Reuben Slobotsky
Benjamin Smuckler
Terry Vilinsky

16 Kislev - December 6

Barbara Cutler
Morris Feinberg
Clara Belle Gershon
Morris Haith
Jack I. Lerner
Jack Margolis
Abe Butch Rabin
Israel Radvinsky
Etta Robinson
Ethel Rosenfield
Harry Schere
Sarah Trilinsky
Mania Weindling

17 Kislev - December 7

Maria Devinki
Dora Fox
Elza Hermanson
Sadie Parelman Katz
Phillip Kusnetzky
Sylvia Levine
Morris Litwak
Sol Sapitsky
Esther Silberg
Meyer Soltz
Dorothy Steinzeig

Fanny Tager
Louis Thomas
Miriam Wexler
Sosha Zurovsky

18 Kislev - December 8

Tzipa Bassin
Feiga Bettinger
Ben Clayman
Nathan Feder
Jacqueline Friedman
Bertha Katz
Norbert Kellmer
Irving Klinock
Rose Lerner
Rebecca Lipkin
Gertude H. Litwin
Fannie Price
Eugene Rich
Rebecca Sanell
Sarah Sporn
Ben Weinberg

19 Kislev - December 9

Frieda Darvey
Ben C. Eisman
Leah Esrig
Lillian Fishman
Rebecca Fligstein
Jacob "Chuck" Friedman
Julius Golad
Annie Grant
Esther Horowitz
Moonie Kramsky
Joseph Lapidés
Yosef Maeir Lichtor
Julius Rosen
Jennie Rosenberg

20 Kislev - December 10

Betty Adler
Albert Bamberger
Maurice Blonsky
Henry Gottlieb
Samuel Hurwitz
Ethel Ickovitz
Fannie Krashin
Sarah Mnookin
Marjorie Pener

Leah Reiter
Etta Straus
Nathan Yeddis
Nettie Weiner
Sarah Wolkov

21 Kislev - December 11

Sarah R. Beitchman
Sarah Rachel Carr
Anna Epstein
Sam Kahn
Louis Kleban
Sam Kodish
Rose Kusnetzky
Frances Lelchook
Esther Levitt Raymor
Morris Levitch
Anna Loeffler
Leah Lukin
Bess Poizner
Minnie Rotkin
Jeanette Studna

22 Kislev - December 12

Regina Braun
Morris Cortez
Jay Duny
Helen Epstein
Fannie Jacobson
Sonia Lifshitz
Raymond Peltzman

23 Kislev - December 13

Debra Adamous
Esther Borowik
Israel Borowik
Sherman Dreiseszun
Eva Goodman
Sarah Entin Kahn
Anna Katz
Harry Krug
Abraham Miller
Johnanna Y. Price
Dora Shultz
Shraga Goldman

MEMORIALS, CONTINUED

24 Kislev - December 14

Goldie Altman
Rose Glassman
Thelma Goldstein
Lillian Greenberg
Louis Kaplan
Gertrude Magazine
Joseph Ruben
Alex Rubin
Martha Sher
Robert Shaw
Edward Skolnick
Harry W. Taylor
Harry William Taylor
Sophie Zurovsky

25 Kislev - December 15

Fischel Greenbaum
Mary A. Goldberg
Sarah Gersh
Maurice Jerwick
Albert Kalikow
Mr. Erwin Lapine
Michoel Levin
Evelyn Kingston
Joseph Miller
Ruth Rose
Janet Siegel
Al Singer
Joseph Stoffsky
Israel Weindling
Samuel Yord
Malka Zhitomirskaya

26 Kislev - December 16

Minnie Baum
Albert Beiser
John Bell
Max Cohen
Max D. Cohen
Harry Disman
David Goldstein
Bluma Horowitz
Jerome Harold Naron
Mierl Steponsky
Dora Yoman

27 Kislev - December 17

Katie Agronofsky
Samuel Bell
Donald Cohn

Donald Marvin Cohn
Robert Neil Cohen
Louis Kerner
Frances Mandelbaum
Nathan Margolin
Noah Medlov
Fernando Pitty
Izaak Vaysben
Lawrence Wacknov

28 Kislev - December 18

Family of Kushner
Allan Cluster
Evelyn Straus Dale
Michael Daniels
Herbert Fishman
Alfred Ginden
Samuel Sender Green
David House
Benjamin Lichter
Sam Plattner
Israel Raizen
Adam Douglas Schwartz

