



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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## Rabbi's Column

### HANUKKAH: RENEWAL AND RESILIENCE

Hanukkah is one of two traditional holidays that does not appear in the Torah (Purim is the other one). We will look at how the balance of what it commemorates (the rebellion and the miracle) has changed over the years at my adult education session on Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 am via Zoom. But Hanukkah's placement in the year is significant: it occurs during the new moon closest to the winter solstice, the darkest time of the year. Like other traditions, Judaism has developed a "festival of light" at this time of year. Every night, we light an additional candle, adding a small, but ever increasing, amount of light against the darkness.

Sometimes it seems like Hanukkah is the easiest Jewish holiday to ignore, unless you have got kids at home of course! It has a reputation as a children's holiday, and if we cannot have people over for latkes, or be together at the Temple, wouldn't it be easier to forget the whole thing?

Lately I've been thinking that every aspect of our spiritual and religious life has three aspects: how it affects us personally; how it affects the religious community we belong to, both local in Topeka and the Jewish world as a whole; and how it affects society at large.

On a personal, spiritual level, Hanukkah can remind us that, in the words of my favorite band, the Grateful Dead, "this darkness got to give." In the winter, especially a winter as challenging as this one, it can be easy to succumb to despair. Hanukkah reminds us that we can light a candle rather than curse the darkness.

On a communal level, sometimes it seems so difficult to keep Jewish traditions going. So many committee meetings, and membership dues, and who even knows if any of this will go on past our generation? But Hanukkah teaches us that a little bit of oil and a little bit of effort, goes a long way. Something (or Some One) builds on our efforts to make a big flame. The Jewish people will not only continue but thrive.

And on a societal level, Hanukkah teaches us, as Margaret Mead famously said, that "a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Hanukkah teaches us that the smaller force can defeat the greater if it has right on its side. When it seems like evil is ascendent, Hanukkah teaches us that the good can win.

And what message do we need more than that? In this year of so many challenges, the pandemic, but the divisive election, climate disruption, racial injustice, Hanukkah reminds us that the light at the end of the tunnel is not necessarily an oncoming train. Rather, it's the light of a single candle, the candle that we light in our homes and in our hearts, and then another, and then another, lighting the winter gloom, lighting our lives, lighting the way to a brighter future.

## Contributions

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who support Temple Beth Sholom by remembering and honoring their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

### General Fund

#### **Einsteins**

#### **Bob Harms and Liz Bergmann-Harms**

-In memory of Judith Bergmann

#### **Jan Abrams**

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-In honor of the retention of Supreme Court Justice Eric Rosen

-Thank you, Richard Cohen

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-In memory of Julie Cohen

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-In memory of Libby Gordon

-In memory of Fannie

Mandelbaum

-In memory of Adeline DeBrovy

-In memory of Harry Gordon

-Mazel Tov to Hurst Coffman for being recognized in the 2021

edition of "The Best Lawyers in America"

## Yahrzeits

**December 4** – Donna Scrinopskie, Roselle Endlich, Bertha Swartzman, Joyce Glassman, Dora Carrie Affron, Ethel Richmond, Tillie Small, Janet Adele Dolan, Sue Garfield

**December 11** – Victor Check, Milton Cohen, Ben Cohen, Irv Rosen, 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

**December 18** – Fanny Greenberg, Sadie Gleichenhau, Jacob Wisman, Jila Moaddab, Frances Kronenfeld, Jim Carbley, Evie Pozez, Oscar Dolan, Connie Tigerman, Pearl Whitebook, Ralph Kessler, Arthur Petruccelli, Rabbi Stephen Forstein

**December 25** – Belle Einstein Thornton, Esther Sandhaus, Lawrence E. Stocker, Sr., Irv Pinkus, Abe Scrinopskie, Isador Goodman, Jacob Kotlarsky, Mollye Scrinopskie, Joseph Gartner, Clarence Stanberry, Baruch Greenberg, Maurice Freidberg, Arthur Mandelbaum, Les Scrinopskie, Benjamin Cohen, Arthur Daniel Ruby, Robert Sher, Harriet Kolman, Eli Scrinopskie

## Calendar of Jewish Holidays for 2020-2021

<https://jcrbajc.org/resources/religious-calendars.html>

### Monthly Meditation via Zoom

**Has been cancelled for December**

### **Doorstep High Holy Days Food Drive**

Temple Beth Sholom members donated 600 pounds of food and \$150 monetary donation.

