



Message from Rabbi Donni: The Miracle of Hope



Please, don't call me the Grinch who stole Chanukah, but I have my doubts when it comes to the Festival of Lights. These days when I tell the story of Chanukah, I tend to play down the miracle of the oil that burned for eight days. There are valid reasons for celebrating Chanukah, but I'm not convinced that the ever-burning oil is one of them.

In fact, *Al HaNissim*, the prayer we recite each day during the week of Chanukah, doesn't mention the oil. It offers other reasons for this celebration. We thank God for standing by us in times of trouble, for vindicating us, for delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, and the guilty into the hands of the innocent. We talk about rededicating the Temple. We recall the fact that we set aside eight days for thanksgiving and praise. But *Al HaNissim* does not mention a miraculous cruse of oil.

That story first appeared in the Talmud, some six hundred years after the Maccabean revolt. And even then, the sages seem confused. "Why exactly do we celebrate Chanukah?" they ask.

There doesn't even seem to be any certainty about how we celebrate Chanukah either. Beit Shammai and Beit Hillel, the two great academies of Jewish learning, each offer a different approach to candle lighting. Beit Shammai suggests that we should light eight candles on the first night and then subtract a candle each night. And Beit Hillel says we light one candle the first night and we increase the number every night thereafter. These two approaches seem to fit with the oil that burned for eight days. According to Shammai, the oil was diminished from day to day, and according to Hillel, the miracle became greater from day to day when the oil was not depleted.

We follow the practice of Beit Hillel. This all sounds very nice but I am left wondering: what exactly was the miracle? When we light the candles, we say, "Thank you God, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days long ago." If the miracle was that the single cruse of oil burned for eight days when there was only enough for a single day, what was the miracle on day one? On the first day there was no miracle since there was ample oil for a single day.

It occurred to me: even if you buy into the story of the oil that burned for eight days, maybe there was a greater miracle that took place 2200 years ago in the aftermath of the Maccabean revolt. The miracle was that the Maccabees never lost their faith. Even though they knew that

they did not have enough oil to last until they could prepare more oil, they went ahead and lit the Menorah in the Temple. The Maccabees acted out of faith; they did what needed to be done. The first light, then, was the greatest miracle because our Jewish faith overcame despair and hopelessness.

A cruse of oil that burns for eight days instead of one day is not a miracle – that's a special effect. It's sort of cool but it is not that important. The faith of the Maccabees, their willingness to stand up against tyranny and hate, and their perseverance – those are miracles! Miracles happen not because God intervenes and overturns the rules of nature but because we have the courage to act even when it seems that we can't make a difference, even when the odds are against us and even when it would be easier to just give up.

How often in history has this been the case for us? We lit the first candle. We wrote another book. We moved to a new land. We started over. In the face of despair, we took action. The haftorah describes the people of Israel as an *ud mutzal mei-esh*, a brand plucked from the fire. How many times in history have we been a brand with every reason to give up, to lose faith, to stop trying?

It is not at all surprising that Israel's national anthem is titled, *Hatikvah*, The Hope. Israel was not founded on miracles – it was built on hope in the face of despair. "As long as a Jewish heart beats... our hope will not be lost." Those are the words of *Hatikva*. Or as David Ben Gurion said, "Anyone who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist."

So, did one little cruse of oil really burn for eight days? I don't know. That's not why I celebrate Chanukah. For me, Chanukah is about hope, courage, and a willingness to take action.

I love the story of the little boy who stood by the sea shore throwing starfish into the sea. A man came up to him and asked what he was doing. "I'm saving the starfish," he said. "You know," said the man, "there are millions of starfish and thousands of miles of sea shore. You can't save them all. How will throwing a few starfish into the sea make a difference?" The little boy picked up a starfish and threw it into the sea. "It did to that one," the boy said.

As we celebrate Chanukah, let us remember: we can be a single cruse of oil. We can be the miracle – we can make a difference. In the face of despair – we can be the hope!

President's Report

by Jonah Markowitz



It is with gratitude and respect for all involved that we announce that MCJC will be going through a time of Rabbinical transition in the months ahead.

