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Monthly Monday Ma'ariv Movie

Synopsis: A Jewish widower (Jonathan Pryce) hires a Muslim teenager (Jerome Holder) to help out at his kosher bakery in London, and sales skyrocket when the latter's marijuana is accidentally mixed into the dough.

**Monday, November 12
6:00 p.m.**

Please join us for the showing of the delightful, award winning comedy, *Dough*, starring Jonathan Pryce and directed by John Goldschmidt.

We will have a very brief (8 min) Ma'ariv service and then go to Burgauer Hall for popcorn and the film.

Popcorn, soft drinks and temple wine will be provided.

(No one will complain if attendees bring other snacks.)

Thank You

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Simchat Torah, 2018



“Wikipedia: Simchat Torah or Simhat Torah (Hebrew: שמחת תורה “Rejoicing with/of the Torah”, Ashkenazi: Simchas Torah) is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle. Traditionally, the final verse of Deuteronomy is read and immediately followed by the reading of the first verse of Genesis.”

And so it was at CHI. Our thanks to Betty Feir for the photo.

Reb Shelly's Desk



Do the best you can..

A peddler walking through the countryside came upon a little bird lying on its back with its feet in the air.

“And what do you think you are doing?” asked the peddler.

“Well, I heard that the sky was soon going to fall” replied the bird.

“And you thought you could hold it back with your feet?” cynically quipped the peddler.

“I do what I can,” said the little bird.

How many of us in the privacy of our day lament the cars we drive, the jobs we have, the routines we follow, the clothes we wear, the houses we own. How many of us long for more, not because we really want it, but because we believe it validates us as being a better human being?

Remember the old classic, borscht belt joke?

An elderly Jewish man is hit crossing an intersection. A passerby sees the accident and dashes over ready to help. He removes his coat, folds it up like a pillow and tucks it under the injured man's head.

The Good Samaritan then asks – “Are you comfortable?”

The Jewish man responds – “I make a living.”

While doing background for my Levi Hospital visits recently, I stumbled on a program called “Behind the Music” which was detailing the rise and fall of an entertainer called Peter Frampton. I don't remember him, but apparently he was a big-shot rock star surrounded by glitter, by groupies, by limos, by incredible wealth. The clips showed how Frampton with his long, blonde hair was on top of the world.

And then the bubble burst – self-indulgence, self-abuse, self-destruction and soon Frampton found himself without an audience, without a chauffeur and without a penny. As he tells it, he began putting his life back in order, realizing what was important and what was not. After years of struggle this rock star, who had been idolized by millions and was a headliner, got a job playing back up guitar for David Bowie.

In the interview, Frampton, with shorter, whiter hair, displayed no bitterness, no frustration. He commented – “I am once again happy and content because I am doing the best that I can.”

It reminded me of a story I'm sure you all remember from a few years ago. A mother took her young child to a piano recital of Ignacy Paderewski at Carnegie Hall. From their seats near the stage, the beginning piano student had a clear view of the jet black, grand Steinway. The mother became absorbed in conversation with another adult and didn't notice that her son had slipped away.

At eight o'clock the lights dimmed and the stage spots came on. The audience hushed in expectation. Only then did everyone notice the young boy seated at the piano, gently plunking away the notes to “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star....” He was playing what he knew and what he could. His mother and the audience gasped, but before anyone could move Paderewski appeared on stage and put his finger to his lips as a gesture for silence. He whispered to the little boy “Don't stop. Keep playing.”

Leaning over the child, the star pianist reached down with his left hand and began filling in the base part of the song. Soon his right hand reached around the child, encircling him, to add a running accompaniment. Together the master and the novice held the crowd mesmerized.

And so it is with us – novices surrounded by the Master who whispers softly into our soul – “Don't stop. Keep playing, so you may do the best that you can.”



Let it Rain

Shalom,

The month of Heshvan is often referred to as “*MarHeshvan*,” leaving many to interpret the word *Mar* as a prefix meaning bitter. Heshvan is considered bitter by some because it is bereft of any holidays.

An interesting interpretation, however, shows that the word *Mar* also means a drop of water as found in the book of Isaiah: “The nations are but a drop in a bucket...” (Isaiah 40:15). We use *Mar* here as prefix to the month, possibly to remind us not of what this month lacks but that this is when the first rains will fall.

In the Mishna we learn that the rains will fall on 7th of Heshvan:

“Rabban Gamliel – on the seventh of the same month, namely, fifteen days after the Feast of Tabernacles, in order that the last Israelites might have reached the river Euphrates.” (Mishna, Ta’anit, 1:3)

The sages of the Mishna set two separate days to begin reciting prayers for rain in the drought-prone Land of Israel. The “mentioning of rain” begins on Shemini Atzeret (the Eighth Day of Assembly at the end of Sukkot), while the “plea for rain” is recited from the 7th day of Heshvan. As the passage from Ta’anit explains, the purpose of this two-stage process was to ensure that Jewish pilgrims from Babylon who had been visiting the

Land of Israel for Sukkot would be able to return home without being caught in the rain.

