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## Oh, Chanukah!

Oy, Chanukah!

Hey, Chanukah!

Come Light YOUR Menorah

at Temple Beth Shalom's

Family Chanukah Night

Friday, December 15, 2017

Hear the Story of Chanukah

as told by

Chuck London

Sing the Holiday Songs!

with Michael Walker

Enjoy Latke Tots, Apfelmus,  
Sauerrahm, and Goodies!

COLLOSAL Menorah  
ILLUMINATION!!

Bring your menorah and candles  
(5 candles total for that evening)



### the President's Corner



**accabee or Hellenist?** It's really a simple question and of course the answer is easy, isn't it? We all love the story of the first Hanukkah every year, but where would our allegiance fall if we were to put ourselves in the shoes of an average Jew in the 160's BCE?

Of course, it's impossible to either relive the past or bring the past into current times, but it could be an interesting thought experiment. You know the story, so just a quick recap. There were essentially two versions of Judaism at the time, Traditional and Hellenistic. We won't play too many games with the word Traditional, but basically it implies a reliance on the Torah and those who interpret the Torah. At this time in our history the primary interpreters of the Torah were of the priestly class. The Hellenists were Jews who combined traditional Judaism with elements of Greek culture. The easiest way for me to explain this would be to say that the Hellenists kept much of the practices of traditional Judaism but did so in such a way as to not separate themselves from the culture they lived in. Many Jews started giving their children Greek names like Alexander after Alexander the Great. Many intermarried into Greek culture. Many participated in civic events that traditionalists would have considered as Idolatrous (Sporting events often in the nude and dedicated to Zeus). Some Jews even attempted to undo their circumcisions surgically so as to not be different. Judaism was an ideal that could easily be interwoven into any society or culture, and did not require the separateness of the Traditionalists.

After some time of peace and protection under Greek culture, a new ruler set his eyes upon the Jews. Antiochus Epiphanes (god made manifest) becomes the King of the Seleucid Empire and reverses the policy of respect for Jews and their culture and begins to overthrow them.

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Chad & Andria Hill  
invite you to share their joy as their son

**GRANT HILL**  
is called to the Torah as a  
**Bar Mitzvah**

Saturday, December 16th, 2017  
10:00 AM  
Temple Beth Shalom  
227 Beal Pkwy NW  
Fort Walton Beach, FL  
RSVP to Andria Hill at  
andrietta@cox.net  
by December 6th, 2017  
Luncheon to Follow

## Lunch?

Are you interested in getting together for warm chat & a tasty luncheon every month.

Georgi Sanborn wants to hear from you!  
Georgi has volunteered to arrange a monthly luncheon for Temple ladies and their guests, rotating locations in the following months as determined by the current "lunchers".

This will not be a formal get-together. We won't be taking attendance. "Lunchers" are free to attend as they wish.

If interested in starting off the luncheons in January 2018, please notify Georgi at (850)651-8333 OR [hmsgms@cox.net](mailto:hmsgms@cox.net) ☆



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**Bar Mitzvah Project for  
Grant Hill and Benjamin Mathis**

Donations are being accepted to benefit the Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart in Pensacola. The items being requested are new packaged plastic or wood toys. NO PLUSH PLEASE. Common items that are donated include Infant Rattles, toys, or teething. Light up or musical toddler toys. Disney movies. 8 or 16 pack crayons. Individual Match Box or Hot Wheels cars. Popular characters include Disney, Peppa Pig, Ninja Turtles, and Paw Patrol.

Please consider assisting Grant and Ben with their project of brightening the days of children who spend much of their time in the hospital. There is a donation basket in the foyer at the Temple and donations will be accepted thru January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Grant Hill and Benjamin Mathis**

**PREZ** - FROM PG. 1

As you know, the ancient world was full of gods and temples. There was this one group of people, the Jews, who refused to acknowledge the other gods, participate in their worship, or even allow their own Temple to be used for the worship of other gods. Since the new rulers were themselves gods, refusal to worship them was tantamount to open rebellion against the ruler. There are many gods, they claimed. Yes, you can have your god and believe and practice as you want, but you must also acknowledge the other gods and participate in their worship as other good citizens do. The Hellenists were willing to compromise to keep the peace. What harm would it do to acknowledge the Greek gods and open our Temple up to them? It's just an act for the sake of peace. The Traditionalists would make no compromise. They would remain separate.

Antiochus conquered Jerusalem, set up a statue of Zeus in the Temple and offered a pig as a sacrifice to Zeus. In addition to requiring pigs to be used as sacrificial animals for any Jews coming to worship, Antiochus outlawed the circumcision of any children being born. These acts outraged many and made the Temple unusable for Traditionalists. The revolt starts here as Mattathias, a Traditionalist priest, kills the first Jew who wanted to comply with the order to sacrifice to Zeus, and the Greek official charged with making sure of adherence to the law.

