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Beineinu – Between Us By Rabbi Debbie Stiel

The Two Paths of Chanukah

When I was a teen my favorite poem was “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost. While the focus of that poem is on being willing to take the less traveled path, I also think it speaks to a broader truth in life that often we find ourselves at a cross roads (perhaps in a discussion or in life choices) with more than one seemingly very good path forward. Or at other times – there may be more than one option but none that seem right or appealing.

In the political climate of our day, I have often found myself of two minds (that is a strange saying!) – and wondering which path to leave untraveled. On the one hand, I often want to speak out sternly and clearly when I think a political leader or party is acting egregiously. After all, I argue to myself, we are commanded to seek justice. And if we do not stridently call out problematic government action, the leaders will feel emboldened to continue or do worse. There are often very real and very harmful consequences to lack of action in a democracy.

However, the problem with speaking out stridently, in our congregation, for example, is that such sharp talk, while it may be justified, also leads to divisions in community. So, to avoid those clashes between friends, family, or even just Facebook acquaintances, some people prefer to avoid talk of politics and to remain silent in the face of governmental wrong doings.

I see both of these paths explored in our Chanukah liturgy - each advocated by a different source in our tradition. On the one hand, in the book of Maccabees, the Maccabees fight boldly for justice – no matter how painful the consequences may be. They are not just willing to risk being disliked; they face the very real possibility of being killed as they fight the 3-year civil war. But to them, the bottom line was the importance of upholding their religious beliefs and what they felt was the right way to live.

On the other hand, on Shabbat Chanukah, we read from the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 2:14-4:7). This portion was no doubt picked by the rabbis because in it Zechariah shares his vision that the Temple will be rebuilt (after its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BCE) and the golden menorah would be in it. This description fit thematically with the rededication of the Temple (around 165 BCE) that is celebrated at Chanukah.

In Zechariah, the Israelites are told by God that for them to regain the Temple, they must “walk in My paths and keep My charge.” (Zechariah 3:7) But what is interesting here is that the focus is on peace between groups, “In that day—declares the LORD of Hosts—you will be inviting each other to the shade of vines and fig trees” (Zechariah 3:10). And it is from Zechariah that we get the famous prophecy, “Not by might nor by power, but by My spirit says the Lord” (Zechariah 4:6). One could argue that what is called for by Zechariah in 4:6 is kindness, calm dialogue, holiness – rather than aggressive efforts of might and power.

As is so often true in life, there is no easy answer here, no one teaching that works in all situations. We are left with at least two paths. The Maccabees call us to action, but Zechariah encourages us to think of ways to make progress that may feel more gentle and less rupturing. May we think carefully about how each teaching can help us to bring more light and holiness into our world. Hag Sameach. Happy Chanukah!

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Church Using Temple

The Apostolic Assembly Church is renting space at the Temple. They are in the building on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:30 pm.

Please greet them when you see them. They use the Social Hall and, for a short time on Sunday, a children's class meets downstairs.

Men's Dinner Club

will meet at HuHot

Mongolian Grill at 6:30 pm

on Thursday, December 19.

Please contact Alan Parker

with any questions.

Monthly Meditation

Practice

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 – 8:00 pm

In the Temple's Pusitz

Library

Led by Stephanie Schuttera

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Next Meditation Practice

January 15

Led by Susan Zuber-Chall

The Temple Beth Sholom

family extends MAZAL

TOV to:

-Allen and Beth Kossoy on

the birth of their new

grandson, Galen Riley

Matthews, son of Allie and

Patrick Matthews.

-Rabbi Larry Karol and

Rhonda Karol on the birth of

their new granddaughter, Eva

Ruth, daughter of Adam and

Julie Karol.

-Dan Katz and Margot

Brown on the birth of their

new grandson, Noah James,

son of Benjamin and Kayla

Katz.