For the last year and a half we have been fortunate to have Rabbi Donni Aaron as our part-time spiritual leader. With her lovely singing voice and guitar accompaniment, she has brought the comfort and beauty of music to our services. She has shared thought-provoking sermons and taught our children. She has made herself available to the Board and members and has served us well.

Unfortunately, but perhaps not surprisingly for anyone who attended our skillfully delivered yet lightly attended High Holiday services, our membership continues to dwindle. Long gone are the days of our enviable ratio of 100 families/100 school kids. While our membership has been shrinking over the last decade, Covid

delivered a hard blow to our membership roster and our bottom line. Through no fault of her own, we have reached the difficult decision to shorten our contract with Rabbi Donni who will be departing in December.

To lessen the load on lay leadership, we are grateful that our Rabbi Emerita, Maralee Gordon, is willing to step back in and serve as our part-time spiritual leader and ritual chair as she knows us well.

I hope you will join us for a special send-off kiddush for Rabbi Donni on Friday, Dec. 1. More details will be made available as the date grows closer. Our Board is also planning to hold a Town Hall for our members and friends in conjunction with the Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 10. The Board recognizes that it is time for us to meet and discuss the future of our little congregation. We need your thoughts and ideas...and your guidance. More details will be made available on this session as well.

We greatly appreciate all your support of MCJC over the years. Please help us forge a path for what lies ahead.

Returning to My Roots

by Rabbi Maralee Gordon



They say you can't go home again, but apparently you can go back to shul! As of December 1, I am once again your Rabbi. When I retired in 2016, it was to have more time to travel to see my children and grandchildren in California, Australia, and Israel. When I was in town (pre-Covid) my time was occupied with visiting immigrants detained by ICE in the county jail and teaching a class on Judaism in the jail. That all ended with the pandemic, and since then ICE no longer rents space in Illinois jails, leaving me with extra time on my hands when I am in town. Last winter I started teaching a weekly class for several local residents who would like to become Jewish. At the same time, I was working with Deborah and Sophia Grover as they prepared for their b'not mitzvah last spring.

I found all of that so rewarding, and I've come to realize that I miss the interaction with those who wish to learn and those who wish to have meaningful worship experiences. I offered to return part time to MCJC, conducting a Shabbat service every week I am in town, alternating Erev Shabbat (Friday evening) and Shabbat morning, and including a monthly Shabbat dinner. I also plan to convene weekly adult education sessions. Some of you may prefer an evening session, and some of you may prefer a daytime session.

On Sunday, December 3, at 11 am, please join me at MCJC to plan what we will study together and when.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Maralee Gordon

Religious School News

by Davina Kelly



Our religious school fall has been going well so far. Students enjoyed learning about Sukkot, and building sukkahs out of graham crackers, frosting and pretzels. They turned out really cute and very tasty! We also went to CKI in Elgin to celebrate Simchat Torah. There we danced with the Torahs, unfurled them, read from the end and beginning, had a Torah scavenger hunt and finished with Torah snacks. It was a joyous and fun morning for all!

Many of our religious school families also participated in the McHenry County Crop Walk. We joined other religious groups in the area to raise money, and awareness about hunger in our area and around the world. Everyone is looking forward to the rest of the fall, culminating with the Chanukah party on December 10.



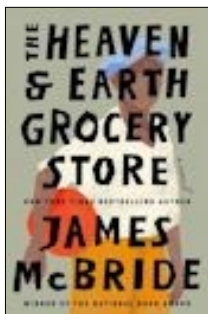
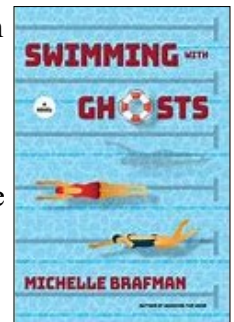
The MCJC Chanukah Party is Sunday, December 10. Come help us celebrate and indulge in luscious latkes and jelly donuts. We will begin cooking at 9 am. Help with potato grating and latke frying is needed. If you would like to lend a hand, please let Dale Morton know at rdalemorton@gmail.com. We will begin serving at 11 am followed by a Town Hall.



