

Emanuel Synagogue



Bulletin



SERVICE TIMES

Join us on Zoom, using the same link as all services: <https://zoom.us/j/6574911810>.

Please remember that we still have Evening Minyan Sundays through Thursdays at 8:00 pm, and Morning Minyan every Thursday at 8:30 am.



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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

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Dec 7 Chanukah Starts
Dec 22 Fast of Asara B'Tevet

Good & Welfare Announcements

Please send any G&W announcements to bethryanmd@att.net.

Old Tin Menorah

Howard F. Stein.

A rectangular piece of tin
Bent into a right angle,
Its bottom plate, horizontal,
Its back plate, vertical.
On the horizontal surface
A row of eight candle holders,
Then, apart from the rest,
At the upper left
Of the vertical plate,
A single candle holder
For the Shammash, the attendant
Candle that lights all the other candles,
But is kept lit above
In case a candle extinguishes.

On the eighth night,
When all eight candles
Stand together ablaze,
The lit ninth candle above them
Burns out, too, along with the rest.

Maybe seventy years ago
My parents bought it from
A Judaica store that featured
Sacred objects and wine
In the Jewish district of Pittsburgh.
Surely back then it was shiny,
Burnished gold, lustrously
Reflecting all light.

I cannot remember a year
When Chanukkah was over,
That we scraped and gouged out
All the melted wax that
Had dripped down the sides
Of the candle, then hardened.
Chanukkah after Chanukkah,
More wax accumulated
In candle holders
And on the flat tin around it.

At first glance, an unkempt mess –
Are not Menorahs meant
To be spotless, shiny,
Ready for next year?
We had two others,

Heavy bronze, ornamented,
We never used for kindling
And prayer, but were
Exquisite metal sculpture.

Each successive year, we brought
Back to the kitchen table
The one we had used
The year before,
In the same condition as when
We retired it after the festival.
No one ever considered it
To be dirty, unsightly.
We simply lit this
Chanukkah's first candle,
Said prayers where we had
Left off last year. Layers of wax
Fused into small mountains
Around the candle holders,
A deep solid pool of wax
Inside them, were the way
We reached across years,
Then decades, time unbroken.

My mom and dad are long dead;
I have removed no wax
Since the Menorah became mine.
Years of wax are as much
A part of the Menorah
As its once gleaming tin.
Now and then, I still find
Pieces of cardboard matches –
I refuse to throw them out.

Just as Chanukkah
Is about history
And remembering,
My old wax-encrusted
Menorah is history, too –
Evidence that we have
Miraculously prevailed –

Once again to reach this season,
To commemorate
Triumphs and wonders
Bestowed long ago
Upon our ancestors
In those days at this season.



Ma Koreh? December 2023

Dear Emanuel Family,

On Thursday November 2nd, 20 members of the Jewish community and our youth turned Emanuel Synagogue's sanctuary into a sacred space to remember the Israelis and international visitors who were murdered and taken hostage by Hamas terrorists, and praying for the healing of all affected, and a swift, peaceful, and complete conclusion to the war.

As I was preparing the sanctuary for the group Tuesday night, I stood on the bimah looking over the sanctuary. Half of the seats, at that time, were draped with just a white sheet with the blue fabric of the chairs boldly outlining the white. Suddenly, I realized, essentially, our entire congregation is being held hostage. If each our sanctuary chairs represents a hostage (based on current numbers as I write), there would be 12 empty chairs.

Each of the 252 chairs in the sanctuary is draped with a white sheet which represents the peace we all want and pray for. 251 of the chairs have at least one blue ribbon. The blue ribbons represent our solidarity and love for Israel. The chairs with multiple ribbons on them represent those families that have more than one hostage held by Hamas. There are nearly 200 sanctuary chairs with pictures of the hostages on them to help keep their presence in our hearts and minds until they come home safe. There is one chair, in the southeast corner of the sanctuary (where you will find Gaza on the map next to Israel), dedicated to the children of Gaza.

At the conclusion of our decorating, Rabbi Jacobson led a beautiful dedication ceremony, filled with songs and prayers. Rabbi's voice was impassioned, and the group responded in kind. The group left very moved by the evening, and we hope you will find time to visit and sit in the sanctuary.