Yahrzeits

December 6 – Roselle

Endlich, Bertha Swartzman,

Joyce Glassman, Dora Carrie

Affron, Nathan Kolman, Tillie

Small, Janet Adele Dolan, Sue

Garfield, Victor Check,

Milton Cohen, Ben Cohen, Irv

Rosen

December 13 – Gertrude

Litwin, Ruth Schimkowitz,

Mary Morgenstern, Eva

Gartner, Sid Nowick, Joseph

Richter, David Solomon Ruby,

Rebecca Kershner, Charles

Gartner, Joseph Alfred Dolan,

Louis Cohen, Gloria Fleming,

Fanny Greenberg, Sadie

Gleichenhaus

December 20 – Ethel

Richmond, Frances

Kronenfeld, Jim Carbley, Evie

Pozez, Oscar Dolan, Connie

Tigerman, Pearl Whitebook,

Larry Kornbleet, Ralph

Kessler, Arthur Petrucci,

Robert Beebe, Rabbi Stephen

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Pinkus, Abe Scrinopskie

December 27 – Mollye

Scrinopskie, Joseph Gartner,

Harriet Kolman, Clarence

Stanberry, Baruch Greenberg,

Maurice Freidberg, Arthur

Mandelbaum, Les

Scrinopskie, Benjamin Cohen,

Isador Goodman, Jacob

Wisman, Arthur Daniel Ruby,

Robert Sher, Jila Moaddab, Eli

Scrinopskie, Minnie Simon

Congratulations, Molly!

Molly Wisman has now been playing violin in the Topeka

Symphony for 50 consecutive years! Please join us in wishing her

Mazal Tov or come celebrate her wonderful playing with the

Symphony on Wednesday, December 11 at White Concert Hall.

Join us in December and January for the Jewish Intellectual History Class

Our Jewish Intellectual History Class is continuing. Join us on December 1 and 15 and January 5 and 12 from 10:30 - 11:30 am in the Social Hall. Drop in attendance is no problem.

Professor of Modern Jewish History, David B. Ruderman of the University of Pennsylvania, has created the DVD lectures we are watching on "Jewish Intellectual History: 16th to 20th Century." Temple member Norm Spero facilitates the discussion afterwards.



Special Musical Guest Emily Tummons - Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, December 7 Morning Shabbat Service at 10:30am

Join us for a special December Saturday Minyan when Emily Tummons will be our musical guest. She will share some special Shabbat music. Emily participated in a Shabbat evening service this past July. She was well-received and loved being with us. Emily was the music coordinator at Congregation Beth Torah for five years and is now touring various congregations, including extending a Saturday opportunity to Temple Beth Sholom. A multi-talented vocalist and instrumentalist, Emily's musical contributions are sure to add to what is already a wonderfully intimate and uplifting spiritual setting.

Rabbi Stiel will lead the service. Warren Sickel will join Emily in leading the music. Lorne Ruby will read Torah.

Note: There will NOT be a Shabbat morning service in January.



Artists and Crafters:

We invite you to sell your items at our Chanukah Store.

You can set up your own table as space allows.

Please contact the Temple Office for more information.

Our TBS Chanukah Store Will Be Open
Sundays in December 8 and 15
(during religious school) and
During Office Hours in December
(Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm)

Calling all Temple Musicians and Singers for Chanukah:

Temple musicians are invited to participate in the Temple Chanukah Tish on Friday, December 27. Instrumentalists who have had three months on an instrument, please contact Warren Sickel if you are interested in playing in the Temple Inter-generational Orchestra.

Our choir will be singing for Chanukah, too! If you have had one year of high school choir experience and have wanted to get involved in the Temple choir, this is a great program to see if this is a good fit for you. Rehearsal will be December 15 at 12:20-1:00 pm. E-mail Warren if you are interested.

Contact Warren Sickel with any questions.

PJ Library Chanukah Party Invitation

Hayley Magee and Sarah Roth would like to invite all children from two years-old through sixth grade and their families to a special Chanukah Party at Temple on Sunday, December 22 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

We will light the menorahs, sing songs and say the blessings with Stephanie Schuttera. We will also decorate Chanukah sugar cookies, make cards (to be delivered to the home bound Jewish community members here in Topeka) and create dreidels out of clay!

Hayley and Sarah will provide the meat and cheese trays, latkes, and drinks. They request that each family bring a side dish, latke topping, or dessert to share. Make sure to bring your menorah and candles if you'd like to light them as well!!

This evening is being sponsored by a grant from the PJ Library! Come celebrate the first night of Chanukah with us!! Please RSVP to Sarah Roth or to Hayley Magee.



Chanukah Tish

A bit of a service and a lot of celebrating!
Friday, December 27, 7:00 to 8:30 pm



-TBS' Intergenerational Orchestra will start us off
with their Chanukah music!

-Our Kol Neshamah Choir and our Youth Choir will lead us
in singing festive Chanukah songs!