## HANUKKAH ONLINE STORE

**Temple Beth Sholom Information about the Hanukkah Online Store will be forthcoming.**

**Look for an email!**



## DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

### Religious Services for December via Zoom

(Zoom Links are also in Weekly emails or reminder service emails)

#### Friday, December 4, Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Deborah Edelman-Dolan, Laura Silverberg, Warren Sickel and Stephanie Schuttera will lead the service. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, December 11, Hanukkah Celebration Family Shabbat Service - 7:00 pm

Family Friendly Shabbat service and Hanukkah Celebration led by Rabbi Rieber. We will light the second candle of Hanukkah and celebrate Shabbat with the Temple Beth Sholom community!

Bring a menorah and if possible, put it in view of your camera.

At 7:00 pm, we will start with a joint menorah lighting, followed by family friendly Shabbat service led by Rabbi Moti. He will tell a holiday story and we will sing some Hanukkah songs. Birthdays and anniversaries will also be celebrated, so join us for a jam-packed evening of light!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, December 18, Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Julie Petrucci-Treen, Hayley Magee and Rhoda Wisman will lead the service.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

#### Friday, December 25, Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead the service.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710>

### Adult Education Lecture and Discussion: RECONSTRUCTING HANUKKAH

Taught by Rabbi Rieber

Sunday, December 13, 11:00 am to Noon, Via Zoom

Hanukkah is a great example of the way Jewish thinking changes over the years. The holiday is based on historical events, but which events? Through the years, different aspects of the Hanukkah story have been emphasized over others, based on the needs and circumstances of the Jewish community at the time. Reb Moti will trace some of these historical recalculations, as well as exploring what Hanukkah can mean to us today. This class will serve as something of a “soft” introduction to how to apply Reconstructionist thought to historical and theological ideas.

### RESOURCES FROM UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM ON HANUKKAH Hanukkah – December 10-18, 2020

- [Hanukkah History](#)
- [Hanukkah Customs and Rituals](#)
- [Hanukkah Food and Recipes](#)
- [Hanukkah Family Activities](#)



## **(Note: First night of Hanukkah is Thursday, December 10, 2020)**

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

The lights of Hanukkah 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      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
a-sheh ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had'lik      בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל הַנְּקֵבָה.  
ner shel Hanukkah.

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

Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ  
sheh-a-sa ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim      בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן 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,      בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּימוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ  
she-hecheyanu, v'kiymanu, v'higi-anu la-z'man hazeh.      לְזַמַּן 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 Hanukkah 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 tachin 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 Hanukkah**

Different families have different Hanukkah traditions. One educator (Anne Stein) wrote in her synagogue bulletin that in her home they do a different fun activity each night of Hanukkah 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, this jelly filled doughnuts are a Hanukkah treat.
- Game night. Everyone in the family joins in playing games together. Play dreidl and other games!
- Make the 6<sup>th</sup> night Ner Shel Tzedakah (the candle of tzedakah) and make a donation instead of giving gifts
- Hanukiah making. Spend a night making Hanukiot (Hanukkah menorahs) out of different substances.

## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S DECEMBER 25 MITZVAH PROJECT

The Social Action Committee will continue the Temple's tradition of community service on Christmas Day at Breakthrough Clubhouse and Ronald McDonald House (RMH), 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. This year, volunteers will be preparing the meal in the Temple kitchen and then transporting the food to Breakthrough Clubhouse. Their staff will be serving the meal in a safe manner to their clients. We will need pies, either bought or homemade.

If you are interested in helping with Breakthrough House, or have any questions about preparations, please contact Bob Harms **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15** for details: email [Roarha7@aol.com](mailto:Roarha7@aol.com) or phone (H) 785-478-9672, all contributions are welcome!

Ronald McDonald House (825 SW Buchanan) furnishes temporary lodging to visiting out-of-town relatives of children in Topeka hospitals. As in the past, Temple Beth Sholom will be providing a holiday meal for the families who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Friday, December 25, 2020. This year, however, due to directives from the National RMH Organization, volunteers will not be cooking at the Ronald McDonald House. Instead, Temple volunteers will prepare the meal and deliver it for the holiday, thereby affording regular staff time to celebrate Christmas with their own families.

