

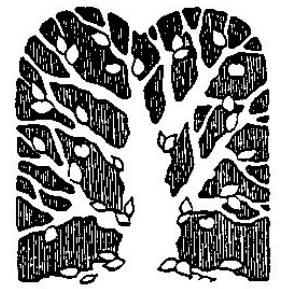
B'er Chayim Bulletin

December 2022

Kislev 5783

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Dear BCT Membership,

Last month, we had two well-received congregational events. Ken led a lively discussion of Georgia Hunter's "We Were the Lucky Ones," BCC Book Club's engrossing first selection. "Killing a King, the Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel" was voted for the next title. Dan Ephron's acclaimed work provides context for understanding the complicated political realities of today's Israel. We will choose a Sunday in February soon (the time will be the usual 10:30 am).

Also, we enjoyed "Crossing Delancey." Delicious pizza and popcorn helped to make it a perfect movie night. Here's hoping the next movie happens before winter really sets in.

Major Happening: BCC's Annual Meeting is now less than two weeks away. Everyone should have received notice either by mail or email. Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am is when you can hear reports from officers and committee chairs, as well as vote on proposed amendments to the constitution. You can be sure that there will be something delicious to eat. Less than two weeks from then, there will be more food to be had on

Friday, December 23 at 6:00 pm, when we light Hanukkah candle number six. As we did last year, there will be a short—but lively—Shabbat service in the vestry, ending with latke-enjoyment, potluck, and party festivities. For this celebration, it's better to be at the temple than on Zoom. Technology is *still* not at the level seen on The Jetsons. Maybe next year.

This evening, Adult Education continues exploring Jewish terms and expressions heard in Bnei Brak, closer to home in Williamsburg, Cumberland, and seen in Jewish texts the world over.

Wishing you a(n early) Happy New Year, and

Kol tuv,

Cantor Richard Bessman



How to Play Dreidel

You need:

1 dreidel per team
15 tokens (pennies, counters, or other small objects) per player.
2-6 players

How to play:





All players sit in a circle on the floor.
At the beginning, each player puts two tokens into the center of the circle, the “pot.”

Starting with the youngest player and then proceeding clockwise, each player takes a turn spinning the dreidel like a top. The letter that is facing up when the dreidel stops spinning tells the player what to do. See the key below.

When a player loses all of his tokens, he is “out” of the game. The last player remaining in the game is the winner.

For another variation, set a timer for ten minutes at the beginning of the game. After ten minutes, all players count their tokens and the player with the most tokens wins.

Dreidel Symbol Key

	
Gimmel – “Get” - Take everything from the pot in the center. Each player places two more tokens in the pot to replace the pot loot.	Hay – “Half” – Take half of the tokens from the pot. What will you do if there is an odd number of tokens? Decide on a solution and use this rule throughout the game.
	
Shin – “Share” – Put two of your tokens into the pot in the middle.	Nune – “Nothing” – You do not give or receive any tokens. You simply lose this turn, and the dreidel moves to the next player.



Why People Play Dreidel on Hanukkah

The traditional Chanukah *dreidel* is a throwback to the times when the Greek armies of King Antiochus controlled the Holy Land, before the Maccabees defeated them. The powerful regime passed a series of laws outlawing the study of Torah and many of the mitzvot. The Jews were compelled to take their Tora learning “underground.”

Jewish children resorted to learning Torah in outlying areas and forests. It is said that if a Greek patrol passed by they would quickly pull out and play with small tops. Our Chanukah *dreidel* games are a salute to these Jewish heroes of yore.

Save the dates!!!!

- 1. December 11 at 11:00 am - Annual Meeting!**
- 2. December 23 at 6:00 pm – Hanukkah party!!!**

Yahrzeit Donations – December 2022

Donor

Judi Lazarus-Haag
Aaron and Adam
Paul Snow
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Bertram G. Lazarus

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Samuel Gerson, Samuel A. Gerson
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Lillian Holstein, Selma Berger
William Learish
Rae and Robert Brodell

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Thursday, December 1	7:00 pm	Adult Education
Friday, December 2		No services
Saturday, December 3	10:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
Thursday, December 8	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 9	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services
Sunday, December 11	11:00 am	Annual Meeting
Thursday, December 15	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 16	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services
Saturday, December 17	10:00 am	Torah Study
Thursday, December 22	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 23	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Services And Hanukkah Party
Thursday, December 29	7:00 pm	Adult Hebrew
Friday, December 30	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening Services

We remember

Yahrzeits – week ending December 3, Kislev 5783

Hattie August
Norman Brock
Rebecca Parish
Selma Berger
Hyman Gerson
Sally Pallik
Hannah Friedberg Platt
Barbara (Siegel) Schrier
Israel Beerman
Frank Harry Feld

Yahrzeits – week ending December 10, Kislev 5783

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Adelaide Morton
David Sigel
Fannie Wolf
Milton Bernstein
Abe Feigus
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Hilda Margolis
David Shear
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Yahrzeits – week ending December 17, Kislev 5783

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Joseph Klawan
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Bernard Grolman
Lillian Weinstein
Harry Stein
Berrill Friedland
Alene Marks
Philip G. Miller
Ethel Mortkovitch
Betty Waingold
Simon Rosenbaum
Edith Becker
Susan Conway Keating

Yahrzeits – week ending December 24, Kislev 5783

Lester Millenson
Carrie Peskin
Rabbi William Rosenau
Herman White
Rose Greenberg
Gertrude Mandell
Annette Brock
Sally Helen Kalet
Sigmund Tanzer
Beatrice Castelle Hirsch
Samuel Hirsch
Florence Judith Lange
Betty Price
Gustav Steinberger

Yahrzeits– week ending December 24, Cheshvan 5783

Max Feinstein
Freida D. Togut
Nosen David Waingold
Mollie Lipsch
Catherine Elizabeth Shofer
Joseph White
Ruth Baron
Simon Kline
Richard Elias Schindler
Bertram Friedland
David S. Hurwitz
Gertrude Schmitt
Jeanne D. Newman
Richard Schwab
Paul Steinberger

Yahrzeits – week ending January 7, Teves 5783

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Ways in Which You Can Help B'er Chayim

Endowment Fund

Western Wall Memorial outside of sanctuary.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Yahrzeit Plaques

Cost of plaque - \$250
Preparation of plaque – about one month.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Tree of Life/Memory Leaves

Cost of leaf - \$40 which includes engraving.
Preparation of leaf – about 2 weeks.
Contact Gayle Griffith for more information.

Building Fund

Contributions may be given for general
building use (subject to Board approval).
Contact Debbie Lang for more information.

Jane and Leonard Schwab Jewish Life Fund

This fund is used to enhance Jewish life in the
B'er Chayim community. Please make checks
payable to the "Jane and Leonard Schwab
Jewish Life Fund."

eBay Fundraising Project

<https://www.ebay.com/str/berchayimtemple>

Do you have items you would like sell
on eBay with the proceeds benefitting
B'er Chayim? Contact Larry Brock
or Brian Lang for more information.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contact Rabbi Bessman for more information.