-Homemade Chanukiah contest! Prizes for silliest, most creative, and prettiest!

-Bring your own Chanukiah & candles. The room will be aglow with RU-ACH (spirit)!

-We will share a few Shabbat prayers, sing Chanukah songs, recall the Chanukah story.

-Chanukah latkes, cookies, gelt, and more will be served!

-If you can help with bringing latkes, please call the office.

-RSVP by December 20. No charge for this event, but please do RSVP!

Several Wonderful Websites For Ongoing Jewish Learning and Information

<https://aklim.org/> - Aklim means climate in Hebrew. This is a new Jewish climate change website with both scientific and Jewish theological information.

<https://www.shiva.com/> - This website has a lot of traditional Jewish information about sitting shiva and Jewish traditions about death, burial, and mourning.

<https://www.hadar.org/> - Here you will find wonderful divrai Torah about the weekly Torah portion. It also has Jewish music and other good offerings.

<https://www.hebcal.com/> - This calendar gives you the Hebrew date for any date on the Gregorian calendar. You can also find the date for any Jewish holiday - past, present or future. It also has links to many sermons on the Torah portions.

If there are Jewish websites you think our congregation might particularly enjoy and benefit from, please e-mail Rabbi Stiel the information about them.

(Note: First night of Chanukah is Sunday, December 22, 2019)

Prayers from *On the Doorposts of your House*, and *Haneirot Halalu*, Central Conference of American Rabbis

The lights of Chanukah are a symbol of our joy. In time of darkness, our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many. It was a victory for all ages and all peoples.

The candles are placed in the menorah from right to left, and kindled from left to right.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
a-sheh ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had'lik בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.
ner shel Chanukah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with Your mitzvot, and command us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ
sheh-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.
ba-z'man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You showed wonders to our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only, add:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lach ha-o-lam, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ
she-hecheyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higi-anu la-z'man hazeh. לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה.

We praise You, Eternal One, Sovereign God of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

Some also say: We kindle these lights in remembrance of the wondrous deliverance You inspired our ancestors to struggle for and to attain. During the eight days of Chanukah these lights are sacred; we are not to use them but only to gaze upon them, so that their glow may rouse us to give thanks for Your wondrous saving power.

Rock of Ages/Maoz Tzur

Rock of ages, let our song praise Your saving power; You, amid, the raging foes, were our sheltering tower. Furious they assailed us, but Your arm availed us, and your Word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

Ma-oz tsur y-shu-a-ti l'cha na-eh l-sha-be-ach – Ti-kon bayt te-fi-la-ti v'sham to-dah n'za-be-ach L'ayt ta-chin mat-bay-ach mi-tzar ham-na-bay-ach – Az eg-mor be-shir miz-mor cha-nu-kat ha-miz-be-ach.

Ideas for Chanukah

Different families have different Chanukah traditions. One educator (Anne Stein) wrote in her synagogue bulletin that in her home they do a different fun activity each night of Chanukah after lighting the menorah. What a great way to make the holiday memorable and not so focused on gifts! Here are some suggested activities from her and other possibilities.

- Make decorations for the home. Everybody can participate in making the home more celebratory. This way the holiday is all around us for 8 days.
- Book night. Everyone gets a book as a gift. That night everyone shares something from a favorite book they read recently.
- Make sufganiot. In Israel, these jelly filled doughnuts are a Chanukah treat.
- Game night. Everyone in the family joins in playing games together. Play dreidl and other games!
- Make the 6th night Ner Shel Tzedakah (the candle of tzedakah) and make a donation instead of giving gifts
- Chanukiah making. Spend a night making Chanukiot (Chanukah menorahs) out of different substances.

DECEMBER 25 MITZVAH PROJECTS

The Social Action Committee will continue the Temple's tradition of community service on Christmas Day at Breakthrough Clubhouse and Ronald McDonald House, and volunteers will be needed.

Breakthrough House, Inc. is looking forward to the Temple providing a noontime December 25 dinner for their clientele at the Breakthrough Clubhouse (SW corner of 12th and Van Buren, just west of the YWCA). Breakthrough House, Inc., supplies clubhouse services and group homes for people experiencing severe and persistent mental illness.

Ronald McDonald House (825 SW Buchanan) furnishes temporary lodging to visiting out-of-town relatives of children in Topeka hospitals. At Ronald McDonald House on December 25, Temple volunteers will cook food for lodgers, thereby relieving regular staff to have some time to celebrate Christmas with their families.

