

DECEMBER 2018

# B'nai B'rith Banner

## Hanukkah

Around 200 B.C., the Land Of Israel also known as Judea came under control of Antiochus III, the Seleucid king of Syria. Antiochus III allowed the Jews who lived there to continue practicing their religion. His son, Antiochus IV outlawed the Jewish religion and ordered Jews to worship Greek gods. In 168 B.C., his soldiers descended upon Jerusalem, massacring thousands of people and desecrating the city's holy Second Temple.

The Jewish priest Mattathias and his five sons led a large scale rebellion against Antiochus and the Seleucid monarchy. After Mattathias died in 166 B.C., his son Judah, known as Judah Maccabee ("the Hammer"), led the rebellion and within two years the Jews successfully drove the Syrians out of Jerusalem. Judah then called upon his followers to cleanse the Second Temple, rebuild its altar and light its seven branched menorah which had been kept burning every night representing knowledge and creation. Even though there was only enough untainted olive oil for a single day, the flames continued burning for eight nights. This eight night miracle inspired Jewish sages to proclaim a yearly eight-day festival hence the annual celebration of Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights.



*Happy Hanukkah*



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"Age is merely the  
number of years the  
world has been  
enjoying you."

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**Dear B'nai Residents,**

**With 2019 just around the corner I would like to wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season full of health, love and human kindness. Here are seven thoughts to consider in living a more positive life: 1. Let it go. Never ruin a good day by thinking about a bad yesterday. 2. Ignore them. Don't listen to other people. Live a life that's empowering to you. 3. Give it time. Time heals everything. 4. Don't compare. The only person you should try to beat is the person you were yesterday. 5. Stay calm. It's okay not to have everything figured out. Know that in time you'll get there. 6. It's on you. Only you are in charge of your happiness. 7. Smile. Life is short. Enjoy it while you have it.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT MANAGER/RESIDENT MEETING**

**4:00 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.**

**Heartfelt holiday wishes to all,**

**Beth**



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Find the words in the grid . When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Card	Gift	Poinsettia
Christmas	Hanukkah	Shovel
Cider	Holly	Snow
Coal	Joy	Tree
December	Lights	Turquoise
Family	Music	Winter
Fireplace	Peace	Wreath

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**You can look at December in one of two ways. Either it is short days and long, cold dark nights — or it is a month of holidays and miracles! Could it be both? The holidays light up the dark days with singing and lots of good food, the exchange of holiday gifts and/or best wishes for happiness, good health and blessings. The whole landscape is decorated with lights and color, shiny bright wrappings and fresh smelling evergreens. Surely the holidays go a long way in overcoming the dark days and sometimes fierce weather!**

**Holidays are celebrated because of the miracles, the naturally impossible happenings that tell us we are loved! When the one day's supply of oil lasted eight days we rejoice not only because the miracle happened, but because it speaks to us of love and favor. We do well to celebrate Hanukkah each year.**

**The miracle we celebrate at Christmastime is the fulfillment of the promise of the savior of Israel, the birthday of the long-awaited king who will bring peace to earth. Of course it is a time of rejoicing and hope with merrymaking and good wishes all around to everyone! It is a time of thankfulness and a time of hope for everyone for peace on earth.**

**As we prepare for the holidays, if and when there are stretches of idle time, remember there are games of checkers, scrabble and others; there is a closet with many different picture puzzles just waiting to challenge one and all. Take a table in our Community Room and spread out the pieces of the puzzle and you will soon have the company of friends and neighbors fascinated by it too. Remember it's important to get together at anytime, but especially when the weather forces us to stay inside. No one needs to be lonely or depressed or sad during the winter or anytime. We are here for each other.**

**We have a special treat on Tuesday December 11th when our site manager Beth treats us to our fourth quarter birthday celebration! There will be ice cream cake and coffee and soda. A long time favorite entertainer Sal Torino will sing as he plays his accordion— songs of Hanukkah, Christmas and lots of old time favorites! This is for all residents to enjoy! Don't miss this celebration: 7:00pm Tuesday December 11th! Look up!**

**ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!**

**Lavinia A. Walker Co-President Resident Association**