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The Importance of This Festival of Light

The *chanukiah* is our call, our act to bring light into a world that has become enveloped by the darkness of hatred, racism, bigotry, homophobia, and antisemitism.

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Dear friends,

This month we celebrate the festival of light, Chanukah. The kindling of the Chanukah menorah or *chanukiah*, is one of the most universally beloved and fulfilled rituals of Judaism. Chanukah is also the Jewish celebration most recognized by our non-Jewish neighbors. Perhaps this is only because of its proximity to Christmas. But, possibly in fulfilling the *mitzvah* of placing the *chanukiah* in our windows we have done something more.

As we explore the historical events we mark with this ritual we deepen our understanding of the abiding pull Chanukah has on our ritual selves. Our ancestors, the Maccabees, fought for religious freedom,

the freedom to worship God in the way in which they felt commanded. Their commitment to God, Torah, and one another gave them the strength to fight for what they believed in and bring an end to the persecution so ruthlessly unleashed upon them by the Assyrian Empire.



The very first act celebrating this newfound freedom was to rekindle the *Ner Tamid*, the Eternal Light within the desecrated Temple. This act of faith led to the beloved story of the miracle of the single cruise of oil that lasted for eight days. The tiny vial, the only one that had remained pure in the chaos of

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Lately Around Jeremiah



Tot Shabbat 10.4.2019



60th Anniversary Celebration 11.2.2019



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Group Volunteering at Bernie's 10.14.2019



Club 345 Movie in the Sukkah 10.19.2019



Staff Lunch in the Sukkah 10.15.2019

A Musical Start to the New Year and So Much More to Come!

My door is always and forever open for singing. If you ever had a dream of singing in public, for an audience who will support and love you, come explore with me how we can make this happen.



By **CANTOR SUSIE LEWIS FRIEDMAN**
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5780 has just begun and already it has been filled to the brim with music and *ruach* (spirit). We are blessed to have sound enhancements to our existing system in the Schreiber Sanctuary, enabling speaking and music to be better heard and understood. We ushered in Rosh HaShanah

with a music-filled service co-led by our volunteer choir, who for the first time, was leading us in the bulk of our High Holy Day worship. We prayed the words of our Hineni prayer to a brand-new setting, an English setting, with the intent to allow a more inclusive prayer experience for our listeners. We were so fortunate and blessed to be led in prayer by our very own members of the congregation, as they sang selections during our silent prayer and punctuated the words of our rabbis. It was the greatest honor of my life to be able to help our members literally blossom right before our eyes as they found a new kind of spirituality through music.

I am excited about this year, featuring two very special Shabbat services where our Adult and Jr. Choirs will sing with some pretty amazing and renowned guest choirs. Friday, January 17th we will commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, and we will welcome the Bahai Temple Choir, directed by Van Gilmer. On Friday, February 7, we will welcome the Bethlehem Healing Temple Choir who will lead us in gospel style music to celebrate the freedom we had when Moses, Miriam, and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, as we read in our Torah portion that week, the Song of the Sea.

I also want to remind you of our very special music-based service on the third Friday of every month. We often feature students from our Religious school as they lead us in prayers they have been singing in Religious School. Like all of our services, it is meant for participation, and I believe you will feel particularly compelled to sing along (and maybe even dance a little!) as our very own Temple Jeremiah Bullfrog Band plays favorite settings of our classic prayers with such beauty and spirit.

If the third Friday tickles your fancy, then you'll love our February Jewish Rock Concert. The Reform Cantors of Chicago will host the second annual "Shir-In" (a singing lock-in) at Temple Jeremiah beginning with Shabbat Services at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21st and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22nd with Havdallah and a community concert. Children grades Second through Twelve from all congregations in the Chicagoland area are invited participate in the Shir-In. There will

be workshops led by popular Jewish singer/songwriters whose music is being played on Jewish Rock Radio. Students will be divided up into groups where each will each work collaboratively to write an original Jewish song. These songs will be performed by each group as part of the opening act to the dance party concert, which will be music written and performed by today's most popular artists of rock-n-roll, pop, and R&B music who just happen to be proudly Jewish. Please come, bring your children, their grandparents, dance with them, sing with them, and have fun!