Volunteer sign-up sheets for both Breakthrough and Ronald McDonald are posted in the Temple. For the Breakthrough project, you may do the following:

1. Donate pies (marked FOR BREAKTHRU or FOR RONALD MCDONALD to the Temple kitchen refrigerator, or on-site Tuesday, December 25, before 11:00 am)
2. Prepare food and set tables (9:30 - 11:45 am)
3. Serve and clean up (11:30 am - 2:30 pm)
4. Donate cash to fund the project (make check to Temple Beth Sholom, indicate "Mitzvah Project")
5. Help with transport: Two people needed at 8:15 am at the Temple to help transport food, roasters, and equipment to the Clubhouse, and two people needed at the end of clean-up to return roasters and equipment to Temple.

Besides using the sign-up sheets or calling the Temple office, one may volunteer or receive further information about the mitzvah projects by contacting their chairpersons: Frayna Scrinopskie for Ronald McDonald House and Bob Harms for Breakthrough House.

REMINDER: DONATE ITEMS FOR BLINTZE BRUNCH



Howard and Elaine Schwartz are donating this nice jewelry armoire and a working snow blower to the Blintze Brunch Silent Auction. If you have something nice you would like to donate, bring it to Temple. Please include a note with your name on it so we know who is donating the item and include how much it is worth.

As the holiday season nears, you can buy items on a really good sale and donate those, too. Remember to ask the businesses you frequent to donate items or gift cards. Let's get ready to make 2020 the best auction ever!!





Above: Temple JUMP representatives
Right: Israeli Shaliach Tal Shabo with Temple's Religious School



Annual Topeka-Manhattan Jewish Federation Campaign: Your Donation Counts

“Kol Yisrael aravim zeh be’zeh – All Israel is responsible for one another.” - Talmud

November and December are our Topeka-Manhattan Jewish Federation Annual Campaign months. We hope that **everyone** will donate to the Jewish Federation. Approximately 65% of the money that the Topeka-Manhattan Jewish Federation raises is sent to the national Jewish Federation of North America office to help Jews throughout the world. The rest of the money helps regional Jewish organizations such as KU and KSU Hillels and the regional Anti-Defamation League office (which is a great resource for us).

Our donations have been decreasing in recent years. It would be great if our little community could continue to help Jews world-wide and strengthen regional Jewish resources.

To make a donation, please write a check made out to the Topeka-Manhattan Jewish Federation and mail it to the Temple's address by December 17. Thank you!



– Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Harold Youngentob, Howard Schwartz, and Eileen Meyer, Federation Committee

December 2019 Board Meeting Highlights

- Deborah Edelman-Dolan and April Neff, our ToMaTY advisors, took youth grouper Christine Montgomery to Fall Chavurah in St. Louis.
- The Israeli Shaliach will visit Temple's Religious School on November 3, 2019
- Alan Wisman reported the bronze sculpture in front of the Temple needs to be repaired. The roof heating and AC units are old and need to be replaced.
- Rabbi Stiel reported that Sukkot was very meaningful, busy and good. There were enough people in attendance on Simchat Torah to unroll the entire Torah.

Women's Night Out

will not meet in December.

Please contact Liz Bergmann-Harms with any questions.



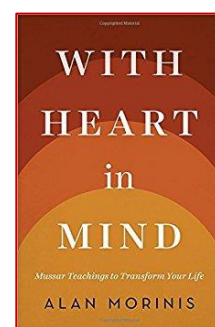
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Consecration
on
November 8

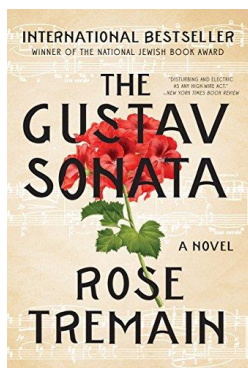
Right:
Sisterhood of
Salaam
Shalom
meeting at
Rabbi Stiel's
home



Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding **Next Meeting: December 18, Noon – 1:00 pm**

Bring a bag lunch and join us in the Temple Pusitz Library. We are reading Alan Morinis' *With Heart in Mind ~ Mussar Teachings to Transform Your Life*. We study the character traits (*middot*) and work on bringing them into our lives in the right amount. Please bring the book to the *Va'ad* meetings. We will review Chapter 23 and read Chapter 24. Newcomers are always welcome.