See you around the shul,
Jeff Goss
ES Youth Director

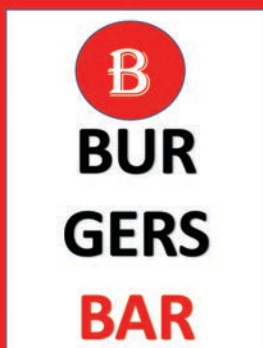
P.S. – Some of you have asked me for positive ways to connect with Israel, and I have few suggestions:

Cook Israeli food. Food is comforting, and if you have been there, it can bring back a flood of wonderful memories. The thought of cooking Israeli food reminds me of the aroma walking home from the yeshiva in Jerusalem before shabbat. Easy recipes I recommend are hummus, pita, Shawarma, Shakshuka, and Israeli salad. If you want any of my recipes, just shoot me an email.

Another way to feel aligned with Israel is to correspond with friends and family living, studying, and visiting. If you do not know someone, write or create a Hanukkah card, and Rabbi, myself, and others can help you find someone or even a pen pal (For you kids, we would write to random people to meet from around the world.).

Pictures from November 2:





**ISREAL'S
BEST
BURGERS
IN OKC
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2nd**

SOONER IS COOKING UP A PARTY ON THE PATIO

Saturday evening December 2nd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM Pre-Game for Hanukkah with a juicy burger & Hanukkah fries

Adults - \$18 and Children (20 and under) - \$5

RSVP by Friday, November 24th at jsgoss99@gmail.com

Max \$50 per family with reservation.

\$25/per person at door no maximum

Impossible Burgers will be available

Adult beverages for those 21+

All proceeds benefit the ES Pilgrimage Fund and our children's free trips to Israel. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating \$18 or more.

**SLEEPOVER FOR THE YOUTH TO FOLLOW
WITH FLASHLIGHT TAG!**

SOONER SLEEPOVER IN THE SHUL



Saturday, December 2nd

7:30 PM – 9:00 AM

At Emanuel Synagogue

S'mores, Flashlight Tag, & Late-Night Movie

3rd thru 5th Grade Group

6th thru 12th Grade Group

Reservations required: Text or call Jeff Goss at (405) 245-

6496 or email jsgoss99@gmail.com to reserve an air

mattress and a spot in the shul.

**Also, join us for our Burgers Bar cookout
\$18 Adults and \$5 for Children (20 and under)**



Thank you to all who have made our Rosh Chodesh "Tea & Tehillim's" successful! After Rosh Hashanah, before we had our 1st meeting, there was an unprecedented attack in Israel that has shaken us to our core. I believe we started this event at the perfect time, and took advantage of this time together to not only say the Tehillim for the day and Rosh Chodesh, but to lift our brothers and sisters in Israel with the prayers for the State of Israel, for the IDF, for the hostages, and for peace. We will continue to add this to our T&T itinerary until all of the hostages come home, and the war is over. We have so far discussed 2 amazing Jewish Women of Valor, including Golda Meir and Dr. Ruth Westheimer, both who were intimately involved in the creation of the modern state of Israel and its Independence. We have learned so many interesting things about them in our discussions as we shared information with each other, and have been inspired by their stories of courage and resilience. Again thank you for joining me in this new project that has provided one more way to bring our Sisterhood members together, get to know each other better,

and build lasting friendships. I encourage many more ladies to join us in our future T&T meetings for a short, but sweet, spiritual recharge in our busy lives!

Our Sisterhood Chanukah Latke dinner and Bingo Night is right around the corner! Join us on Tues, December 12th, at 6:00 pm, which also starts Rosh Chodesh Tivet! We will combine our Chanukah celebration with our Tea & Tehillim meeting for a fun and inspiring evening! A flyer with more details coming soon! I hope the lights guide you towards a bright future of love, peace, and joy.

Happy Chanukah!!!



Sisterhood Gift Shop

Buy your Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, and Baby Gifts. Plus, Yahrzeit and Shabbos candles, Jewelry, pottery and so much more.





Fall 2023 events. Links for parking registration and Zoom will be forthcoming in event-specific emails.