Get excited: If you liked Frozen II, you'll be all set for our 5780 Purim Schpiel, *A Disney Purim!* Come help us write the Purim Schpiel! We will set popular songs of Disney musicals and movies from all different decades to the story of Purim. We are currently looking for writers, actors, singers, dancers, everything! The Schpiel will be on Monday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

It is always an honor to commemorate all holidays with music and poignant events. The Holocaust left an indelible mark on Jewish human life, but our creativity could never be kept down. We will hold a Yom HaShoah commemoration concert on April 20th at 7:30 p.m. Attendees will hear compelling music composed and performed at Buchenwald Concentration Camps. We will welcome Cantors Steve Stoehr from Congregation Beth Shalom and David Berger from KAM Isaiah Israel congregation, along with our very talented musicians Aaron Kaplan and Paul Dykstra (our organist and choir conductor for the High Holy Days).

If you liked our Gershwin Luncheon on Veteran's Day, you'll love our June 9th Decades Lunch Concert: Jewish-American Composers and the first decade of Rock & Roll with Cantor Zussman and me, along with special guest pianist and scholar, Dr. Sanford Finkel.

There is an article in the latest brochure of the NorthShore Senior Center about the benefits of singing. It reads:

A 2018 study published in The Journals of Gerontology found that older adults who sang in a community choir for six months reported less loneliness and more interest in life than a control group. The study included 390 people who sang together weekly in 90-minute sessions and performed publicly three or four times.

Hopefully this will help me make the case for always asking many of you to join the Adult Choir. Music reading, singing experience, or anything of the sort are not required. We only require a willingness to participate, an open heart, and maybe a little sense of humor. We rehearse weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and sing once a month on the second Friday night service of each month.

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Upcoming Adult Learning Opportunities

SATURDAY MORNINGS: Torah Study at 9:30 a.m.

- *Saturday, December 7, 2019*
(Led by our Scholar in Residence, Cantor Evan Cohen)
- *Saturday, December 14, 2019*
- *Saturday, December 21, 2019*
- *Saturday, December 28, 2019*

SUNDAY MORNINGS: A variety of courses and lectures brought to you by clergy, staff, and educators from around the area.

Sunday, December 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

iEngage with Rabbi Paul Cohen

Through video lectures, text study, and lively group discussion, we are pleased to bring the world-renowned faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute into our Temple Jeremiah community. Going deeper than the political issues of the day, iEngage reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. Registration for this course is \$18/person.

Sunday, December 15, 2019; 2:00 p.m.

Daytrippers: Spertus Institute's The Art of Inventing Hope

Enjoy a conversation with award-winning journalist Howard Reich on his new book, *The Art of Inventing Hope: Intimate Conversations with Elie Wiesel*. *The Art of Inventing Hope* provides readers a chance to listen in on unprecedented conversations between Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, acclaimed writer and educator), and award-winning Chicago Tribune reporter Howard Reich, himself the son of survivors. \$18 general admission, \$10 for Spertus members, \$8 for students and Spertus alumni. Register at spertus.edu/programs-events/art-of-inventing-hope.

Sunday, January 12, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Things that Made the Rabbis Uncomfortable: Paganism

Join Rabbi Heaps for another edition of her very popular and fun series, *Things that Made the Rabbis Uncomfortable*. Rabbi Rachel will share texts and lead discussions that you won't find anywhere else. On this Sunday, the theme will be paganism.

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Reading Music with Cantor Friedman

Basic music reading skills - Have you ever been curious about how to read music? Maybe you learned as a youngster but would like a refresher. This is the class for you. Low key, low stress, low pressure, but high on fun for all ages. To register, visit tinyurl.com/TJmusic-reading.