As Smadar Bilik, of the Reform Movement in Israel, writes the following:

“It is important to remember that the pleas for rain were critical in the eyes of farmers in the ancient land of Israel. In those days in Israel, agriculture was based solely on rainwater, and the God-fearing farmer saw each autumn day without rain as an ominous one.”

What does this mean for those of us who don’t live in Israel, and don’t even make the pilgrimage? What does it mean for us to pray for rain in a place different from where we live?

This discussion is an ancient example of the bond between Israel and the Diaspora, and about being sensitive to the needs of both communities. While Diaspora Jews prayed for rain in the Land of Israel, even though they did not live there, Jews in the parched Land of Israel delayed their plea for rain so that Jewish pilgrims could return home safely.

Today, we often feel the strain between Israel and the Diaspora, tension of the continual non-recognition of Reform and Conservative Jews and, at best, a stalemate in the peace process. In the month of Heshvan, we should remember that it’s our solemn obligation to remember the concerns of our fellow Jews, whether they are in Israel or in the Diaspora. The rain may fall on only one of us, but we will both ultimately catch the cold.

Shabbat Shalom,

Josh

Rabbi Josh Weinberg is the President of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America. He was ordained from the HUC-JIR Israeli Rabbinic Program in Jerusalem, and currently lives in New York.



Tikkun Olam. Repairing the World.

These words are ringing more importantly today than they have in many years. Our world seems to be reeling in turmoil, and we as Jews have been taught through Torah and by our Rabbis that tikkun olam is one of the most important tasks that we as Jews should strive for.....help our fellow men and women who are in need.

No person exemplifies this thought more than our Tikkun Olam Award winner, **Millie Baron**. There is nothing that Millie won't or can't do and always with a smile on her face. Any time a dessert is needed at Temple, no matter what it is for, Millie supplies fabulous goodies and refuses to take any pay for her pastries. That is also one of her faults because her business is making pastries and still she refuses to take any profit from the Temple.

She has been Temple President, not an easy task, and she has been Sisterhood President numerous times. She was born and raised in Hot Springs and was a member of SOFTY as a teenager. She has taught Sunday School, has been in charge of many Chanukah plays, has been in charge of Purim Carnivals, made backdrops on the stage for many of our plays, and probably has been in charge of more events than we have room for in the Shofar.

Congratulations to one of the most kind, generous, thoughtful, considerate, friendly, and one of the most special persons that you will ever have the privilege of knowing.

Sue Koppel

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Anniversaries

Sheldon and Carol Kleinman	Nov 4
Louis and Betty Kleinman	Nov 10
Stephen and Clarissa Kirsch	Nov 26
Michael and Sharon Waxler	Nov 27

November Birthdays

Mark Levi	Nov 3
Wendy Kohn	Nov 4
David Kirsch	Nov 7
Anita Williams	Nov 10
Louis Kleinman	Nov 14
Donavan Ball	Nov 15
Dennis Williams	Nov 21
Jodi Sule	Nov 24
Jerry Tanenbaum	Nov 26
Lenny Mendel	Nov 27
Myrna Taxer	Nov 28
Harriett Marcus	Nov 29

Save The Date

Hanukkah Party, 2018

Hanukkah Party will be Friday December 7.

Services will begin at 5 PM and the party will follow immediately.

Latkes, Chili, Salad and Dessert will be provided by Sisterhood.

The cost to Congregation members will be \$10.00 for everyone over the age of 18.

The cost for non Congregation members over 18 will be \$20.00 per person; aged 5 to 18 years old will be \$15.00 per person.

Your payment is your reservation. Please make checks out to Sisterhood and mail to Ruth Sedler, 152 Blue Heron Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

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Oneg Thanks



Thank you to the following
for sponsoring an Oneg
during the month of
November:

Nov 2	Barbara Bushee Betty Kleinman
Nov 9	Kim Baron Oded Grenman
Nov 16	Anita Williams Sharon Waxler
Nov 23	Carol Kleinman Kathy Klein
Nov 30	Stephanie Kleinman Sherrill Nicolosi

Reminder: If you are scheduled for an upcoming Oneg and need to change dates, please find someone to switch with and then let Carol Kleinman know so the information printed in the bulletin will be correct.

