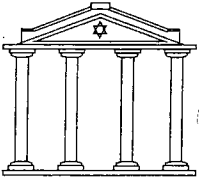


# Temple Ohev Sholom



November 16, 2020

Dear Members:

We hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. We are writing to share the content and logistics of the plan that Temple leadership has developed for **Hanukkah** this year:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
<p><b>Sunday, December 6</b></p> <p><i>(In case of rain or snow, back-up date will be Sunday, December 13)</i></p>	1-3 p.m.	<p><b><u>IN-PERSON Gift Bag pick up and Food Donation drop off:</u></b></p> <p>Members will drive to the Temple to pick up their family's Hanukkah gift bag. In addition, the Temple's Sisterhood and Social Action Committee are collecting donations of <i>non-perishable kosher food items</i> for Jewish Family Services' food pantry.</p> <p><b><u>Please note:</u></b> Religious School materials for the second half of the school year will be distributed at this same time.</p>	Drive through the Temple parking lot, entering on Front Street and exiting on Seneca Street. Everyone in your car must wear a mask and remain in the vehicle. Volunteers, who will be wearing masks and gloves, will distribute the gift bags, Religious School materials, and collect the donations.
<p><b>Thursday, December 10,</b> the first night of Hanukkah</p>	6 p.m.	<p><b><u>LIVE EVENT – "Hanukkah, O Hanukkah":</u></b></p> <p>Rabbi Kessler will lead a brief Hanukkah service and invite families to light their hanukkiah (menorahs) together.</p>	The link to this Zoom event will be posted on the "Hanukkah 2020" page of the Temple's website, at <a href="http://www.ohavsholom.org">www.ohavsholom.org</a> . See the big green button on the home page.
<p><b>Friday, December 11,</b> the second night of Hanukkah</p>	Starting at 4 p.m., and available at your convenience for the duration of Hanukkah	<p><b><u>PRE-RECORDED Shabbat and Tot Shabbat Services:</u></b></p> <p>Rabbi Kessler has recorded Hanukkah-themed Shabbat and Tot Shabbat services.</p>	The links to the videos will be posted on the "Hanukkah 2020" page of the Temple's website, at <a href="http://www.ohavsholom.org">www.ohavsholom.org</a> .
<p><b>Monday, December 14,</b> the fifth night of Hanukkah</p>	7 p.m.	<p><b><u>LIVE EVENT – "Latkes &amp; Lights":</u></b></p> <p>Sisterhood will present a live latke cooking demonstration that everyone can watch and/or follow along with, as well as a communal candle-lighting.</p>	The link to this Zoom event will be posted on the "Hanukkah 2020" page of the Temple's website, at <a href="http://www.ohavsholom.org">www.ohavsholom.org</a> .

We are confident that, just like with the High Holidays, our plan can work successfully if everyone carefully follows the schedule and instructions. We also hope you embrace the opportunity to be with your friends and loved ones during this pandemic, even if it is through a screen.

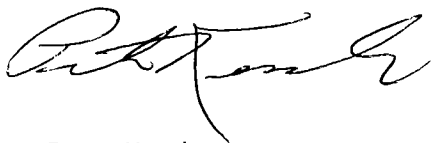
**A few special notes:**

- **The gift bags will contain an assortment of holiday-themed treats and *tchotchkes*!** We estimated how many to order based on the survey results, so first come, first served.
- **Religious School materials for the second half of the school year will be distributed on December 6<sup>th</sup> as well,** so those families in particular should plan on participating that day. Religious School will also celebrate Hanukkah during regular class hours.
- **For health and safety reasons, the building remains closed to non-employees.** Everyone in your car must remain in the vehicle and be masked.
- **If you cannot pick up your gift bag on December 6<sup>th</sup>,** we would be happy to make other arrangements to get it to you if you notify the Temple office before Thanksgiving. Unless we have to reschedule due to bad weather, gift bags will not be available after the December 6<sup>th</sup> event. Please make every effort to stick to this schedule in order to reduce the workload on our staff and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone involved in planning and implementing this year's special Hanukkah program: the Temple's Officers and Board of Trustees, COVID-19 Response Committee, Worship Committee, Social Action Committee, Sisterhood, Seventh Grade Religious School Class, other volunteers, and, of course, our incredible staff and faculty. On behalf of this dedicated team, we wish you all a happy and healthy Hanukkah and New Year! We also ask for your continued support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters and do our very best to ensure that your spiritual, educational, and social needs are met during this challenging time.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,



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