MCJC Book Club Picks Upcoming Reads

The MCJC Book Club, which meets approximately every other month to discuss Jewish-themed literature and is open to all, has decided on its selections through spring. The group is led by professional book club facilitator Rachel Kamin, director of Lifelong Learning at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 pm, MCJC’s Book Club will discuss *Swimming with Ghosts*, a novel about family addiction and dysfunction. The virtual session will include a Q&A session with author Michelle Brafman on Zoom. Rachel will also host the book’s author Michelle Brafman, on Saturday, November 18 at NSS Beth El in Highland Park.

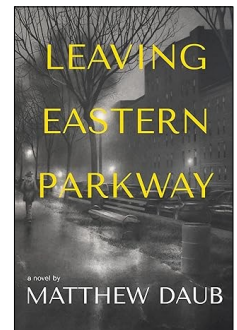


While discussion dates have yet to be set, two other books have been selected for this winter and spring.

The first is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Its description: When a skeleton is unearthed in the small, close-knit community of Chicken Hill, Pennsylvania, in 1972, an unforgettable cast of characters—living on the margins of white, Christian America—closely guard a secret, especially when the truth is revealed about what happened and the part the town’s white establishment played in it.

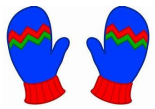
The second, *Leaving Eastern Parkway* by Matthew Daub, is described as: Suddenly orphaned, 15-year-old Zev Altshul, desperate to escape Brooklyn’s Hasidic community, sets course across the U.S., where he finds himself in Urbana, IL, playing handball to support himself.

Some sessions will be held both in-person and via Zoom, and others on Zoom exclusively. Check the MCJC website and the weekly e-nouncements for more information and the Zoom links.



Corners of Our Fields

The MCJC social action community service committee would like to thank the MCJC community for supporting its "Corners of Our Fields" food & personal care items collection and its "Share The Warmth" winter clothing drive. Eighteen bags of food and personal care items and one large 32 gallon can of winter clothing items were collected. The date for collecting items has been extended to Sunday, November 5. On Thursday, November 9, the bags of food and personal care items will be given to the Woodstock Food Pantry, and the bags of winter clothing items will be given to the



Woodstock Area Community Ministries for distribution to Woodstock residents in need.

Woodstock Drive-thru Food Pantry

Special thanks to Charles Mages, Muriel Pick, Lou Dolmon, Paula Eskoz, Lizz & John Dewey, and Bruce Weiss for helping out at the August 21 mobile food pantry food distribution day. The MCJC volunteers worked alongside 23 other volunteers from Grace Lutheran Church, Resurrection Catholic Church, and St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Two hundred twenty families received food from the drive-thru food pantry on August 21. As of September 25, a total of 3426 families have received boxes of food from the mobile food pantry during Calendar Year 2023. MCJC has been asked to help provide volunteers for the drive-thru food pantry food distribution on November 12 and December 17. If you would like to help out on any of those days, please contact Bruce Weiss by email at office@mcjconline.org or call 815-455-1810. The Woodstock Mobile Food Pantry is a joint venture of the McHenry County Faith Leaders and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Crop Walk



Special thanks to Davina & Andrew Kelly, Jonah & Asher Markowitz, and Scott/Olivia/ and Layla Schwartz for representing MCJC in the 2023 McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk. Scott's mother and sister were "adopted" members of the 2023 MCJC CROP Hunger Walk Team. Team member Sienna Kelly was unable to walk because of illness, and team member Bruce Weiss was unable to walk because of a family obligation. The MCJC CROP Hunger Walk Team raised \$545. The amount raised for the 2023 McHenry County CROP Hunger Walk will be totaled and announced in the next newsletter. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will be donated to designated local food pantries, and seventy-five percent of the money raised will go to CWS CROP and will be used to help empower people in third world countries to meet their own food needs.

SAVE THE DATE!