Temple Book Club **December 15 at 2:00 pm in Temple Library**

British writer, Rose Tremain's novel, *The Gustav Sonata*, winner of the 2017 National Book Award for Fiction in the USA, is a coming of age story set in Switzerland spanning three periods: before, during, and after World War II. It is about an intense friendship between a Jewish boy and his talented friend, a budding concert pianist. The novel follows the Gustav family, tracing the roots of Gustav's mother's anti-semitism and its impact upon her son and his beloved friend. It explores the passionate love of childhood friendship as it is lost, transformed, and regained over a lifetime. (Book can be purchased online for under \$5.00.)

(Pictures from our food drive)



Doorstep High Holy Days Food Drive A HUGE SUCCESS!

We donated 1,018.8 pounds of food and \$427 during the 2019 High Holy Days Food Drive!! Thank you to everyone who contributed and to David Chall and Gary Fussenegger for delivering the food to Doorstep.

Monthly Shabbat Morning Opportunities

Talmud Study – 9:00 – 10:30 am, Saturday, December 7 and 21.

Pirkei Avot consists of the wisdom of our sages concerning the values and ethics of Judaism as reflected in the Oral Law. While I am paraphrasing here, perhaps one of the most famous is Rabbi Tarphon's dictum: "It is not for you to finish.....but neither are you free to desist from it." We shall read *Pirkei Avot* in small segments, simultaneously looking at and discussing different commentaries that have been written about each portion of it.

We invite and welcome you to join us in what we anticipate will be a very rewarding study. It is not necessary to commit to attending every session. Come as you are interested and able.

Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, December 14 and 28

Introduction to the Zohar, by Arthur Green.

Our group is reading Art Green's excellent and thorough introduction to the Pritzker edition of the *Zohar*. If you want to get an inside look at the *Zohar*, please join us for this fascinating read! We will hand out copies in class.



TaNaKh Study – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday, December 14 and 28

In this group, we are reading the Bible all the way through. Each time we meet we read a few verses or a chapter out loud and then stop to discuss it before going on. We enjoy a free-ranging discussion of what was read and its implications. Currently, we are reading the *Psalms* and would love your input.

Sheldon School Clothes Drive

Sheldon Headstart School Principal Jennifer Norton says they appreciate all the help Temple Beth Sholom has given them over the years. Their children need:

- * girls and boys underwear, sizes 3-5
- * girls and boys socks, sizes 4-6
- * girls and boys long pants, sizes 4-6

Please bring these items to Temple and put them in the collection boxes in December and January. As items are brought in, we will take them over to Sheldon.

November and December Tzedakah

Make-A-Wish.

Our 4th-6th Graders picked this recipient.

When life-changing wishes are granted, a wish effect occurs. The wish can help children battling critical illnesses build the hope and strength they need to fight harder and see the impossible become possible. Research shows wishes can give these children a higher chance of survival. And, it's why health professionals often use a wish as part of their treatment plan, because wishes can build compliance with care and potentially give their patients a better chance of reducing time spent in the hospital.

You can be a part of the wish effect for every eligible child. Donate by sending a check to Temple Beth Sholom and writing "Make a Wish Tzedakah" in the Memo line.

SAVE THE DATE:

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 26, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Social Hall

Email Doug Meyers to schedule your life saving appointment or for any questions.

Visit redcrossblood.org for additional information about eligibility or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



ONEG SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for a host for the following Shabbat onegs in 2020: **January 31; February 21; March 20; May 15 and 29; July 3, 10, 17 and 31; August 7, 14, 21 and 28.** Please check times of services in the monthly bulletin and weekly email.

June Onegs will be Potluck. There will also be once a month Potluck Onegs which are the following dates: December 20, January 24, February 28, March 20, April 17 and May 22. We will need help setting up and cleaning up. Please remember, for those of you who cannot host an oneg, you may donate any amount to our Oneg Fund. Contact Molly Wisman if you have questions.

Jewish Summer Camp Information

GUCI: A director of the Reform Movement's Goldman Union Camp Institute (GUCI) is coming to speak at the Camp Assembly on Sunday, January 12 at 12:00 pm. We would like all parents and students to be in attendance. Thank you!

Scholarships: We will once again offer scholarships to every youngster at Temple who needs the financial help and is going to an approved Jewish summer camp. Last year the gifts were \$500 to each camper who went for 2 weeks and \$1000 for 4 weeks. We will try to match that, but it will depend on the number of applicants for these limited funds.