WHAT ELSE ARE WE UP TO? Join us for even more learning opportunities.

Friday - Sunday, December 6-8, 2019

Scholar-in-Residence – Cantor Evan Cohen

Join us for a weekend of exploration through the eyes of one of Israel's only Reform Cantors. Cantor Evan Cohen will join us for Kabbalat Shabbat worship on Friday evening focusing on the themes in the Torah portion in Jacob's encounters with God and for Tefilah & Torah Study on Saturday morning. Then enjoy a special concert titled *Chanukah Around the World* on Saturday evening, followed by *A Family Chanukah Concert* on Sunday morning. This weekend of learning and music for all ages is generously supported by the Bill and Norma Brown Fund for Lifelong Learning. See page 10 for more detailed information on each program.

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 12:00 p.m.

Lunch & Learn - Torah in the Workplace: Jewish Responses to Contemporary Challenges

Take a "lunch" break and spend some time discussing Jewish thought. Join us downtown for Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Cohen, who will lead lively and interactive discussions on *Torah in the Workplace: Jewish Responses to Contemporary Challenges*. For location information and to RSVP, contact Art Gunther at agunther@gunthergroup.com.

If you have any questions about Temple Jeremiah's Adult Learning programs, contact Jill Odzer at jillodzer@yahoo.com.

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Weekly Torah Portions

We invite you to join us on Saturday mornings to discuss the Torah portion and how it might apply to our lives. We meet at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday.



December 7, 2019	Vayitzei	Genesis 28:10–32:3
December 14, 2019	Vayishlach	Genesis 32:4–36:43
December 21, 2019	Vayeishev	Genesis 37:1–40:23
December 28, 2019	Mikeitz	Genesis 41:1–44:17

RABBI COHEN (*continued from page 1*)

that time, seemed to only contain enough oil for 24 hours. Miraculously, it lasted long enough for more oil to be pressed and sanctified for the newly rekindled *Ner Tamid*.

The story is so powerful. It is a story of faith in action. Our sages of blessed memory wanted their communities to relive this act of faith by placing the Chanukah menorah in their windows for all to see. And so it is with us.

My friends, as the days get shorter we crave light as we seek to dispel the darkness. Chanukah comes this year as the number of antisemitic attacks escalates alarmingly throughout the world and here in our own country. The fear is real as just one month ago we marked the one-year anniversary of the shooting in Pittsburgh, the most murderous attack upon Jews this country has ever seen. Let me share these alarming statistics that come by way of the American Jewish Congress' own survey: 9 out of 10 American Jews say that antisemitism is a problem. 84% think it has worsened and fully a third even hide their Jewishness and avoid Jewish events. We do live in dark times and...

...we can and must do something about it. We all have friends, family members, colleagues, and neighbors who are not Jewish. We can and must enlist them as allies in fighting antisemitism. We know that throughout history our people have been the

proverbial canaries in the coal mine. Antisemitism is almost always the beginning of persecution, hatred, and violence but it is never the end.

This year we light the Chanukah menorah with strengthened resolve. The *chanukah* is our call, our act to bring light into a world that has become enveloped by the darkness of hatred, racism, bigotry, homophobia, and antisemitism. Lighting the Chanukah menorah and placing it in the window for all to see is an act of faith and this year, an act of courage. Each night we will add a new candle that will make the light burn even brighter with each new day. Let us invite newly enlisted allies to light these lights with us as we join in the work to fight back the forces of antisemitism and all forms of discrimination that humans perpetrate against one another.

Cathy, Jacob, Eli, Anna, and Hope join me in wishing you and your families a *Chag Chanukah Sameach*!

Happy Chanukah,



Rabbi Paul F. Cohen, D.Min., D.D.

CANTOR FRIEDMAN (*continued from page 3*)

As always, I want to invite you to participate in some of the great musical offerings:

Shir Joy - Our Youth Choir meets Sunday mornings from 11:00-11:30, open to children of all abilities from grades 2-6, and 3rd grade combo students are released at 11:15.

