Shabbat services begin at 7:15 pm unless otherwise noted. PreNegs start at 6:45 pm unless there is a special event. Oneg to follow.

Do you want to honor someone or sponsor an Oneg? Contact Carolyn at MunchBunch@cjcn.org

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REMINDER: The Temple office is closed on Monday and Tuesdays

PRIVACY NOTE:

Hospitals no longer inform the temple office when a patient is admitted. If either you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please let us know. If you, or someone you know is in need, we'd like to help. If you don't tell us, we can't help. Please contact:

WeCare@cicn.org, office@cicn.org_or call the office at 281-376-0016



Congregation Jewish Community North

Chai Lites

December 2014

Kislev אַבֵּת - Tevet אַבֵּת 5775

Rabbi's Message by Rabbi Jonathan Siger



Hanukkah, Chanukah, Hanuka—however you spell it, anagical, inspiring and beautiful festival. No mere 'holiday' this, but eight full days of story, tradition, gift-giving, merriment and feasting. Its roots are found in ancient books that tell of a people threatened with extinction, and saved by men of unmatched courage, daring and endurance. Those men and women believed their strength and victory came from God, as all things do.

It is not merely a great story. It is a Great Story. It teaches us the difference one man can make when other men join his cause. It teaches that small groups of people can overcome mighty forces with courage, tenacity and faith.

It teaches us also of the dangers of such victories; the Maccabees originate as heroes and liberators, and end as brutal oppressors of their own people. Our holy rabbis of the time intentionally chose to emphasize the legend of the oil, to emphasize God's acts, not our own.

The Mad King Antiochus of Syria defiled our Temple. His forces ruined just about everything. Only a small vial of the fuel that was used in the Menorah remained pure. That small amount of oil lasted miraculously for a full eight days, enough time to make and consecrate more oil. And thus the great Menorah, symbol of the Jewish people from Sinai onward, was restored. The oil is, of course, a metaphor for our collective religious spirit and our faith in the God of our Mothers and Fathers.

It is an underdog story for the ages, starring our ancestors. And in our day, in our lifetime, when we retell the story of Hanukkah, of the Maccabees, warts and all, and the Miracle and what it represents, we connect across time and space to every Jew that ever lived and ever will.

So, yes, I love Hanukkah. Not for the food, although I do like latkes, donuts and chocolate. Nor for the card games and dreidels although I dig those things too. I love Hanukkah because it celebrates Jews standing up for Judaism, remembers those Jews that rose to sacrifice for, serve, preserve and defend our people, and proves that Human beings infused with the Will of God are able to do great things and endure and overcome tremendous challenges.

Jennifer, Azriel, Gavriella and I wish you and yours a joyous, meaningful, love-and-light-filled Hanukkah. May God Almighty bless you now and forever.

Do you need to consult with Rabbi Siger? If you do, please contact him at <u>Rabbi@cjcn.org</u> or call 832-318-3988 to set up an appointment. Rabbi wants to make sure that he gives you his full attention and by prearranging your appointment, he can make sure that happens to the best of his ability. Thank you.

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I am excited we are able to bring back the CJCN Newsletter. I know everyone wants to be aware of what's happening at our Temple and the newsletter is the best way to do that. We have lots of planning underway and there will be things happening at CJCN that appeal to every facet of our membership. The newsletter will also be a way to stay on top of useful news.

I also want to say again to our entire membership, feel free to contact me personally at president@cjcn.org if you have any concerns, questions, or new ideas to make Congregation Jewish Community North an even better experience than it already is. Thank you for your support.

Shalom Aleichem to all. Steve Landis President, CJCN



PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT AND ACCURATE INFORMATION

Men's Club News by David Pfeffer, President

President's Message by Steve Landis



Hello Men of CJCN! We'd love to see you at our monthly Men's Club meetings and other functions. We've already introduced some new activities and are currently working on new ones. They'd be much more fun with more people involved! Our meetings will be changing back to the first Wednesday of the month starting in January. We won't be having a meeting in December as our normal meeting time would be at the same time as

the CJCN Chanukah celebration. Hope to see you all there and at future Men's Club events.