Dinner will include turkey provided by the RMH volunteers and prepared by TBS volunteers

The following items are needed to complete the dinner:

Stuffing/dressing

Mashed potatoes and gravy

Vegetable(s)

Bread/rolls

Cranberry sauce

Desserts: pies, cakes, cookies, fruit, candy, etc.

Guidelines from the national Ronald McDonald organization require that any non-packaged items must be prepared in the Temple's kitchen, not in private homes.

If you are interested in participating in this project or have any questions about preparations, please contact Frayna Scrinopskie **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15** for details: email [scrinopskief@yahoo.com](mailto:scrinopskief@yahoo.com) or phone (H) 785-273-5477, and leave a message. Any assistance and all contributions are welcome!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

**December**

**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:30 am VIA ZOOM**

Sunday, December 6, Group meets, Individual Classes meet.

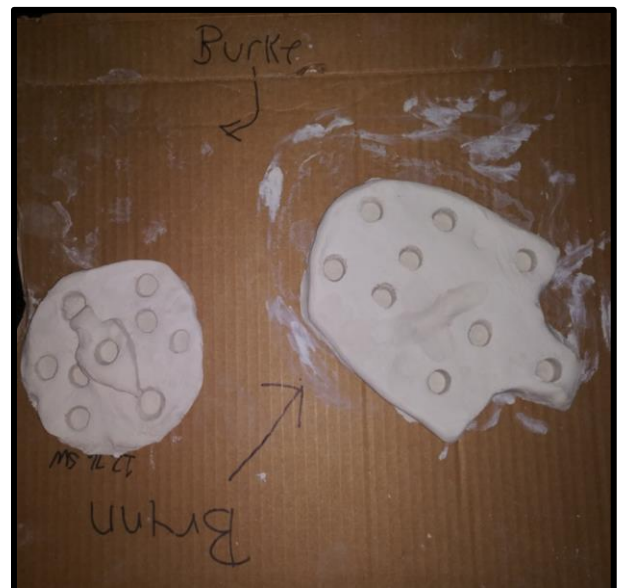
Sunday, December 13, Hanukkah Group Celebration followed by breakout sessions.

### **Religious School Global Day of Jewish Learning**

The Religious School classes participated in the Global Day of Jewish Learning on Sunday, November 8, 2020, with Rabbi Moti Rieber and teacher Hayley Magee leading lessons on the topic of Human Dignity. Temple kids, along with our Lawrence friends, enjoyed a Zoom session of video stories followed by a lively discussion. Students learned about the importance of respecting the experiences of others and that if we are all created in G-d's image, then we must regard others as being creatures of G-d.

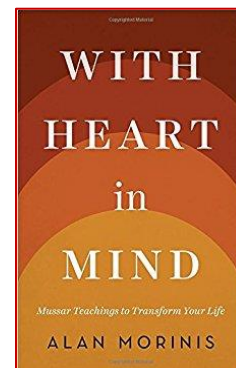
### **Religious School Hanukkah Celebration, December 13 via Zoom at 10:30 am**

Our combined Topeka and Lawrence Religious School students have been gearing up for what will be a morning of stories, games, and songs during our Hanukkah Celebration on December 13, via Zoom, our last class before Winter Break. On November 15, we designed homemade clay menorahs that we hope will be ready for a dramatic group lighting during our Celebration. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us and should be prepared for lots of noise and laughter!



## **Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding** **Next Meeting: December 16 at noon via Zoom**

We read 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 have the book for the *Va'ad* meetings. We will review Chapter 34 and read Chapter 35. Newcomers are always welcome. The Zoom link will be in the Temple Beth Sholom weekly e-mail.



### **Monthly Shabbat Morning Study Opportunity**

**Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, December 12 and 26, via Zoom.**  
***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! Let the Temple Office know if you want to attend via Zoom.



#### **Adult Hebrew Classes**

Please contact Frayna Scrinopskie if you are interested in Adult Hebrew Classes.