1:30 pm Sunday, February 25, 2024 at MCJC
"Come to the Jewish Cabaret" featuring Jeff Winter & Janis Fine

Jeff Winter and Janis Fine have been entertaining Chicagoland audiences for over 21 years with songs from Broadway, Tin Pan Alley, the Great American Songbook, folk, pop, and ethnic. Of all these musical genres, "Jeff & Janis" are first and foremost known for their *Jewish music programs*. Their favorite Jewish musical program is their "Come To The Jewish Cabaret" show. Using acoustic instruments and beautiful vocal harmonies, "Jeff & Janis" present a wonderful cabaret style show of Jewish music during which their audiences often sing, tap, and clap along. Rich Kogan, WGN radio personality and Chicago Tribune reporter, called "Jeff & Janis" one of the most delightful and entertaining musical teams he has had the pleasure to watch perform. A dessert social will immediately follow the performance. This is a free admission non-ticketed event. Bring guests.



Participants for Holocaust Museum Tour Sought

MCJC would like to organize a tour of the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. A docent-led tour requires 15 participants. The cost would be: adults \$15 per person, seniors \$12 per person, and youth \$10 per person. We have a choice of two dates: Sunday, April 21 or Sunday, April 28. A carpool plan will be set-up and a museum lunch add-on will be organized if participants want. Important: Contact Bruce Weiss as soon as possible if you are interested and which date you prefer by email at office@mcjconline.org or call 815-455-1810. Remember, to have a docent-led tour, 15 participants are required.

Adopt-A-Highway and Adopt-A-Trail

Special thanks to Bruce Weiss and Linda Hansen for picking up litter on September 8 along Ridgfield Road between Country Club Road and U.S. Route 14, and along the U.S. Route 14 Bike Trail between Ridgfield Road and Lucas Road (McHenry County College) as part of MCJC's commitment to the McHenry County Department of Transportation's "Adopt-A-Highway" program and the McHenry County Conservation District's "Adopt-A-Trail" program. Almost one five gallon can of litter was picked up along each route. The total work time was one and a half hours. The final 2023 "Adopt-A-Highway" and "Adopt-A-Trail" litter pick-up will take place on Sunday November 5 at 9:00 am beginning at MCJC. If you would like to help out, please contact Bruce Weiss by email at office@mcjconline.org or call 815-455-1810.



Habitat for Humanity by Howard Frank

The one-room stores at the McHenry Riverwalk are doing great business. Get out there and do some Chanukah shopping before the stores close for the winter.

The new construction underway in McHenry on Hillside Drive is coming along. New construction techniques are being used so that the homes will qualify for the award for lowest possible energy usage over time. A couple of these techniques are new roofing details and foam insulation in all the exterior walls instead of fiberglass batting. Volunteer days for this build are Friday and Saturday. Volunteers can sign up on the web-site or call the office at 815-759-9002. If you have any questions you can contact me at office@mcjconline.org.



Honorable Menschen



*Congratulations to this smiling couple who just got engaged and are planning a fall 2024 wedding. Andrew is the son of **Judy and Mike Lewis**. The whole family welcomes Jill DeRose and wishes them many years of happiness.*

*Mazel tov to **Sunshine and Jay Roth** on the wedding of their granddaughter, Tayla, to Noah Coleman in Lynchburg, VA, on Sept. 30 (Sukkot). The event reunited an entire family of brothers and sisters, some of whom Sunshine and Jay had never met.*



MCJC/West: During a recent trip to Denver, Dale and Ellen Morton were able to catch up with several old friends who have transplanted themselves to Colorado. Jeff, Karen & Adina hosted a Shabbat dinner for Isabel & Mark Schiffer; Tom, Michelle, and Ashley Heath; and the Mortons. Dale and Ellen were also able to visit with Matt, Robin, Leah, and Amelia Schreier who live in nearby Littleton.

Birthdays

Happy Anniversary!



