



Chanukah Customs and Practices

When: Chanukah begins on Saturday, December 24th at night. The last candle is lit on Saturday night, December 31st, and the holiday ends at nightfall on Sunday, January 1st.

Work is permitted on Chanukah (except for Shabbat). Women have a custom not to work for the first 30 minutes after the candles are lit.

Food: Holiday meals are not required, but we do have a custom to celebrate with special meals. Some people eat dairy on Chanukah, there is a custom to partake of latkes and jelly donuts. Children have a custom to play dreidel and other games related to Chanukah.

Special prayers: We add *al hanissim* in Grace after meals and the *amidah*. If one forgets, it need not be repeated. We recite *hallel* and a special Torah reading each morning. On the Shabbat that coincides with Chanukah we read from 2 Torah scrolls and a special *Haftarah* for Chanukah. Friday, December 30, is *Rosh Chodesh*, and we will read from 2 Torah scrolls.

Candle lighting: We light one oil lamp or candle on the first night, adding an additional candle each night, until we light 8 candles on the last night. It is customary to first light a *Shamash*, a helper candle, from which we light the rest. Candles should be large enough, or use sufficient oil, for the lights to burn for at least 30 minutes.

Placement: Our custom is to place the *chanukiah* by a window that faces the street. If not placed by the window, it should be placed by the main house door, opposite the *mezuzah*.

When do we light: Candles should be lit after nightfall (5:24 PM), except for Friday night (see below), or as soon thereafter as possible, but no later than dawn. In emergency situations candles may be lit earlier on condition that there is enough oil or large candles to remain lit until at least 5:54 PM. Please consult the rabbi.

How do we light: We place the first candle on the right side of the *chanukiah* as we face it, and add each new candle to its left. We light the *Shamash*, recite the 2 *b'rachot* (3 on the first night) as found in the siddur, and kindle from left to right. The *Shamash* is placed in the *chanukiah* separated from the other candles. It is customary to recite *haneirot halalu* and sing *maoz tzur* following the lighting.

Shabbat and Chanukah: **Saturday night, December 24th** we must light **after** Shabbat ends, no earlier than 5:19 PM. It is customary to recite *havdalah* at home before lighting the Chanukah candles. **On Friday night, December 30th** we light 7 candles (plus the *shamash*). Chanukah candles must be lit before Shabbat candles, before 4:23 PM. Enough oil or large candles must be used so that they remain lit until at least 5:53 PM. **On Saturday night, December 31st,** we must light after Shabbat ends, no earlier than 5:24 PM. It is customary to recite *havdalah* at home before lighting the Chanukah candles.

Travelers: If you are on the road, you are still required to light Chanukah candles. Please consult the rabbi for details and how you can observe the mitzvah.

Start the New Year Right

BREAKFAST

10:03 AM, Sunday, January 22, 2017

Beth David Synagogue 39 Riverside Drive

Beth David Men's Group

From Charlie's distorted and fractured fairy tales and mis-quotes, It may have been Mickey Mantle who is alleged to have said something to the effect of, "...if I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself....".

So...what's ur excuse? Start ur year off rite.

Join us for your health and well being.

We will have locks and beagles, fresh (but not impolite) fruit, Eggs(including, but not limited to, Charlie's self-declared famous original scrambled French toast,(mai oui) eggs with onion, eggs with peppers, hard boiled eggs, eggs with other eggs. I won't forget the potatoes, fried in minimal oil so that they are a delight to your taste buds, but not an addition to your cholesterol. Well, maybe a little bit, but eating the lox will offset that. I may even make my fantastico tuna-egg salad with pecans, craisins, celery and other secret ingredients.

And of course fresh brewed coffee and various teas. Desserts to finish it off.

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Arrive early for minyan.

Send or bring \$10/ person.

Call me, not the shul office, 765-3304
and let me know, so I have enough food.

Thanks To

Moshe Shmaryahu for the beautiful *tefillot*

Aaron Alweis for arranging all the honors, his excellent work as *gabbai*, expertly finding replacements for planned honors, and changing the ark curtains and Torah covers

Leonard Preston for handling the seating arrangements for the *Yamin Tovim*

Meryl Sasnowitz for the Yizkor announcements and preparing the weekly kiddush lists

Lillian Zodikoff for making the weekly reminder calls for the kiddush workers

Kathie Shelly for sponsoring the *Slichot* night refreshments

The women of Sisterhood for supplying, enhancing, and/or presenting the holiday and Shabbat *kiddushim*, Yom Kippur children's lunch, break-the-fast, and Yom Tov candles

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Lori and Brian Tuberman for the flowers in the sanctuary on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in honor of their parents and in memory of their fathers

Rabbi Zev Silber for excellence in Shofar blowing

Arieh Ullmann designing and managing the Beth David web page

Rabbi David Serkin for keeping the BD Facebook page updated, creating monthly calendars, flyers for events, etc.

Sheldon and Ahren Edison for donating the herring for the *kiddushim* in memory of Sheldon's parents and wife (Ahren's grandparents and mother) and in honor of our *gabbai*, Aaron Alweis

Meryl & Harold Sasnowitz for donating the candy bars for Simchat Torah

Paula and Charles Rubin for donating the kichel in memory of their beloved son, Stephen

The Chevra Kadisha for sponsoring the Shmini Atzeret kiddush

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Charlie Manasse for the frequent last-minute *eruv* repairs

Gaby Yonaty, Charlie Manasse, and Bob Kutz for putting the *schach* covering on the Sukkah

The Shabbat luncheon sponsors and speakers throughout the year

Judy Silber for all the time and effort she puts into the monthly Shabbat luncheons

Dora Polachek for arranging for the interesting speakers for the Shabbat luncheons

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Marcy and Mark Yonaty for spearheading the redecorating of the Ladies room

Laura Greger for the new railing leading up to the main sanctuary

Did you know?

You can view all the pictures of the Annual Dinner and our farewell to the Adamits on Beth David Synagogue's Facebook page, (Beth David Synagogue Binghamton) -- and you don't have to be a Facebook user! Beth David Synagogue has a revamped web site (BethDavid.org) with a link to Sam Gruber's very informative blog about our shul. Sam, a cultural heritage consultant gave a presentation titled "American Synagogue Architecture from 1760-1920" at the College of Jewish Studies in Binghamton last fall. Click on [Beth David Synagogue – Broome County's Only Orthodox Synagogue](#).

Yes, we are the people of the book,

But:

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- Burial of holy books in the cemetery is not cost-less and therefore we need to ask you for a donation to help defray the cost. We therefore will charge \$1 per book for this service. Please contact the rabbi or head of the Chevra Kadisha (Arieh Ullmann) to determine a price for burial of sacred objects such as mezuzot, individual pages, pamphlets and benchers.