#### **RJ on The Go**

Interactive Jewish Experiences for Everyone in Your Family

[http://cloud.email.rj.org/RJonTheGo-Info?utm\\_source=InsideLeadership&utm\\_campaign=Resources&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=2020\\_10\\_20](http://cloud.email.rj.org/RJonTheGo-Info?utm_source=InsideLeadership&utm_campaign=Resources&utm_medium=email&utm_content=2020_10_20)

### **YEAR-END GIVING**

A review of Temple Beth Sholom's history gives us a perspective on the present. Back in the mid 1950's, Temple treasurer Harry Bolnick told the story of how he had to pass the hat during a Board meeting to raise enough money to pay the utility bills. Fortunately, we are not in that position today. Members of our congregation have helped to provide funding through their pledges and donations to enable the Jewish community to survive. As we approach the end of a tumultuous year, we can help the Temple sustain itself with your gifts. Your donation during this month can help with a current fundraising need. One of our main heating and air conditioning units on the roof, which controls the temperature in the Sanctuary, needs to be replaced. In the past, that type of unit has cost over \$10,000. Please consider helping with that fundraising goal. Over our history, the Jewish community has stepped forward to meet our financial challenges.

Thank you, Alan Wisman

A new feature in the Bulletin will be a list of birthdays and anniversaries of members for the month. The office did not have a birth date or anniversary for everyone. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or if you do not want your birthday or anniversary listed, please inform the Temple office. We hope you enjoy seeing who else has a birthday the same as you.

### **December Birthdays**

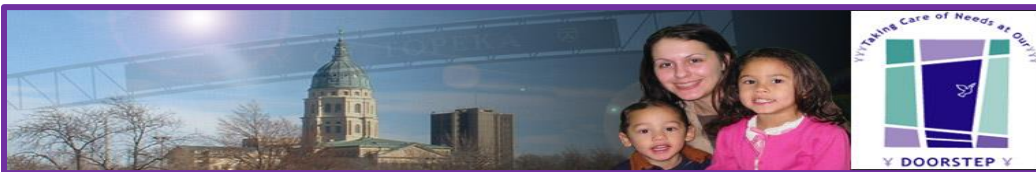
Bob Harms – 6th  
Marc Baraban – 8th  
Hayley Magee – 13th  
Cameron O’Brien – 14th  
Ronda Youngentob - 16th  
Owen Ross – 19th  
Daryl Kabins – 22nd  
Warren Sickel – 22nd  
Danelle Harsin – 28th  
Robin Reed – 29th  
April Neff – 31st  
Stephanie Schuttera – 31st

### **December Anniversaries**

Alan and Molly Wisman – 1st  
Bryan and Elizabeth Cohn – 4th  
Len and Terry Richter – 10th  
Vernon and April Neff – 31st  
David and Mary Beth Mudrick – 31st



## **Doorstep Needs for December**



This month is all about the Christmas Store, even if it is completely different than in years

past! This year is not a ‘Store’, but more of a Christmas Adoption Project. All the families who signed up through the Christmas Bureau will receive a food order and \$15 gift card per person in the household. Doorstep is also adding a blanket and health kit for each household. Distribution days this year will be December 14 – 16.

Doorstep currently needs for Christmas: Towel sets (bath & hand only), Full-sized Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste, Combs, Deodorant, Full/Queen and King Blankets, and money. We need money to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. Where we have asked for items in years past, please send a check or go to our website ([www.doorstopeka.org](http://www.doorstopeka.org)) to donate by credit card.

Doorstep appreciates anything you can do to help this year during COVID-19 Christmas. Do not forget your year-end donations as well! Doorstep would gratefully accept your donations to help us start out 2021 in the black. Our extra COVID-19 funds will be nearly spent, but people will still be in need in 2021, whether it is COVID-19 related, or life has just happened, and they need our help!



The **Facility Usage During the Pandemic** ad hoc committee was formed to suggest guidelines for a safe return to Temple usage.

The Facility Usage Committee unanimously agreed that Friday night Shabbat services should continue via Zoom.

The following guidelines were presented to and approved by the Temple Board of Directors.