Yahrzeits				
Samuel Himmelfarb	18 Cheshvan	November 2	Conrad Jerome	16 Kislev November 29
Mary Sulkin	19 Cheshvan	November 3	Florence Schwartz	18 Kislev December 1
Ellis Krandel	22 Cheshvan	November 6	Joyce Seinberg	19 Kislev December 2
Kay Gimpel	25 Cheshvan	November 9	Lottie Schwartz	20 Kislev December 3
Norma Siegel	25 Cheshvan	November 9	Bernie Fishman	22 Kislev December 5
Victor Dozoretz	25 Cheshvan	November 9	Sophie Mages	24 Kislev December 7
Albina Dozoretz	25 Cheshvan	November 9	Mollie Silverstein	26 Kislev December 9
Murray Schott	26 Cheshvan	November 10	Florence Schneiderman	29 Kislev December 12
Mark Bailenson	26 Cheshvan	November 10	Beverly Fishman	30 Kislev December 13
Gene Greenfield	2 Kislev	November 15	Randy Dozoretz	2 Tevet December 14
Debra Reisman	4 Kislev	November 17	Samuel Flanzbaum	6 Tevet December 18
Lillian Weisz	4 Kislev	November 17	Tillie Green	8 Tevet December 20
Al Bailenson	5 Kislev	November 18	Gertrude Cheney	12 Tevet December 24
Judith Glosser	8 Kislev	November 21	Barbara Mayber	13 Tevet December 25
Joseph Wertheimer	9 Kislev	November 22	Rose Silver	16 Tevet December 28
Eli Schwartz	12 Kislev	November 25	Bernie Roth	19 Tevet December 31



The Grover twins, Sophia (left) and Deborah, shared their wisdom during their B'not Mitzvah last summer. You'll find their Dvar Torahs on these pages.

Deborah's D'var Torah

My Torah portion is about the Levites and their rules about people's ages, and the responsibilities that come with them. The Torah says that the Levites start working in the tent of meeting at the age of 25, and retire at 50. I think it was a good idea to make those rules because according to the National Library of Medicine, your brain isn't fully developed until the age of 25. The Levites know a surprising amount about brain development.

But even so, according to Michigan State University, the ages 11-19 are a good time to start learning responsibility. They say that introducing obligations with age is beneficial to build up independence and maturity for adulthood. A good example of this is having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at 13, and all of the work and studying that goes into it.

Another example is school. In school, as you get older, expectations for you increase because you have higher capabilities. You could ask someone in first grade to solve 2+2 and they would answer 4 and be the proudest child to ever walk the earth, but if you asked them to solve a calculus equation they would start crying and never trust you again. Over my time in school, I have noticed changes in the way I am treated. As I've gotten older, teachers listen to me more and take my opinions and suggestions more seriously.

So age plays a role in what you can expect from people, but there are other factors. For example, if someone is disabled and can't walk, you wouldn't ask them to help you move furniture around. If someone's partner dies, they wouldn't be expected to immediately handle everything at home perfectly. Taking into account all of the factors besides age is also important.

Especially during hard times, you need to make sure to not expect too much of people. My Bat Mitzvah project is collecting a bunch of unused arts and crafts supplies to donate to children. Specifically, children who have parents recovering in the Shirley Ryan



Ability Lab in Chicago. This means a lot to me personally because my father spent a lot of time at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab recovering from his brain surgery and stroke, and one thing that made my experience better was arts and crafts.

While I was there, my grandmother taught me how to crochet, and that gave me something to do besides mindlessly browsing the internet. And even before that, my grandmother also taught me embroidery. It was a way to relax and feel like I had accomplished something while I was sitting and waiting for something to change. I still do a lot of embroidery, and I am very thankful that I had those resources. So I want to give that to other children. As of last week, I have gathered enough donations to provide care packages of activities to more than twenty children with a parent at Shirley Ryan Ability Lab.

The point of this is to emphasize all of the different ways we can be considerate and conscientious of other people and the things they are struggling with. We can't set unreachable and unreasonable standards for others, or ourselves. Whether Levites starting work at 25 is a good idea or not, it's probably good enough if the individual person is capable.

I am ready to accept my new responsibilities as a Jewish adult and recognize that I am capable of reaching these new standards that come with it. And when I'm 25, hopefully, I will remember this and I will be a considerate, empathetic person, who is ready to expand my commitment to my Jewish community even further.

Sophia's D'var Torah

My Torah portion is, if you just look at the surface, not super exciting. To paraphrase, it says, "God told Moses to celebrate Passover, and what day to celebrate Passover. And Moses told the people to celebrate Passover and when to celebrate Passover. And, by the way, you're supposed to celebrate Passover, and here's when you do that, if you didn't catch that earlier." But if you look past these instructions and think about the meaning itself, if you think about what the first anniversary of Passover observance was like, you can connect it to our world today and the way we remember other anniversaries.