Jeremiah Bullfrog Band - Do you or did you ever play an instrument that may be sitting around getting old and dusty? Bring it out and play with us the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

In the works - We would like to explore putting together a youth choir/songwriting *chevre* (group) for post B'nai Mitzvah and high school students. We would sing the latest settings of our favorite prayers. We would work together collaboratively to write new settings of our prayers. If your child is interested please be in touch with me.

We always sing the tag, "*L'Takein Olam b'malchut Shaddai*" at the end of Aleinu. It literally means, "to repair the world for the reign of the Divine." As I look around our temple, especially on Sundays, I marvel at all the repairing our congregation is doing to help make our world the best it can be. Visit <https://soundcloud.com/susanlewisfriedman/ltakein-olam-single-voiceslf> to hear the recording of the song I wrote for Temple Jeremiah in honor of our 60th Anniversary and then sing along during services.

My door is always and forever open for singing. If you ever had a dream of singing in public, for an audience who will support and love you, come explore with me how we can make this happen. I would love to sing a duet with you, to help you learn to lead our prayers, or to help you sing a solo. It is my greatest joy to be your cantor, and to help you find your voice. I look forward to all of the amazing music we will create together.

2020 Special Shabbat Services

Friday, January 17, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, featuring the Bahai Temple Choir directed by Van Gilmer along with our Youth Choirs.

Friday, February 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Shirah, celebrating music and freedom featuring the Bethlehem Healing Temple Choir along with our Adult and Youth Choirs.

Brotherhood Happenings

We are starting an important fund-raising campaign for summer camp scholarships to OSRUI... funds raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Brother Alan Turover and his wife, Sara.

By RUSTY COLMAN

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Brotherhood is proud to announce a major initiative. We are starting an important fund-raising campaign for summer camp scholarships to OSRUI. The funds raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Brother Alan Turover and his wife, Sara. We would like to express our profound appreciation to the Turovers for their generosity. More information will be coming on the fund-raising particulars in the upcoming weeks. We will also continue our Al Brottman summer camp scholarship program.

As in past autumns, it has been a busy time for Brotherhood. In October, we packed 160 lunches for the Feed the Hungry project and some of us helped deliver the lunches to The Greater Bethlehem Healing Temple, a church on Chicago's west side.

On Sunday, November 3rd, we held our monthly Kibbitz and Bites breakfast at Max and Benny's. Remember, Jeremiah men, we normally have this breakfast at 9:00 a.m., time for you to drop off the kids at Sunday School, have a pleasant conversation-loaded (and often laugh-filled) breakfast, and then be back in time to pick them up.

Ten days later, on Wednesday, November 13th we had our annual

basketball outing at Welsh-Ryan Arena at Northwestern. But this year, we added something extra, a pre-game dinner at Brother Brad Ross' home.

Our monthly business meeting will be held on December 3rd, followed by a pizza dinner at Barnaby's.

And one of our most popular events, Family Bingo Night, is coming up on December 15th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. As many of you already know, there will be lots of prizes for the kids, as well as drinks, popcorn, etc.

Looking forward to next month, on Sunday January 19th, Dan



Gelfond, the Video Man, will share his experiences conducting interviews for the Shoah Foundation. This is a co-sponsored event with Adult Learning, and we'll have bagels and lox at the temple before the presentation.

And finally, during our Welcome Breakfast in October, we presented our immediate past president, Bruce Zimmerman (pictured left), with a token of our deep appreciation for his service to our organization.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Sunday, December 15th, 2019, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for for one of Brotherhood's most popular events, Family Bingo Night! Super fun for the whole family! There will be pizza, salad, friends, and prizes for the kids! Please RSVP by Dec. 10th to Joel Rovner at jrovner@comcast.net or 847.331.9837.



Are you a babysitter or looking for one?

Our families at Temple Jeremiah are often looking for babysitters, and our Jeremiah teenagers and young adults are looking for babysitting jobs. So we created a private Facebook group to make babysitting connections. If you're either looking for a babysitter or looking to babysit, visit [facebook.com/groups/TJBabysitting](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TJBabysitting) and "Join Group."