*Temple Beth Sholom Guidelines for small group meetings:*

1. The committee chair or group leader of a meeting will sign up with the Temple office to reserve a date and time for the meeting.
2. Committees or groups will be encouraged to meet outdoors (e.g. in the gazebo). If meeting indoors is necessary, committees are encouraged to open a door or window for ventilation.
3. Every attendee will sign in, including a phone number, in case contact tracing is necessary.
4. All attendees will be required to maintain a 6' social distance and wear a mask at all times. The mask must be worn properly, covering the nose and mouth, and may not be removed, including when speaking.
5. The committee chair or group leader is responsible to wipe down all surfaces and doorknobs (or may designate someone) after a meeting.
6. Food and drink should not be served as masks should always remain on.
7. Taking of temperatures is not required. In person, Zoom or a hybrid meeting will be left up to the Committee chair or group leader. Ideally, a Zoom option will be available for individuals preferring to attend online.

*Guidelines to scheduling meetings*

1. One group at a time will meet at Temple.
2. One AM meeting and one PM meeting per day
3. Exception to #2 would be if there is one small group meeting followed by another with four to five attendees in each group and the same facilitator, e.g. Frayna's Hebrew classes.

Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be placed in the board room, library, bathrooms, and social hall.

Temple Beth Sholom will follow the State of Kansas Ad Astra plan and monitor the county COVID numbers and will modify the guidelines accordingly.

**Every Tuesday, you receive the announcement below in our weekly email.**

**“Hy-Vee Gift Cards & Dillons Rewards Program**

Don't forget we have Hy-Vee gift cards in the Temple office, and we get 5% from Hy-Vee. You can purchase other gift cards at Hy-Vee with your Temple Hy-Vee gift card, purchased at Temple Beth Sholom. And as a reminder, if you are signed up for the Dillons Community Reward program through your Dillon's card, Temple Beth Sholom receives a percentage of your grocery purchases.”



For many years Temple Beth Sholom has relied on Dillons Community Rewards program and the purchase of Hy-Vee gift cards from Temple Beth Sholom to supplement our annual income.

An interesting bit of trivia, and we all know how much Jack Wisman likes trivia, he and Helen Berlin began a script program with Albertsons on February 25, 1997! I believe we began the programs with Dillons and Hy-Vee in December of 2013.

For the first several years, Temple Beth Sholom earned approximately \$2,000 per year just from Dillons with 45 households registered. In 2020, we have 46 households registered; we are on track to receive \$1100 from the program.

Dillons no longer gives rewards for gas purchases or gift cards, which accounts for some of the drop in amount we are receiving. But I would like to encourage those who are not enrolled to follow the instructions below to link up your Dillons Plus card or obtain a Dillons Plus card if you shop at Dillons. This will also work at other Kroger Stores. When we travel to California (like in the good old days), our Dillons card (Kroger) can be used at Ralphs.

We also have gift cards to Hy-Vee available in the Temple office. Thank you to Margot Brown who purchases the gift cards in which Temple Beth Sholom receives 5% of the gift card face value.

Please consider taking the extra effort to support Temple Beth Sholom. There is no extra cost to you, but Temple Beth Sholom will reap the benefits.

Jane Greene

**How to enroll in Dillon's Community Rewards program**

Obtain a Dillon's Plus card available at any Dillon's store (if you do not already have one). You will need the number on that card to set up an on-line account.

Go to [www.dillons.com](http://www.dillons.com) to SET UP AN ACCOUNT.

**IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT** click REGISTER in the upper right corner.

Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communications from Dillons

Click on CREATE ACCOUNT at the bottom of the page

You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account, click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

**IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT**, click SIGN IN in the upper right corner.

**TO ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

Find the button or tab for COMMUNITY REWARDS (may be under the COMMUNITY tab on the top bar).

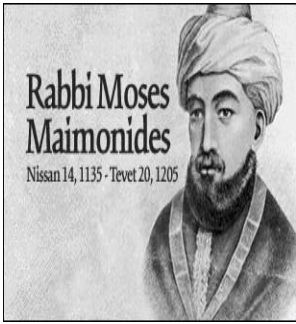
Click on ENROLL NOW

Enter the following 5-digit NPO number: BL361, and search.

Select Temple Beth Sholom and click on ENROLL.