Passover is, as I'm sure every Jewish person remembers, a time of remembrance and celebration of the Israelites leaving Egypt, how Moses brought them God's ten commandments, and how he promptly made them all wander in the desert for forty years. My portion takes place in that period of 40 years (specifically in the first year), when God told Moses to keep the Passover.

While Passover is a celebration, it is also a time to remember how many lives were lost when we were enslaved and when we were escaping Egypt. It's both a happy and a kind of sad holiday, when you think about it; yes we're free, but still a significant amount of people died.

I'm fairly confident in saying that most, if not all of us, have dates we remember for personal reasons. Anniversaries can be anything from, "Two years ago today I saved a family of five from a burning building," to, "Two years ago today a stranger punched me in the face when I didn't save his family from a burning building," to "Seven years ago I saw a dog wearing a hat and it was the happiest day of my life." No matter what those anniversaries represent to you, it's still important.

But the thing with Passover is that it celebrates something that is both happy and sad. Something that was hard, but meant other good things were happening. Sure, it was sad, but now it's better, or at least it's getting better. A lot of people have an anniversary like that; something like the death of a loved one.

A major anniversary in my life is the day my father passed away. I've observed his yartzheit, his death anniversary, twice, and each year it hits me like a freight train. Still I am amazed that we manage to en-

joy ourselves. Instead of it being a day of lying in bed, it's a day of doing the things he loved and remembering him fondly. I'd imagine that that's how the Israelites felt during the first anniversary of Passover, celebrating their escape but mourning those lost during the Exodus.

Something that I remember when I think of the end of my father's life is how many people helped us.

My father dying was the hardest thing I've ever been through, and even the smallest acts of kindness meant the world to us. I wanted, for my bat mitzvah project, to do something like that for someone else, even if it just meant sitting there and listening, or making mashed potatoes. And so for my bat mitzvah project, I decided to be a part of the community and help someone else.

One of the things that we as Jews believe is that "to save a life is to save the world entire", which means any one person's potential and humanity is as important as the whole of humanity. So if saving one person can save the world, then maybe helping one person could do the same.

What helps our family during these anniversaries is remembering what we went through together. Whether we're feeling happy or sad, we feel it together as a family and as a community. After all, since God and Moses went through all that effort to make sure that we knew to keep Passover, and when to keep Passover, and if you forgot about that bit that we need to remember and celebrate Passover, I'm pretty sure taking the time to honor those anniversaries like yartzheits, holidays, birthdays, or even that time you saw a hat on a dog, is what God wants.



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Shabbat Morning Service
5 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Adopt-a-Highway Adopt-a-Trail Pick-up Day <u>9:45 a.m.</u> Religious School	6	7	8 <u>5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</u> Portillo's Fundraiser (See page 12)	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Kabbalat Shabbat	18
19 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> Religious School	20 <u>3:00 p.m.</u> Woodstock Drive- thru Food Pantry	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Kabbalat Shabbat Rabbi Donni honored</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Adult Education information session</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <u>All Day</u> Panera Fundraiser (See page 13)</p>		<p>7 <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Book Club via Zoom</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Shabbat Morning Service *(See note below)</p>
<p>10 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Chanukah Party & Town Hall</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>		<p>14</p>	<p>15 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Musical Shabbat Service</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 <u>9:45 a.m.</u> Religious School</p>	<p>18 <u>3:00 p.m.</u> Woodstock Drive- thru Food Pantry</p>	<p>19</p>		<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 <u>9:30 a.m.</u> Shabbat Morning Service *(See note below)</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>		<p>28</p>	<p>29 <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Shabbat dinner at Rabbi Gordon's home</p>	<p>30</p>
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*December 9 - Shabbat service, wear your "coat of many colors" in honor of reading about Joseph from the Torah, or your favorite Chanukah sweater/sweatshirt/socks. Chanukah cookies for kiddush.
December 23 - Sibling reconciliation Shabbat: Joseph and his brothers embrace with laughter and tears.

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November 3	5:26 p.m.
November 10	4:18 p.m.
November 17	4:11 p.m.
November 24	4:06 p.m.
December 1	4:03 p.m.
December 8	4:02 p.m.
December 15	4:03 p.m.
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