All members of this Facebook group need to be members of Temple Jeremiah.

If you have any questions, please contact Dina at dina@templejeremiah.org.

Sisterhood: An Exciting Year Ahead

To get through the upcoming winter months we have planned some cozy get togethers...Watch for these dates and invites so you can look forward to something other than the wind chill report!

By ALISA PATTERSON AND LISA SCHURGIN

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To get through the upcoming winter months we have planned some cozy get togethers, where we can share a glass of your beverage of choice, a snack and some lively conversation. Watch for these dates and invites so you can look forward to something other than the wind chill report!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Wish Tags program. The children receiving the gifts are always so thankful!

Keep an eye on the temple calendar so you don't miss any of the

exciting events Sisterhood has planned for the upcoming New Year.

The Book Club (Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org) and the Mah Jongg Club (Lori Kash at lorikash12@gmail.com) meet on a regular basis. If you are interested, please contact Vicki or Lori. The more the merrier!

Just a reminder - All of the women at Jeremiah are automatically members of our Sisterhood! Show up at any meeting or event! You are always welcome.

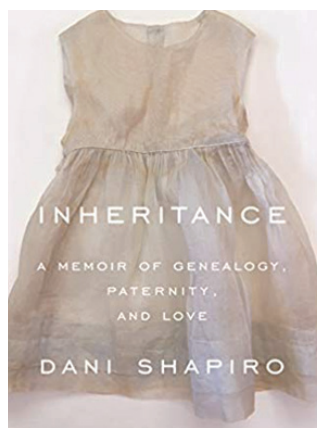
We look forward to seeing you!
Alisa and Lisa

Sisterhood Bookclub

I can't believe its almost 2020! And the books keep coming! Come read & discuss!
For more information or to sign up, contact Vicki Siegelman at vsieg@gralynn.org

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 10-11:30 a.m.

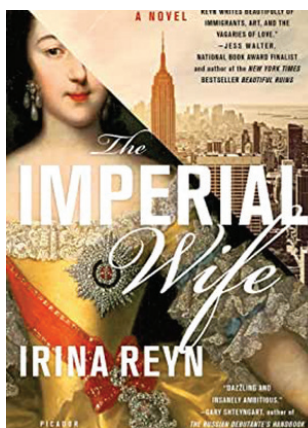
Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love
by Dani Shapiro



What if you woke up one day to discover that your family as you knew it, siblings, heritage, everything you had come to rely on, was not what you thought? Ironically, the host of the hit podcast *Family Secrets*, finds herself in this position.

Thursday, January 9, 2020, 10-11:30 a.m.

The Imperial Wife: A Novel
by Irina Reyn



Meet two powerful women... from today's world, a specialist in Russian art deals up the career-making sale of her life...and from the 18th century, Catherine the Great (former owner of the piece in question). What does it take for them to be the women of strength they are meant to be?

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Family Promise

As part of the larger Family Promise Chicago North Shore program, Temple Jeremiah serves with other congregations to provide shelter and meals as these families work to restore their lives to normalcy and move into affordable housing.

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Twice per year, we welcome guests to stay at Temple Jeremiah as part of Family Promise. Our next hosting week is December 29, 2019 - January 5, 2020. This is a great opportunity for individuals and families to come together in the spirit of giving and help provide hope, strength, inspiration, and meaningful community.

As part of the larger Family Promise Chicago North Shore program, Temple Jeremiah serves with other congregations to provide shelter and meals as these families work to restore their lives to normalcy and move into affordable housing. Temple Jeremiah volunteers can bring dinner, serve the meals, visit with guests, play with children, and be ambassadors of Temple Jeremiah. We also need volunteers who are willing to spend the night with our guests as chaperones.



To volunteer during December 29th - January 4th, please sign up at tinyurl.com/FamilyPromise2019.

