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Winter 2020 Newsletter..... Kislev 5780

Happy Chanukah, Happy 2020!

Presidents Message – Jonathan Feinstein

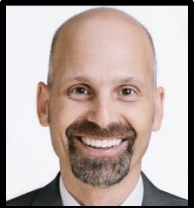
As we enter the year 2020 there is much to be thankful for during the previous year and the past decade. Certainly, we have all seen our own level of accomplishments both at work and with family. We most certainly have seen significant challenges related to antisemitism and hate crimes across our country.

I mentioned at our high holiday services the term “resiliency” and how it affects both our environmental conditions along our coastline as well as our status of being a resilient ethnic group. The recent shooting in New York during the festival of lights, Hanukkah once again demonstrated the hatred and level of violence we have seen increase over the last three years across the country. Our temple has invested and created important security upgrades which will continue to provide necessary safeguards for our congregation and guests. Our continued support and visibility on interfaith related messages and participation are integral in making sure that important messages and stories are kept front and center. A recent joint hosting of an important holocaust survivor story and moving historical perspective with our neighborhood church was a great example Of how we in our community Can increase awareness on critical issues affecting our faith and our society.

Looking forward to a great year in 2020 and let’s continue to be a shining light in our community highlighting key issues of faith, equality, and understanding.

All the best
 Happy new year!

Daniel's Message
(Daniel Kertzner, Religious Leader)



This month is the month of Kislev in the Jewish calendar. It is best known for Hanukkah which begins on the 25th of Kislev. The root of the word Kislev means ‘trust’ and ‘hope’: “Did I place my *kili* (my hope) in gold...?” (Job, 31:24) “...And they placed in Hashem their

Highlights from the High Holidays!



kislam (their trust).” (Psalms, 78:7) . Kislev occurs in the darkest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere when the long days and beautiful evenings of our Rhode Island summer can seem like a distant dream. We trust that eventually the light and warmth and light will return. And the month of Kislev and the holiday of Hanukkah calls on us to trust that we can rise above the challenges we may experience in our own lives individually and those we encounter in a world still racked with conflict, violence, and suffering. It can be hard to hold onto such trust in dark times. Lighting the menorah, so central to the celebration of Hanukkah, proves to be a powerful means of stoking trust and hope. The menorah has long been a symbol of the Jewish People, often found in synagogue art and architecture. The prophet Zechariah portrayed it as an image of purity and grandeur: he prophesied about a menorah of pure gold, flowing continuously with

holy oil. Thus, long before the Hanukkah story, the menorah became a symbol of hope and light, but the light of the Hanukkah menorah is not considered to be just any ordinary light. It is considered to be Divine Light. As the Hanukkah story portrays the miracle, the light didn’t need to be lit, it was self-generating - light that doesn’t take away the darkness but somehow shines through the darkness. As we gather with friends and families to celebrate Hanukkah may our connections with each other and the warmth of the candles glow rekindle in each of us that Divine light, a reminder that as we encounter darkness we have the ability to shine our light on and through it. Wishing you all a good month and Chag Sameach.

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November: Carol Louison

Upcoming Services/Events

Friday, January 10 th , 2020* 7:30 pm Chocolate/Wine Service!	Friday, February 7 th , 2020 7:30 pm	Friday, March 6, 2020 6:15 pm* Shabbat across America
Friday, April 3, 2020 7:30 pm	Friday, May 1, 2020 7:30 pm	Friday, June 5, 2020 7:30 pm

Our beautiful refinished door and steps!



Reminder:

Join us for a fun time of Mah Jong. Don't know how to play? No problem. We will teach you. Loads of fun! Lots of laughs! Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Don't be shy!