To apply, you must e-mail Rabbi Stiel a request for campership funds at rabbi@tbstopeka.org by **February 4**. Please include the name of the Jewish overnight camp your child will attend and the dates. You will be notified of the amount we can give. The funds will be sent to the camp.

Our campership funds come from the Temple and a yearly gift from the Pozez Endowment Fund. Other camp scholarships may be available through the camps themselves, through the Jewish Community Foundation of Kansas City, and for first time campers through www.onehappycamper.org.

Temple's Inclement Weather Policy

The Temple board voted a few years ago to implement these rules for the safety of our members. Please take note of them. If in doubt about whether a worship service, religious school or program is going to happen, you can call Rabbi Stiel, the Temple president, or the chair of the committee involved.

1. If a siren sounds in Shawnee County within one hour leading up to a Temple program, religious school, or worship service, that event is cancelled.
2. If there are wintery conditions an hour before a Temple event, Temple will cancel its planned activities if school is cancelled in USD 501 or 437 or if the schools are cancelling their evening activities.
3. Please check the WIBW TV channel or website or look for an email from Temple to find out if an event has been cancelled.

It is hard to write a policy for every possible occurrence, so please feel free to call someone in charge of the activity if in doubt.

YOUR YEAR END DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT TEMPLE

We need your financial help. As the year comes to an end, please make a donation to the Temple. A donation of \$150 would pay for security for a weekend of Friday night services and Sunday morning religious school. A donation to the music fund of \$110 helps pay for our Friday night accompanist. Your Social Action donation of \$50 will help support our advocacy efforts. A library donation of \$25 would purchase a new book. Any donation helps support having a full-time rabbi.

Every dollar that is donated is one less dollar that we have to take out of our Endowment to help fund Temple programming and expenses. Without your donations, Temple Beth Sholom will not survive.

We currently take over \$40,000 a year from our Endowment fund to pay for Temple Beth Sholom yearly costs. As 2019 is coming to a close, your tax deductible donations will MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

*Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!*

December 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 NO RS Hebrew & Adult Beg Hebrew classes Jewish History Class 10:30 am	2 Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	3	4 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	5	6 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Rhoda Wisman	7 Talmud Study Group 9:00 am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30 am
8 Chanukah Store 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Hebrew & Adult Beg Hebrew 9:30 am RS & Adult Int Hebrew 10:30 am Adult Adv Hebrew 11:30 am RS Assembly 12:00 pm	9 Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Myths Class 7:00 pm	13 Simchat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Hurst Coffman	14 Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am TaNaKh Study Group 10:30 am
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22 Chanukah – 1 st Night NO RS Hebrew & Adult Beg Hebrew classes PJ Library Chanukah Party 5:00 pm	23 Chanukah Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	24 Chanukah	25 Chanukah Mitzvah Project at Breakthrough House and Ronald McDonald's House	26 Chanukah Women's Night Out will not meet	27 Chanukah Chanukah Tish 7:00 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Hurst Coffman/ Kol Neshamah Choir	28 Chanukah Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am TaNaKh Study Group 10:30 am
29 Chanukah NO RS Hebrew & Adult Beg Hebrew classes	30 Chanukah – Last Day Chair Yoga 7:00 pm	31	Religious School resumes January 12 th	Rabbi Stiel out of office December 28 to January 5	Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar with the following link: http://templebethsholomtopeka.view-events.com	

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Worship Services



Friday, December 6

Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Students in Religious School Hebrew Classes will participate. Oneg sponsored by Laura Silverberg.

Saturday, December 7

Shabbat Morning Service – 10:30 am

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Warren Sickel. Special musical guest, Emily Tummons, will participate. Lorne Ruby will read Torah.

**Office Hours – Monday to Friday
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Friday, December 13

Simchat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Warren Sickel. Hurst Coffman will accompany. Hayley Magee will read Torah. December birthday and anniversary blessings will be offered. Oneg sponsored by Jared and Danelle Harsin.

Friday, December 20

Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Deborah Edelman-Dolan will read Torah. **Oneg will be potluck.** We will need help setting up and cleaning up.

Friday, December 27

Chanukah Tish - 7:00 pm

Chanukah Tish led by Rabbi Stiel and Warren Sickel. Hurst Coffman will accompany. Kol Neshamah choir, Youth choir and the Inter-generational orchestra will participate.



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