Refuah Shelemah

The following people are in our thoughts and prayers:

- Louis Kleinman
- Imy Marcus
- Robert Burns
- Jerry Tanenbaum
- Ken Baim
- Marci Campbell
- Anita Williams
- Ira Brand
- Ben Klompus

Please offer prayers that they all have a full and speedy recovery.

November Yahrzeits

Kaddish Recited November 2

Leland H. Williams

Father of Dennis Williams

Ella Falk

Grandmother of Louis Kleinman

Stuart Klompus

Husband of Mary Klompus

Kaddish Recited November 9

Dr. Martin Lax

Father of Gary Lax

Rachel Leah Goltz

*Grandmother of Susan Siegel
Grandmother of Diane Goltz*

Phillip Gladner

Father of Neal Gladner

Kaddish Recited November 16

Joseph Wolken

Grandfather of Brad Wolken

Al Ginsburg

Father of Millie Baron

Joyce B. Boswell

Mother of Anita Williams

Kaddish Recited November 23

Alan R. Klompus

Father-in-law of Mary Klompus

Jacob Koppel

Father of Hal Koppel

Mollie Forshberg

Mother-in-law of Betty Forshberg

Hyman Kirsch

Father of David Kirsch

Leon Peterson

Father of Cheryl Cohen

Sharona Grenman

Wife of Oded Grenman

Mother of Elan Grenman

Kaddish Recited November 30

Adolph Korngut

Father of Fred Korngut

Fletcher Young

Grandfather of Gary Lax

Warner Kass

Husband of Lynda Kass

Sisterhood



Our next Sisterhood meeting will be at HIBACHI GRILL in the Temperance Hill Shopping Center on November 5th at 11 PM. We always have such a wonderful time at Hibachi and hope everyone can join us. Cost is \$15 per person for the fantastic all-you-can-eat buffet.

Wanted: Photos

We have so many happy events at CHI. Please share pictures you take of our congregation by emailing them to info@hschi.org so that they can be included in upcoming issues of the Shofar.

Weekly Parshiot

November, 2018

Chayei Sarah

November 3

Sarah dies at age 127 and is buried in the Machpelah Cave in Hebron, which Abraham purchases from Ephron the Hittite for 400 shekels of silver.

Abraham's servant, Eliezer, is sent laden with gifts to Charan to find a wife for Isaac. At the village well, Eliezer asks G-d for a sign: when the maidens come to the well, he will ask for some water to drink; the woman who will offer to give his camels to drink as well, shall be the one destined for his master's son.

Rebecca, the daughter of Abraham's nephew Bethuel, appears at the well and passes the "test". Eliezer is invited to their home, where he repeats the story of the day's events. Rebecca returns with Eliezer to the land of Canaan, where they encounter Isaac praying in the field. Isaac marries Rebecca, loves her, and is comforted over the loss of his mother.

Toldot

November 10

Isaac marries Rebecca. After twenty childless years their prayers are answered and Rebecca conceives. She experiences a difficult pregnancy as the "children struggle inside her"; G-d tells her that "there are two nations in your womb," and that the younger will prevail over the elder.

Esau emerges first; Jacob is born clutching Esau's heel. Esau grows up to be "a cunning hunter, a man of the field"; Jacob is "a wholesome man," a dweller in the tents of learning. Isaac favors Esau; Rebecca loves Jacob. Returning exhausted and hungry from the hunt one day, Esau sells his birthright (his rights as the firstborn) to Jacob for a pot of red lentil stew .

Vayetzei

November 17

Jacob leaves his hometown Be'er Sheva and journeys to Charan. On the way, he encounters "the place" and sleeps there, dreaming of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, with angels climbing and descending on it; G-d appears and promises that the land upon which he lies will be given to his descendants. In the morning, Jacob raises the stone on which he laid his head as an altar and monument, pledging that it will be made the house of G-d.

In Charan, Jacob stays with and works for his uncle Laban, tending Laban's sheep. Laban agrees to give him his younger daughter Rachel -- whom Jacob loves -- in marriage, in return for seven years' labor. But on the wedding night, Laban gives him his elder daughter, Leah, instead -- a deception Jacob discovers only in the morning. Jacob marries Rachel, too, a week later, after agreeing to work another seven years for Laban.



Vayishlach

November 24

Jacob returns to the Holy Land after a 20-year stay in Charan, and sends emissaries to Esau in hope of a reconciliation, but his messengers report that his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men. Jacob prepares for war, prays, and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of sheep and cattle) to appease him.

That night, Jacob ferries his family and possessions across the Yabbok River; he, however, remains behind and encounters the angel that embodies the spirit of Esau, with whom he wrestles until daybreak. Jacob suffers a dislocated hip but vanquishes the supernal creature, who bestows on him the name Israel, which means "He who prevails over the Divine."