This past June, we (Dana Garbarski and Beth Wechsler) became the new co-chairs of Family Promise along with continuing co-chair Sybil Stern, after years of service from Amy Rubinstein and Michelle and Jon Fellman and their families. We, along with our husbands (Josh Wechsler and Dan Weisman) and children (Emma, Allie, Lucy, and Levi), spent time sharing meals and playing with the children of the guests while learning the entire process from start to finish.



In

September, we were thrilled to attend our first Family Promise housewarming party, where we and other congregations who hosted guests in June brought gifts to the four families who recently moved on from Family Promise and into their own homes. It was inspiring to hear from them and other Family Promise alumni, and the kids were excited to see their friends again!

We are excited to continue to help this program thrive at Temple Jeremiah. For more information about this program and how you can help, contact Dana Garbarski at dana.garbarski@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

December:

Sunday, December 1st: Feed the Hungry
Tuesday, December 3rd: Eat and Be Well
Sunday, December 8th: Backpack Blessings
Tuesday, December 17th: Eat and Be Well
December 29th - January 5th: Family Promise

January:

Sunday, January 5th: Feed the Hungry
Tuesday, January 7th: Eat and Be Well
January 19th: Backpack Blessings
Sunday, January 21st: Eat and Be Well

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE 2019 Featuring Cantor Evan Cohen

ISRAEL AND ME:
A JOURNEY THROUGH MUSIC & STORY

DECEMBER 6-8, 2019

*Join us for a weekend of exploration through the eyes
of one of Israel's only Reform Cantors*



Cantor Evan Cohen grew up in Monroe, New York, and graduated from the George Washington University in 1996, magna cum laude. There, as a natural continuation of his music studies, he played the tympani in the Wind Ensemble, the congas in "Los Gringos," and sang in the University Choir, receiving the prestigious Harmon Choral Award. He then enrolled as a rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College but only completed one year, having fallen in love with Israel and making aliyah in 1998. Through the influence of Cantor Eliyahu Schleifer at HUC-JIR and Cantor Naftali Herstik at Jerusalem's Great Synagogue, he fell in love again, this time with chazzanut (cantorial arts). Cantor Evan is the first Reform graduate of the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute (an Orthodox institution) studying under Cantors Naftali Herstik, Chaim Feifel, and Maestro Raymond Goldstein. He has served as the cantor of Kehilat Har-El, Temple Jeremiah's sister synagogue in Israel, since 2001.

"Surely the Eternal is in this place, and I didn't know it" (Genesis 28:16)

Friday, December 6, 2019, 6:30 p.m. (during Kabbalat Shabbat Worship)

For a growing number of Israelis in recent years, "this place" is Reform communities in Israel. Cantor Cohen will share personal stories of how Israelis of all walks of life are finding a spiritual home at Kehilat Har-El in Jerusalem, Temple Jeremiah's sister synagogue in Israel.

"Israeli Musical Midrash and More in Parashat Vayetze"

**Saturday, December 7, 2019 during Tefilah & Torah Study
(we will begin worship at 8:30 a.m. and directly continue with
study and program at 9:30 a.m.)**

In our study of this week's Torah portion, together with Cantor Cohen we'll study (and then sing!) two Israeli classic songs influenced by Parashat Vayetze. We'll learn about one of the angels from Jacob's ladder in *Malach Misulam Yaacov* and discover who Jacob really was in love with (!) in *Ani Ohev Otah Leah*.

"Chanukah Around the World"

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Wine and Cheese Reception at 6:30 p.m.; Concert at 7:30 p.m.

**Taking place at the North Shore Senior Center - Arthur C. Nielsen, Jr.
Campus, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, IL 60093**

Cantors Susie Lewis Friedman and Evan Cohen, along with Cantors Rayna Green and Jay O'Brien, take us on a trip around the world to experience the music of Chanukah. Each of the eight candles represents the music of a country around the globe and we will laugh, sing, and dance to each culture's songs and melodies.

