



December 2017 Kislev /Tevet 5778

HIGHLIGHTS

Chanukah Chappenings

Join Rav Sam and a boisterous Betenu crowd on Friday, December 15 for our annual Chanukah extravaganza. Highlights include:

- Potluck dinner at 6:30 pm, latkes included!
- Community candle lighting at 7:15 pm, BYO chanukiah
- Lots of singing!
- Tasty oneg
- Dreidle games and chocolate coins
- Our always hotly-contested Betenu gift swap (\$10 price limit)

Notes on Chanukah shopping

- After a day spent shopping at this time of year, you may be nostalgic for the 19th Century, when most Jews did not give Chanukah gifts, just small handouts of money or *gelt*. Gift-giving was a Purim tradition.
- Large-scale gift-giving took off in the 1950s in the United States. Jews in most other countries have not changed their traditions.
- As more families began to give Chanukah gifts, the *gelt* converted to chocolate, to add a sweet touch to the holiday.
- Looking to simplify your shopping? Remember that online shopping through the Amazon Smiles program can benefit Betenu and make things easier for you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	2 <i>Vayishlach</i>
3 Sunday School, 9 am	4	5	6	7	8 Lay-led service, 7:00 pm, K-3 participation	9 <i>Vayeshev</i>
10 Sunday School, 9 am	11	12 Chanukah begins at sunset Uno's Fundraiser	13 Chanukah Uno's Fundraiser	14 Chanukah	15 Rav Sam led Chanukah service, candle-lighting at 7:15 pm Potluck dinner, 6:30 pm	16 <i>Miketz</i> Chanukah
17 Sunday School, 9 am Adult Ed, 12:30 pm Chanukah	18 Betenu board. 7:00 pm Chanukah	19 Chanukah	20	21	22 Lay-led service, 7:30 pm	23 <i>Vayigash</i>
24 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	25	26	27	28	29 No service	30 <i>Vayechi</i>