Sisterhood Scoop by Rachael Barrow, President



Hello from Sisterhood! This year is flying by and the weather is keeping us on our toes. We have members joining weekly and look forward to receiving yours! It takes all of us to make this organization a success, I have enjoyed working with everyone and hope we can continue to build and grow together. We are almost to 70 members, be the next one!!

Our next big event is Gift Wrap! What better way to get in the spirit of the holidays than to wrap other's gifts, mingle with the best, and give back at the same time. It starts Dec. 13th, schedules are posted, day captains as well as wrappers are needed, help us make this the best year yet!

We also have the Chanukah dinner on Dec. 19. It'll be a fun evening of noshing, schmoozing, and rockin' out to an acoustic Shabbat! Join us, details coming soon.

We WANT you!

If you have a hidden talent or want to help plan an event, let us know, we'd love to have you!

B'shalom,

Rachael "I choose to focus on not what has happened, but what we can do." ~ Ellen Pompeo

If you would like to place someone on the Mi Sheberach list, please contact the office at <u>office@cjcn.org</u> or Judy Rosen at <u>WeCare@cjcn.org</u> Please let us know if you would like to be removed from the list <u>For Your Information</u>

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GIFT WRAP SHIFT OPENINGS LISTING

SISTERHOOD NEEDS HELP GIFT WRAPPING AT WILLOWBROOK MALL!



To Volunteer or For More Information Please contact GiftWrap@cjcn.org

Saturday, December 13, 2014	Saturday, December 20, 2014			
9-1 FILLED	8-1 Need 7 Wrappers			
1-5 Need 4 Wrappers	1-6 Need 7 Wrappers			
5-9 Need 3 Wrappers	6-10 Need 4 Wrappers			
Sunday, December 14, 2014	Sunday, December 21, 2014			
11-3 Need 3 Wrappers	10-2 Need 8 Wrappers			
3-7 Need 4 Wrappers	2-5 Need 7 Wrappers			
Monday, December 15, 2014	5-8 Need 4 Wrappers			
10-2 Need 2 Wrappers	Monday, December 22, 2014			
2-6 Need 4 Wrappers	9-1 Need 9 Wrappers			
6-10 Need 5 Wrappers	1-6 Need 9 Wrappers			
Tuesday, December 16, 2014	6-10 Need 10 Wrappers			
10-2 Need 5 Wrappers	Tuesday, December 23, 2014			
2-6 Need 3 Wrappers	8-1 Need 9 Wrappers			
6-10 Need 4 Wrappers	1-6 Need 8 Wrappers			
Wednesday, December 17, 2014	6-10 Need 9 Wrappers			
10-2 Need 4 Wrappers	Wednesday, December 24, 2014			
2-6 Need 6 Wrappers	8-1 Need 9 Wrappers			
6-10 Need 6 Wrappers	1-6 Need 3 Wrappers			
Thursday, December 18, 2014				
10-2 Need 4 Wrappers				
2-6 Need 4 Wrappers	THANK YOU SO MUCH			
6-10 Need 6 Wrappers	FOR VOLUNTEERING			
Friday, December 19, 2014	FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS!			
10-2 Need 6 Wrappers				
2-6 Need 6 Wrappers				
6-10 Need 5 Wrappers				

LOCATION: Willowbrook Mall in the courtyard of Macy's Men's Store

While doing this Mitvah you'll hopefully:

Have FUN " Schmooze and make new friends" Become an expert in wrapping " Get lots of great gift ideas " Did we mention have FUN???