29 Kislev - December 19

Sarah Pesmen Asher
Lawrence Blonsky
Samuel Gershberg
Bernard Glickstein
Pearl Rose Halpern
Dora Herschman
Miriam Feige Indin
Dora Levy
Ida Edna Press
Sarah Schachter
Alan Schwartz
Samuel Spector
Sam Tankel
David Weinberg

30 Kislev - December 20

Marvin Bordy
Ephraim Dennis
Sarah Lerner
Ruth Miller
Aaron Pfefer
Richard P. Sher
Merrily Shneider
Minnie Simon
Evelyn Solsky
Anna Swartz

Michael Todd Wajcman

1 Tevet - December 21

Esther Abramson
Manuel Agron
Fannye Rana Clayman
Reva Esther Dennis
Anna Dena Dubinsky
Rose Fabes
Freda Flever
David Ginsberg
David Golad
Yetta Goldstein
Emma Levine
Ruby Shanberg
Victor Udel Siegel

2 Tevet - December 22

Rose Belove
Sarah Britz
William Gallas
Eugene R. Goldstein
Sarah Green
Harry Fogel
Joseph Hyman
Connie Eisman Kaplan
Betty Kalikow
Max Kraft
Bernard Mandl
David Fred Press
Abe Rabinowitz
Marion Rosen
Mary Bogart Sporn
Samuel Swinken

3 Tevet - December 23

Alexander Bulavsky
Edward Cumonow
Alfred Elliott
Rita Friedman
Isadore Green
Isidor House
Layb Laykin
Louis Leboff
Jack Martasin
Albert Mendelsohn
Albert Mendelson
Esme Pape
Isadore Rainen
Marion Rosen
Max Sher

Oscar Simon
Mary Singer
Lucy Shriber

4 Tevet - December 24

Rebecca Levine Berkowitz
Isadore Brown
Michle Fishman
Martha Goodman
Morris Goodman
Mary P. Grodsky
Richard Baer Katz
Marcus Levitch
Molly Mondschein
Ruth Planzer
Morris Raskin
Shay Stein
James Stoltz
Louis Walter
Miriam Warshawski

5 Tevet - December 25

Helen Cohen
Rebecca Cohen
Louis Cohn
Rose Greenberg
Jack Kandlis
Joe Levine
Elizabeth Osman
Alec Rose
Martin Spector
Joe Tkatch
Adeline Trempey
Peter Tranin
Bruce Irving Weiner
JoAnne Weiner
Ruth Turner Zitron

6 Tevet - December 26

Ida Bamberger
Rachel Brooks
Hene Gaum
Fred Lebrecht
Ella Mendell
Rachel Mosseri
Barbara M. Steinberg

ESRIG-GOULD MEMORIAL ALCOVE TABLETS

7 Tevet - December 27

Katherine Bodker
Solomon Bortnick
Anna Bucksner
Ann Cohen
Ben Cohn
Lena Cooperman
Gene Deleve
Morris L. Friedman
Imie Garelich
Morris Goldberg
Morris Grossman
Flora Harris
J. Louis Lesky
Linda Levine
Louis Romain
Esther Sharf
David Shane
Samuel Herman Shurin
Sarah Weinberg
Bessie Winthrop
Ben Trillin

8 Tevet - December 28

Carl Bernstein
Marvin Davidson

Ida Dunn
Marvin Finkelston
Sarah Fishman
Bess Laderman
Israel Litwin
Joseph Persky
Anne Miriam Schaeffer
Rose Tranin
Edward Kanter

9 Tevet - December 29

Mary Abend
Lena Alport
Rebecca Blender
Rosa Dollman
Clarence Gershon
Sophia Goldberg
Bertha Katz
Ida Katz Shure
Ethel Kessler
Ida Lerner
Sarah Levinson

10 Tevet - December 30

Ethel Berger
Leah Berger

Zalmon Berger
Zlata Berger
Zvi Berger
Sarah Boigen
Oscar Bush
Charna Cohen
Mordecai Cohen
David Cukier
Harry W. Filson
Charna Gershkowitz
Alvin Gladstone
Hershel Goldberg
Marie T. Hacker
Dora Haith
Ida R. Jaben
Leon Klopper
David Levine
Ada Levey
Isidor Lipschuetz
Toni Lipschutez
Sheva Miller
Yehaiah Miller
Feiga Pollman
Sam Price
Libby Sladowitz
Velvel Steponsky
Sarah Stern