**Community Rewards**



Just a reminder, at the 2013 Annual meeting, the congregation approved establishing a Maimonides Rabbinic Fund to assure continued rabbinic leadership at Temple Beth Sholom.

This assessment amounts to \$5 per month per family or \$60 a year and started with our fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013.

If possible, please send a separate check for \$60 (made out to Temple Beth Sholom or Maimonides Fund), with your dues check to make your contribution to the Maimonides Rabbinic Fund.

Also, contributions to this fund do not need to be limited to this yearly payment. Donations can also be made for a yearzeit, to commemorate a birth or a wedding, a thank you, etc.

### Reform Jewish Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 2020-2021 (5781)

Hanukkah	December 10-18, 2020 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Purim	February 25-26, 2021 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Passover	March 27- April 4, 2021 (sunset Saturday-sunset Sunday)
Shavuot	May 16-18, 2021 (sunset Sunday-sunset Tuesday)

### Highlights from Temple Beth Sholom Board meeting, November 4, 2020

- Frayna Scrinopskie and the Social Action Committee are working with Ronald McDonald House to plan and coordinate how Temple can safely help them on December 25 this year.
- A replacement heating and air-conditioning system for the sanctuary is being planned. The existing unit is old and is not in a condition where continued repairs make financial sense.
- The Lawrence community Religious School has reached out to Temple Beth Sholom for help as they are without a director for their school. We are currently trying out a few online sessions to see how that might work out.

### Friday Shabbat Services via Zoom

We are reading Mi Shebeirach names again during our Shabbat Services via Zoom. If you would like your name or someone else's name read, please email the Temple office by Wednesday prior to that Friday's Service to have your name(s) added. Please note that they will be read during the Shabbat service via Zoom and on Facebook Live in the private group.

As we move into transition, we need more lay leaders. If you are interested in leading services or learning what goes into leading a service, please contact Julie Petruccelli-Treen at [petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com](mailto:petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com) or the Temple Office. With enough interest, we will put together a class. This is a unique and special way to help your congregation.

## Church Using Temple

The Apostolic Assembly Church is using the Social Hall 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 will be adhering to strict cleaning and social distancing guidelines.

**At this tough time for the Temple we would appreciate any extra donations.**

**Make donations and contributions to Temple at this secure link** (in the message box on the checkout page, put what the donation is for): <https://tbs.convertri.com/donate>

### Donations to Temple can help your Taxes this Year

This year the CARES Act will allow you to deduct up to \$300 of cash charitable gifts even if you do not itemize deductions on your taxes. If you do itemize, the existing cap on annual cash contributions has been raised from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.

## **SAVE THE DATE: TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, January 31, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Social Hall**

Email [Doug Meyers](mailto:doug.meyers@tbs.org) to schedule your life saving appointment or for any questions.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for additional information about eligibility or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



## **Blintze Brunch for 2021 Scheduled**

The 2021 Blintze Brunch will be Sunday, May 2. The plan is to have an online purchase and curbside pick-up Brunch again. The Silent Auction and a larger variety of bake good available. Watch for more details.



# DECEMBER 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2 Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm	3	4 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Deborah Edelman-Dolan/ Laura Silverberg/ Warren Sickel/ Stephanie Schuttera	5
6 Religious School via Zoom 10:30 am	7	8	9	10 1 <sup>st</sup> Candle	11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Candle Hanukkah Celebration Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:00 pm Rabbi Rieber	12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Candle Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am via Zoom
13 4 <sup>th</sup> Candle Religious School Hanukkah Celebration via Zoom 10:30 am Rabbi Rieber's Hanukkah Lecture via Zoom 11:00 am	14 5 <sup>th</sup> Candle	15 6 <sup>th</sup> Candle	16 7 <sup>th</sup> Candle Middot Va'ad Noon NO Meditation	17 8 <sup>th</sup> Candle	18 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Julie Petrucci-Treen/ Hayley Magee/ Rhoda Wisman	19
20 NO Religious School	21	22	23	24	25 Office Closed Social Action Mitzvah Projects Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Rieber	26 Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am via Zoom
27 NO Religious School	28	29	30	31		Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar: <a href="http://templebet.hsholomtopeka.viewevents.com">http://templebet.hsholomtopeka.viewevents.com</a>



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