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GIFT WRAP APPRECIATION SERVICE: JANUARY 23, 2015

If you forgot to pick up your copy of Sisterhood's 9th Annual CJCN Yearbook Directory During the High Holy Days Please contact Denise Kutcher and Judy Kemper at <u>Yearbook@cjcn.org</u>



December 1. 2014 Henrietta Newman Goldstein Mae Porter

December 2, 2014 Rose Panzer Rose Paull

December 3, 2014 Allie Babendure

December 4, 2014 Roberta Marks

Lena Wallach Lester Weisman

December 5, 2014 Abraham Greenstein Gertrude Hartman Joseph W. Kutchin

December 6, 2014 Renee Wayne

December 7, 2014 Charles Bleiler Ed Kaplan

December 8, 2014 Martin Kaufman Herman Schenker

December 9, 2014 Mary Kathryn Bord Paul Oberlander

December 10. 2014 Barbara Tarlton Jennie Weiss

December 11, 2014 Edith Henenberg Charlotte Kimmel Minna Kirschner Solkind L. Levenson Jacob Schultz

December 13, 2014 Jack Panzer William I. Ruffkess

December 15, 2014 Fredric Ray VanDeGraaff



ASSISTANCE Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), is a program of Northwest Assistance Ministries, (NAM) that takes care of the growing population of families with children facing homelessness. Homelessness can come about as a result of a number of unforeseen circumstances. When the subject of homelessness comes up, most people tend to think of the people who stand on street corners asking for money. Actually, the typical homeless person in the United States is 9-years-old. The typical homeless family in Houston is a 20-year-old woman with two children under the age of 6. Families, who find themselves alone, facing what seem insurmountable odds, turn to NAM for help.

IHN is a program of NAM that joins area congregations of faith, including CJCN, to provide shelter and meals for temporarily homeless families. More than 10,000 people in Houston are homeless. Families represent the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. IHN has been successful in empowering families to become independent. IHN provides the opportunity to take time out in a safe environment---time to learn new skills, time to consider a new approach to things, time regain self-confidence and time to step out again and claim the life that is possible with community support.

Program participants spend their days at NAM focusing on developing job search skills and addressing issues that led them to become homeless. At night they stay at one of the participating congregations. Congregation members provide dinner, support and spend the night to make sure everyone is well taken care of and safe.

For many years, CJCN has partnered with Plymouth United Church of Christ, located nearby at 5927 Louetta Road, to provide meals and overnight support. Our next hosting week begins on Sunday night, March 29, 2015.

All IHN volunteers most go through training in order to volunteer in the program. If you want to learn more about the program, or to volunteer, please call Anais Watsky at 281-370-4200 or email at SocialAction@cjcn.org. Volunteering in IHN is a wonderful opportunity to have "hands on experience" that really makes a difference in the lives of homeless families.

Congregation Jewish Community North is proud to be part of the group of religious organizations that started this wonderful organization.

FUNDRAISING



Please welcome Craig Klein as our new Fundraising Chair. Craig can be reached at Fundraising@cjcn.org. There are many exciting things coming up including a Garage Sale, Chaired by Rick Preble and our famous Corned Beef Fundraiser, Chaired by Susan Shaffer and Jocelyn Nelson. If you have any ideas or would like to help with one of our events, please contact Craig.

If you need to make a dues adjustment, please contact Finance@cjcn.org in the strictest of confidence.

Have you made your donation to the High Holy Day Appeal? It's not too late. Please check with your tax professional to see if there is an advantage for you to make end of the year donations and submit dues payments!



December 16, 2014 Doris Rosenbaum

December 17, 2014 Sara Mamie Greene

December 18, 2014 Myrna Axel Adolph H. Bieber

December 19, 2014 Ben Golden

December 20, 2014 Bruce Bobys Graciela Diamant Paiuk Ida Rumack Sarah Wolf

December 21, 2014 Willeen Belinda Bord Larry Greenberg Samuel Salzinger Else Schalscha

December 22, 2014 Martin Pfeffer Lena Solomon

December 23, 2014 Helen Burlak William Gundlack

December 24, 2014 Louis Kosloff Rachel Pollack Irene Pomerantz Samuel Sherman

December 25, 2014 Magda Bruck Morris Watsky

December 26, 2014 Barnett Brezner

December 28, 2014 Ida Kaminsky Nathan Langsam Ann Swetlow

December 29, 2014 Eva Derby Leona Rossel

December 30, 2014 Beatrice Krause

December 31, 2014 Norman Davis May their memories be a blessing to us all

Welcome to our Principal

At the start of our school year, we welcomed our new Principal, Alana Shepetofsky. Alana or Ms. Shep,



as she is known, was born in New Haven, Connecticut and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Touro College and a Master's Degree in Education from the College of Staten Island.