Ashley Lynn Swidler
Mary Wagner
Brothers Weiner
Isaac Winer
Jacob Winer
Bracha Yeddis
Feiga Yodler
Wolf Yodler

11 Tevet - December 31

Eliya Dworkin
Jacob Dworkin
Harold Gersh
Louis Glass
Minnie Gurovitz
Nathan Katz
Abe Kelne
Sam Lerner
Wolf Lisser
Ze'ev Lisser
Sarah F. Litman
Simon Mallin
Minnie Miller
Jack Press
Beverly Sue Spitaufsky
John Winter

PJ Library Jewish Federation OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

GLOW Party

Sunday, December 14
3:30-5:30pm

[LINK](#)

Games, Crafts, Food & Fun!
The J Social Hall
\$10 per family

DJ Stann will host PJ's third

SILENT DISCO

This family dance party allows you to pick your own tunes.

The first 100 families to arrive at the event will receive a gift bag!

Tickets to Glow Party are \$10 per family through December 8. The price will increase to \$20 per family on December 9.

No refunds will be issued for this event.

Kehilath Israel Synagogue will have an activity table at the event.

Sign up online at Jewishkansascity.org/events/glow-party-2025

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We welcome members of our community to consider making a tribute throughout the year to honor an occasion or loved one, express gratitude, wish a speedy recovery to someone who is ill or memorialize a Yahrzeit. We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions received as of November 10, 2025:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 17 Kislev Shacharit 9:00am Religious School 9:15am Book Of Joshua Class 9:45am Purim Meeting 1:00pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	1 11 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	2 12 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	3 13 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Hebrew School 5:00pm Jewish Prayer Class 7:00pm	4 14 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Executive Board Meeti. 5:30pm	5 15 Kislev Candle Lighting 4:38pm Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45pm	6 16 Kislev Vayishlach Shabbat Services 9:00am Rabbi's Parsha Cl. 3:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelish. 4:20pm Havdalah 5:32pm
7 17 Kislev Shacharit 9:00am Religious School 9:15am Book Of Joshua Class 9:45am Purim Meeting 1:00pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	8 18 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	9 19 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	10 20 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Hebrew School 5:00pm Jewish Prayer Class 7:00pm	11 21 Kislev Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm All Board Meeting 5:30pm	12 22 Kislev Candle Lighting 4:39pm Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45pm	13 23 Kislev Vayeshev Shabbat Mevarchim Zeldin Anniversary Kiddush Lunch Shabbat Services 9:00am Women's Circle (. 10:00am Rabbi's Parsha C. 3:35pm Mincha/Seudah 4:20pm Havdalah 5:33pm
14 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah Shacharit 9:00am Religious School 9:15am Book Of Joshua Class 9:45am PJ Library Glow Party 3:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	15 25 Kislev Chanukah Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	16 26 Kislev Chanukah Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	17 27 Kislev Chanukah Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Hebrew School 5:00pm	18 28 Kislev Chanukah Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	19 29 Kislev Chanukah Kabbalat Shabbat 4:45am Candle Lighting 4:41pm	20 30 Kislev Miketz Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Shabbat Services 9:00am Shul Jr. 10:00am Chai Kiddush 12:00pm Rabbi's Parsha C. 3:35pm Mincha/Seudah Shelis. 4:20pm Havdalah 5:35pm
21 1 Tevet Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Tevet Shacharit 9:00am Religious School 9:15am Book Of Joshua Class 9:45am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Chanukah Party 5:30pm	22 2 Tevet Chanukah Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	23 3 Tevet Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	24 4 Tevet Offices close at 3pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	25 5 Tevet Shacharit 9:00am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	26 6 Tevet Candle Lighting 4:45pm Kabbalat Shabbat 4:50pm	27 7 Tevet Vayigash Shabbat Services 9:00am Seudah 12:00pm Rabbi's Parsha C. 3:40pm Mincha/Seudah Shelis. 4:25pm Havdalah 5:39pm
28 8 Tevet Shacharit 9:00am Book Of Joshua Class 9:45am Mincha/Maariv 4:50pm	29 9 Tevet Mincha/Maariv 4:50pm	30 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet Mincha/Maariv 4:50pm	31 11 Tevet Offices Close at 3pm Mincha/Maariv 4:50pm			

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