

ANSHE EMETH DECEMBER E-NEWS

HANUKKAH STARTS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 – HAPPY HANUKKAH!

Shabbat Service: SATURDAY, December 17, 10 AM with Rabbinic Intern Anna Burke (see her message below). Services will be followed by Trivia and Hanukkah fun and then a Soup and Latke Lunch. In-person or Zoom. (Link at the end) Bring your Hanukkiah and candles.

Check out member Barbara Freed Bollenbacher's Hanukiot display at the Piqua library. The Shuchat family donated a couple of their special ones to her amazing collection.

Yahrzeit's December... Of Blessed memory:

Charles Bailen, Herman Barr, Harvey Buller, Lila Murstein Freed, Saul Goodman, Howard Kastner Erving Kastner, Nathan Katz, Frieda Kramer, Teddie Litchfield, Fannie Louis, Ruth Louis, Elliott Murstein, Mark Schaffer, Brian Stuckey Janet L. Foster Sylva, Arthur Willner.

Please Mark Your Calendars with This CORRECTED Schedule:

Saturday, January 10, Shabbat Services with Rabbi Anna

Friday, February 3, Time TBD, Services with Beth Jacob for Tu B'Shvat, Jese Shell coordinating.

Friday, March 3, 7:30 Shabbat Service with Rabbi Anna

Saturday, April 15, 10 AM with Rabbi Anna, and

Saturday, April 15, 1 PM, Judaism 101 Class with Rabbi Anna

Friday, May 5, Shabbat, lay led with Jese Shell

Friday, June 2, Shabbat, lay led with Jese Shell

Friday, July 14, Shabbat Shira, Sabbath of Song led by Steve Wyke & Mary "Mahira" Rogers

For your input and discussion at the December service:

Dayton International Peace museum, Judy is coordinating a guided tour of congregants for this small Museum for Jan. or Feb. Please check with her on Saturday or contact Judy for more information. Mjfeinstein2@gmail.com

Possible Outreach project for the Homeless Would we as a congregation be interested in supplying these things (toothpaste/brushes, soap, deodorant and sanitary products.... to the Piqua library? Please let Judy know of your interest.

Message from Rabbinic Intern Anna Burke:

As we display our *chanukiyot* on our windowsills this year and as the smell of latkes and *sufganiyot* fill our homes, we celebrate the strength and triumph of our people. We know this year that we can't take our survival for granted; according to the American Jewish Committee, Jewish people were the target of 60% of hate crimes in New York City in the month of November. Despite the fear we might feel about openly identifying as Jews this holiday season, we learn from our tradition that we should not shy away from celebrating our holiday. In the Talmud, our sages taught that it is a mitzvah not only to light the menorah but to do so where the public can see it from the outside (BT Shabbat 21b). The candles that burn each night remind us of the great Chanukah miracle when oil for a menorah meant to last one night lit the Temple for eight, and we remember that God is with us along our journeys just as He was for the Maccabees. They achieved what seemed to be impossible in rising up against oppression and liberating their people and holy place of worship, and if the Maccabees could rise to such an occasion, so too can we rejoice in our special holiday.

Chanukah is a period of inspiration and hope; this Chanukah, I hope that we may light our *chanukiyot* with pride and without repercussion. I pray that we continue to find and recognize miracles in our daily lives that uplift us and bolster our faith. Personally, I am going to keep reminding myself that what seems impossible may not be so impossible after all, especially with the support of our community and a little faith. I hope that the light burning in each of our windows will remind us of the strength we find when we stand together as Jewish people and to never give up on hoping for a miracle. Let us rededicate ourselves to rejoicing in our tradition, showing up for our community, and spreading light throughout the world.

Chag urim sameach!

Misha B'erach:

Neil Schmidt and family

With grateful thanks....

Jese Shell... In honor of the Birth of his niece, Ellis Kay Thompson, on 11/15/2022 to my sister and brother-in-law, Chloe Shell Thompson and Seth Thompson

Lauren Schmidt in memory of her family members (parents and Robyn).

Cory & Sharon Lemmon.

Hillary Hebler, in memory of her father, Charles Bailen

JOIN IN PERSON OR ZOOM.... ZOOM LINK HERE:

To Join Zoom

Service:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7643723318?pwd=STJIR1drNXFoL29XRGwOL1AzMThxQTO9>

Or go to your Zoom App and put in this information:

Meeting ID: 764 372 3318 Passcode: 0092

Or simply dial by your location: 646 876 9923 US (New York)

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