Alana possesses Director Certification in both Florida and Texas and has worked in the field of Education for over twenty years as both a teacher and Educational Director. Alana has been involved in teacher education for many years in Houston. She

has served as a presenter at Yom Limmud-City-Wide Day of Study which is sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston as well as other days of Learning.

In addition to her responsibilities as an educator, Alana has "educated" three boys of her own along with her husband, Larry.

Whether you have a child in the religious school or not, next time you're at the temple on a Sunday during Religious School, stop by Alana's office and introduce yourself. She'd love to meet our congregants. You can always welcome her by emailing Principal@cjcn.org.



ATTENTION: PARENTS/CONGREGANTS

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING JEWISH TO DO AFTER DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILDREN AT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ON SUNDAY MORNING?

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND AN *ADULT JUDAIC EDUCATION CLASS* EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON WHEN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.

FACILITATED BY FELLOW CONGREGANT AND FORMER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL JUDAIC AND HEBREW TEACHER HOWARD SKOLNICK, THIS LAY LEAD CLASS WILL PRIMARILY READ TEXT AND COMMENTARIES AND DISCUSS THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION FORMAT.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME AND GO AT YOUR LEISURE. NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR HEBREW REQUIRED.



When you attend services on Friday night and there is a lovely table of food for you to enjoy, before and after services, do you ever wonder where it came from? It is supplied by the Munch Bunch.

The Munch Bunch is a group of congregants from our temple who supply your Pre-Neg and Oneg goodies. Although supplied by CJCN, many of us do this out of their pocket as a mitzvah. There are many wonderfully creative dishes for you to enjoy.

They sign up for Friday nights months in advance and make sure you have good refreshments before and after services.

This group, so far, is made up of: Sandra English, Linda Cohn, Jocelyn Nelson, Joy Ginsburg, Donna Gibbon, Rachael Barrow, Steffanie Johnson. If you would like to be part of this group please contact me at MunchBunch@cjcn.org. When you see our committee members thank them for all their hard work.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can make this better for you please let me know.

Carolyn Weiner Munch Bunch Chair

DISCLAIMER

We try our best not to make any errors. Please accept our apologies for any typos or omissions.

Keep in touch with what's going on in our Temple. Check out our website at www.CJCN.org

Happy Birthday!



DECEMBER December 3 Esther Berens Kelly Wright

December 5 Howard Namkin

December 8 Sheila Katz

December 10 Howard Leff

December 11 Leigh Checkman

December 13 Leo Doron

December 16 Anais Watsky

December 17 Lee Malowitz

December 25 Marc Graye

December 26 Dawn Baumel Susan Shaffer

December 27 Sheila Jortner Michael Nalick

December 30 Bob Brintz

Happy Birthday!!

Hanukkahpalooza 2014

Fridax, December 19th

6:00 PM	Latke Fest Hanukkah Dinner brought to you by cjcn sisterhood
2:00 PM	Giant Outdoor Menorah Lighting
2:30 PM	Kabbalat Shabbat Hanukkah Services Featuring Joe Buchanan and Doug Hoffman

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Family Shabbat is Back!