December 6, Noon | Dale Hall Tower Community Room
JuSt Lunch | “The Public History of Eugenics” with Janet Ward

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Alan & Sue Goldfarb
- 14 David & Anita Tichenor
- 15 Sheldon & Carol Reznik
- 18 Leonard & Diane Rubin
- 23 Rick & Rebecca Roby
- 27 Howard & Dr. Deborah Israel
- 29 Drs. David & Sherri Durica



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Trip Jefferies
Glenna Tanenbaum
- 4 Rebecca Roby
- 5 Solomon Dunn
- 6 Edwina Lowrey
Fred Poplin
- 7 James Goldsberry
Aaron Moore
- 8 Argo Mejia
- 10 Ronald Arvine
Stacy Coe
Tiffany Logsdon
- 12 Frank Landes
- 15 Howard Israel
- 16 Evelyn Friedman
David Kimmel
Heather Zafarti
- 17 Sherry Barton
Laura Levine
Shalev Pincu-Seidelman
- 18 Keith Bell
Dr. Margaret Levin-Philips
John Sorenson
- 20 Shirley Rich
Helena Sorenson
- 23 Tom Osherwitz
Shirley Skalovsky
- 26 Carol Bendorf
Heather Schwartz
- 30 Linda Kanter



*In Memory
Of Our Loved Ones*

MICHAEL

BARLOW

Drs. Stephen &
Roberta Sloan

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Cohen

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Levine

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Arvine

LINDA EMMER

MEYER

Murray & Sharon
Cohen

HENRIETTA

OSHERWITZ

Tom Osherwitz

JERALD WEBB

Don Goldstein



With Affection We Recall...



**Friday, December 1,
18 Kislev**

Oscar Green
Richard Israel
Howard Silverman

**Saturday, December 2,
19 Kislev**

Carita "Carrie" Buratti
Morris Turner

**Sunday, December 3,
20 Kislev**

Annelis Bendorf

**Monday, December 4,
21 Kislev**

Abe Goldstein
Moshe Yekusiel Slutzky

**Tuesday, December 5,
22 Kislev**

Norman M. Resman
Joseph Yourman

**Wednesday, December 6,
23 Kislev**

Hannah Elmaleh

**Thursday, December 7,
24 Kislev**

Rachel Turner

**Friday, December 8,
25 Kislev**

Albert Cohen
Jean Solvith

**Saturday, December 9,
26 Kislev**

Yehudah Elmaleh
Warner Kass

**Sunday, December 10,
27 Kislev**

Benjamin Goldberg
Pearl Goss

**Monday, December 11,
28 Kislev**

Marvin Solvith

**Tuesday, December 12,
29 Kislev**

Henrietta Osherwitz

**Wednesday, December 13,
1 Tevet**

Carrie Byers
Faye Epstein
Connie Ryan

**Thursday, December 14,
2 Tevet**

Louis Slutzky

**Sunday, December 17,
5 Tevet**

Freda Levy

**Tuesday, December 19,
7 Tevet**

David Nash

**Wednesday, December 20,
8 Tevet**

Meyer and Dora Cohen
Millie Melman
Sam Skalovsky

**Thursday, December 21,
9 Tevet**

Susan Robinson
Dr. Harold Rosenbaum

**Friday, December 22,
10 Tevet**

Freha Elmelech

**Saturday, December 23,
11 Tevet**

Vera Bateshansky

**Sunday, December 24,
12 Tevet**

Camille Merson

**Monday, December 25,
13 Tevet**

Lorraine Gardner
Bernice Lipkin

**Wednesday, December 27,
15 Tevet**

Henry Ellis

**Thursday, December 28,
16 Tevet**

Harold Ginden

**Friday, December 29,
17 Tevet**

Albert Bateshansky
Markus Fritz
Mary Juaneta Goldsberry
Adolf Neuwald

**Saturday, December 30,
18 Tevet**

Reuben Cohen
Charles Craig
Sarah Weiss



תודה

רבה

TODA RABAH

Donation to Rabbi's
Discretionary Fund
Shelley Savage

CONGREGANTS
ASSISTANCE FUND

Dr. Yona Rebbetzin Alter & Dr.
Rabbi Levi Alter

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performed by Rodney Brazil
February 17 & 18
in collaboration with OCU's Neustadt Lecture Series at OCU

MILK AND HONEY
a musical by Jerry Herman
March 8, 9, & 10
at UCO's Jazz Lab in Edmond

AMSTERDAM
by Israeli playwright, Maya Arad Yasur
April 13 & 14
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