The rest of the story we all know. Mattathias and his five sons lead a revolt and his son Judah is nicknamed Maccabee, or the Hammer. After successfully recapturing Jerusalem and the Temple and rededicating it, we remember the miracle of oil and celebrate a festival of Rededication of the Temple and its separateness. Here we are 2200 years later, still remembering this revolt and the Jews who refused to compromise for the sake of peace.

So the question still remains. If given the opportunity, or the challenge, would we side with the Traditionalists or the Hellenists? Are there any holidays dedicated to the Hellenists that I am not remembering?

**Happy Hanukkah.**

**Chad Hill**  
President



The Editor regrets the omissions of Lynn & Larry Jackson's birthday & anniversary dates in the particular editions of the TBS Bulletin in which they should have been noted.  
The dates are as follows:  
Lynn's birthday is November 20.  
Larry's birthday is June 30.  
Their wedding anniversary is July 15. ✨

**The first candle of  
Hanukkah  
is lit the evening of  
Tuesday,  
December 12, 2017.**



## Jewish National Fund

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HISTORY, SACRIFICE AND  
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These heritage sites – some dating back to ancient times - some to Israel's rebirth during the first Zionist settlement in the 1800's and others to its 1948 War of Independence – are powerful symbols that inspire our nation and deserve of unwavering attention.

**Marsha Kaplan**  
JNF Chairman



The Men's Breakfast Chavurah will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Two Trees, FWB Golf Clubhouse, at 8:30 AM.

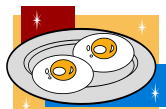
Topics are, as usual, open, and informal. Fellowship is foremost. Encourage others to join our group. Pass the word around - all temple men are welcome

**Phil Block**

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## Dec Dates to Remember

### Birthdays

Chad Hill	12/03
Larry Rubenstein	12/04
Khloe Johnson	12/05
Rob Feldman	12/06
Grant Hill <i>Bar Mitzvah!!</i>	12/13
Robin Matheson	12/14
Andrew Naydenov	12/19
Jordan Fleet	12/31

### Wedding Anniversaries

Jerry Zivan & Dee Van Dyke	12/13
Yvette & David Litwack	12/25

### Yahrzeits

Florence L. Levinson	12/03
Richard Rothwell	12/05
Morris Kline	12/06
Rose Weinstock	12/09
Max Blitz	12/10
Dorothy Cohen	12/10
William Salutsky	12/10
Ruth Seigle	12/14
David Cohen	12/15
Eugene Hammer	12/19
Arnold Kelz	12/19
Harry Cook	12/20
Grace Goldberg	12/25
Esther Copel	12/26
Frank Steiner	12/26
Miriam Ben Nachum	12/27
Ruth Hessel	12/29
Evelyn Gross	12/31

*May their Memories and our Simchot be,  
for us, Blessings.*

Please note that Kaddish is recited at the Friday Shabbat service after the Yahrzeit. If the Yahrzeit occurs on a Saturday, it is recited the previous Friday night. If you would like to make a donation in memory of your loved one, as is traditional, you may do so by sending a check to Temple Beth Shalom, PO Box 111, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-0111. Please write in the memo line "Yahrzeit donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_".

If you want to make a correction or addition, please email [shalom@tbsfwb.com](mailto:shalom@tbsfwb.com) or leave a message at (850)862-6086. ✨







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### DECEMBER TBS EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE



Friday,	Dec 1,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat <a href="#">Vayishlach</a> Service & Oneg
Saturday	Dec 2,	10 AM,	Torah/Haftarah/Prophets Study
Friday,	Dec 8,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat <a href="#">Vayeshev</a> Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Dec 9,	10 AM,	Torah/Haftarah/Prophets Perusal
Tuesday,	Dec 12,	8:30 AM,	Men's Breakfast Chavurah – Two Trees, FWB Golf Course
Friday,	Dec 15,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat <a href="#">Miketz</a> Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Dec 16,	10 AM,	<i>The Bar Mitzvah of Grant Hill</i>
Friday,	Dec 29,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat <a href="#">Vayigash</a> Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Dec 30,	10 AM,	Torah/Haftarah/Prophets Review
Friday,	Dec 29,	6:30 PM,	Kabbalat Shabbat <a href="#">Vayechi</a> Lay Service & Oneg
Saturday,	Dec 30,	10 AM,	Torah/Haftarah/Prophets Review

Religious School meets only the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> this month!