Pre-neg @ 6:45 PM Join friends and CJCN family for food and drinks in the lobby before services. A little bit of this, A little bit of that, and it's always good! Shabbat @ 7:15 PM

Songs and fun for the whole family! Fun isn't just for children – Come join us at CJCN

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November 7, 2014 December 19, 2014 January 9, 2015 February 13, 2015 March 27, 2015 April 24, 2015 May 8, 2015



ANNIVERSARIES	
	YOU AND YOUR MAH JONGG PLAYING FRIENDS
	ARE INVITED TO
Anniversary	THE SIXTH ANNUAL
November	CJCN Mah Jongg Tournament
3	CJUN Man Jongo Tournament
Howard & Barbara Leff	05 Tommunion
4 Jacon & Michalla Kirkia	Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:30 - 3:30
Jason & Michelle Kirbie 5	Sunday, February 08, 2015 9:30 - 3:30
Erica & Daniel Chaikin	
10 Patrick & Laurie Kilbride	Congregation Jewish Community North 5400 Fellowship Lane, Spring, TX 77379
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Joel & Naomie Abrahams	\$36 Registration Fee
David & Sandra Livney	Includes:
22 Jay & Teresa Sternberg	Continental Breakfast
24	Texas Bar-B-Que lunch Even (4) sevende of Male Texas
Joel & Susan Gottlieb	 Four (4) rounds of Mah Jongg Raffles
December	Vendors
10	♦ One (1) door prize ticket
Leonard & Deanna Koblenz	♦ FABULOUS PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN!
15 A (1 & V) S 1 1	YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO ACCEPT YOUR PRIZE
Anthony & Yvonne Schalscha 17	
Leo & Melissa Doron	OY! SUCH A DEAL!!
<i>23</i>	Four (4) people send in their registrations together in one envelope &
Floyd & Mindy Holm 25	each person gets TWO (YES! I SAID TWO!!) Door Prize tickets!
Ellen Stack & Leonard Sobel	DECTOTO ATTONENE ANE THE IS ESTIMATED AND A
30 Robert Levine, J.D. & Joyce	REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, February 6, 2015
Levine	DON'T WAIT SPACE IS LIMITED !!!
31	
Victor & Shelly Zacharias	NAME EMAIL ADDRESS CHECK #
MAZEL TOV!!	ADDRESS CITY, STATE, ZIP PHONE #
Happy Chanukah!	YES, I will bring my Mah Jongg Set
CANDLE BLESSINGS	YES, This is my FIRST TOURNAMENT and would like to sit at the "FIRST TIMERS' TABLES". (Play at your own pace! PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE HIGHEST POINTS)
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commemorate the miracle of the menorah oil in the Jewish Temple (see my <u>Hanukkah page</u> for more details).

 Latkes are made from shredded potatoes, eggs, onions and salt. Matzo meal, flour or breadcrumbs are often added to help bind the ingredients together. Herbs and spices are sometimes added for flavor.

- Sephardic Jews traditionally fry their latkes in olive oil because Hanukkah occurs at the end of the olive-pressing season. Olive oil was treasured in Biblical times, so using it to fry latkes gives the dish a deeper significance. Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern Europe and immigrants to America typically fried their latkes in schmaltz, or rendered poultry fat, until more healthy oil alternatives were introduced. Some cooks still splurge and use schmaltz because it tastes so darned delectable.

- Chremslach (singular: chremsel) is the Yiddish word for a fried pancake. Potato chremslach are often mistaken for latkes. They are similar to latkes, with one major difference. Instead of shredding the potatoes, as we do with latkes, the potatoes are mashed and made into a thick batter before frying. Chremslach often appear on deli menus as "potato pancakes." Latkes are thinner and more crispy due to the shredded texture of the potatoes. Chremslach are thicker and fluffier.

- Latkes are traditionally made from potatoes because they were plentiful and easy to obtain for Eastern European Jewish cooks. However, there is no law that says latkes have to be made from potatoes. They can also be made using <u>shredded</u> <u>vegetables</u>, <u>sweet potatoes</u>, or even <u>cheese</u>!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP & SPRIFTY

Youth group programs present social events and Jewish experiences that reinforce Jewish community and identity.

Junior Youth Group (JYG) - 6th, 7th and 8th Grades

JYG seeks to introduce our community of Middle Schoolers to Jewish Youth Group. We want to ignite a spark that will follow them their whole life. A deep love of Judaism that will serve them and give them opportunities to serve others. Our goals are friends laughing, a community dancing, and an organization singing with ruach (spirit).