This program is FREE for all to attend. We kindly ask that you register for this program at <https://tinyurl.com/aroundtheworldchanukah>

"Spread the Light: A Family Chanukah Concert"

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Join Cantors Susie Lewis Friedman and Evan Cohen with Don Cagen and Shir Joy, Temple Jeremiah's Youth Choir, as we sing our most popular Chanukah songs with a few surprises sprinkled in. You'll be singing along and feeling the light. This multi-generational event is open to the whole family!

*The Temple Jeremiah Scholar in Residence program is generously
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 No Religious School 10:00a.m. Feed the Hungry Drop-Off	2 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	3 10:00a.m. Eat and Be Well 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 7:00p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings 7:00p.m. SHALE 6:30p.m. Brotherhood Business Meeting & Dinner at Barnaby's	4 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	5 12:00p.m. AA Meeting	6 10:00a.m. Bim Bam Tots 11:00a.m. Bim Bam Baby 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 1:00p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:00p.m. Tot Shabbat 6:30p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with Scholar in Residence, Cantor Evan Cohen	7 8:30a.m. Tefilah 9:30a.m. Torah Study 11:00a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship 3:00p.m. Club 345 Color Wars 6:30p.m. Scholar in Residence - Cantor Evan Cohen
8 9:00a.m. Religious School 9:00a.m. Jeremiah Buddies 10:00a.m. Backpack Blessings 10:00a.m. Adult Aleph Hebrew 11:15a.m. Adult Hebrew 11:30a.m. Jeremiah Kids Pajama Jam 10:00a.m. Chanukah Around The World Concert with Cantor Cohen 4:00p.m. JeTY Chanukah Party	9 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School 7:00p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	10 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 6:30p.m. Leadership Development Session 2 7:00p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings	11 URI Biennial 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	12 URI Biennial 10:00a.m. Sisterhood Book Club 12:00p.m. AA Meeting	13 URI Biennial 9:30a.m. GEL Meeting 10:00a.m. Bim Bam Tots 11:00a.m. Bim Bam Baby 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 1:00p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	14 URI Biennial 8:30a.m. Tefilah 9:30a.m. Torah Study
15 URI Biennial 9:00a.m. Religious School 9:30a.m. iEngage - ISRAEL Class 10:00a.m. Adult Aleph Hebrew 11:00a.m. Shir Joy 11:00a.m. Comm. Committee Meeting 11:15a.m. Adult Hebrew 2:00p.m. Daytrippers: Spertus Institute 2:30p.m. Inclusion Chanukah Party 3:00p.m. Jr. JeTY Ice Skating 5:00p.m. Brotherhood Bingo	16 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	17 10:00a.m. Eat and Be Well 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 7:00p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings 7:00a.m. Youth and Family Engagement Committee Meeting	18 12:00a.m. Lunch & Learn 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	19 12:00p.m. AA Meeting	20 10:00a.m. Bim Bam Tots 11:00a.m. Bim Bam Baby 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 1:00p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship	21 8:30a.m. Tefilah 9:30a.m. Torah Study
22 Erev Chanukah No Religious School	23 Chanukah 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 3:30p.m. Nosh and Mingle 4:30p.m. Hebrew School	24 Chanukah 7:00p.m. Alanon, Alateen, and EDA Meetings	25 Chanukah Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Chanukah 12:00p.m. AA Meeting	27 Chanukah 12:00p.m. AA Meeting 1:00p.m. Sisterhood Mah Jongg 6:00p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Reception 6:30p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Worship with Congregational Chanukah Celebration	28 Chanukah 8:30a.m. Tefilah 9:30a.m. Torah Study 11:00a.m. Shabbat Morning Worship
29 Chanukah Family Promise No Religious School	30 Chanukah Family Promise 12:00p.m. AA Meeting	31 New Year's Eve Family Promise				

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2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

*Please RSVP to Caren Brown at
ceb994@gmail.com by Dec. 9th.*



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5:00 –7:00 p.m.

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