We have succeeded when we have engaging programming, lasting friendships, and inspired Jewish teens. JYG participants will also have the opportunity to participate in Chalon L'atid or ChalLah (formerly Gesher) with other Houston-area Jewish Middle



Schoolers. We have lots of fun activities planned - hope you can join us.

Senior Youth Group (SPRIFTY) – 9th, 10th, 11, and 12 Grades

Food, Fun, and Friends!

SPRIFTY had its first meeting of the year on August 16th at Ryan Shaffer's house. There were 12 people in attendance. We discussed our upcoming High Holiday food drive and elections. Everyone had fun getting to know each other. We ate pizza, swam

played basketball, and did a Havdalah service.

SPRIFTY is a place to have fun, be with our Jewish friends, and work on mitzvah projects. Please join us if you are a ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grader. We look forward to a wonderful, productive, fun year together.

Contact Jennifer Siger at <u>JYG@cjcn.org</u> or Sue Sobin at <u>SPRIFTY@cjcn.org</u> for more information.



SAVE THE DATE FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CHANUKAH PARTY!

Exciting Chanukah programming! We are having our Jacques C. Shure Religious School

Chanukah Party with all our families on December 17th, 2014, the second night of Chanukah, from 6pm – 8pm. We will light the candles and have loads of fun! Stay tuned for more information!!







WE NEED YOU!!! The Jacques C. Shure Religious School is launching a new program called:

"BUBBYS AND ZAYDEES"

We are looking for Bubbys and Zaydees, who want to make a connection with our religious school children AND who know how to read Hebrew. We have started a new Hebrew program called Mitkadem, created by the Union for Reform Judaism, and we need people to listen to our children read. This is a one on one opportunity to make a difference in a child's world and not to mention help out the teacher! This does not need to be a lengthy commitment. If you are interested in helping out, please email Alana at <u>principal@cjcn.org</u> or call her at the Temple at 281-376-0016 for more information.





Credit Cards at CJCN

We accept Credit Cards for dues, donations and purchases.

If you'd like to pay your dues by credit card, please just write in your credit card number, name (exactly as printed on card) and expiration date, along with the amount you'd like to pay, on the return portion of the slip.

Or, you can email the information and the amount you'd like to pay to Treasurer@cjcn.org or to Finance@cjcn.org

It's that simple!

ALL FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE HANDLED IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE

Help Support CJCN

Purchase an ad for your business or sell one to someone else!

Business Card\$120/year 1/4 page\$220/year 1/2 page\$330/year Full Page\$550/year

Please contact: Communications@cjcn.org for more information

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	-	_	Confirmation	10a Mah Jongg	all-"ish Conclave IFTY	
			fm 6p Hebrew School		5 7:15p Shabbat Services	9a Torah Study Group
7	8	0	10	11	10	12
7 Tall-"ish Conclave - SPRIFTY	8	9	10 6 Confirmation Class	11 10a Mah Jongg	12 T:15p Shabbat Services	13 Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraise
9:30a Religious School			6p Hebrew School			
10a Adult Judaic Education Class			Tp Education Commitee Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Holiday Gift	Holiday Gift	Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Holiday Gift
m 9:30a Religious School		im 1st Night Chanukah	2nd Night Chanukah	詽 3rd Night Chanukah	1 4th Night Chanukah	🛗 5th Night Chanukah
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12:15p JYG & SPRIFTY Youth Group Meeting			f∰ 6p Hebrew School		Acoustic Family Shabbat Services	
1p CJCN Book Club			m 7p Temple Chanukah Program			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Chanukah Wrap	Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	拥 Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser	Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser		抽 7:15p Shabbat Services	10a Bar Mitzvah of Joey Graye
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		Meeting 7 PBOT Meeting				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
÷·····			Winter Break			9a Torah Study Group
				10a Mah Jongg	m 7:15p Shabbat Services	

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On behalf of Rabbí Síger and Steve Landís, Presídent of CICN, we wish you all a very joyful Chanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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