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D'VAR HA'RAV: A WORD FROM RABBI MARK

Hanukkah: Eight Nights of Presence, Illumination, and Hope

As the days get shorter and the nights get darker, our tradition wisely invites us to set aside eight nights to be present, bring in more light, and rekindle our lives with hope. Of course, it's not just a response to the seasonal change and diminishing of light, but about the bedrock stories and delicious foods of Hanukkah. With our oily treats of latkes and sufganiyot (doughnuts), we literally ingest and embody the lessons of our holiday of illumination and hope. In our busy lives we set aside eight nights, as treasured and miraculous gifts, to simply be present and light the candles. We bring more light into our homes and hearts, while we remember the miracles in our lives and commemorate the little bit of oil that was supposed to last for just one day, but lasted for eight instead. There's also the miracle of the few over the many, the weak over the strong, the outer battles and inner struggles, as the ancient Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated (Hebrew word, *Hanukkah*) following its desecration by King Antiochus IV (167-164 BCE). When we kindle the menorah/hanukkiah (think ancient oil lamps lit with pure olive oil), we activate the principle of *pirsum ha'nes* / publicizing and sharing the miracle. This simple ritual brings a flickering of much needed illumination and hope into our lives during this time.

Some of you may know that I returned home recently from a three-day Jewish, silent retreat (yes there is such a thing) with the IJS/Institute for Jewish Spirituality in Garrison, NY. Among many of the teachings, insights, meals eaten in silence, prayers, songs, and stories shared, one “oldy but goody” stands out. It reveals a lesson that—with illumination—we can experience the ordinary day-to-day of our lives as truly miraculous, even eternally meaningful. In the short version of this story from Chelm, *Shmuel heard about a place called “the afterlife” in shul and decided to go in search of it. He left town and headed towards the mountains. As it got dark, he rested and pointed his shoes in the direction he was going so that when he woke up he’d remember the right direction to continue on his journey. During the night, an angel appeared and changed the direction of his shoes. Shmuel woke up, put on his shoes and followed in the way that they pointed. Approaching a village he thought to himself, “Hmmm, this looks familiar.” The people of the town even greeted him. He came to a house that looked oddly familiar, and was greeted by a woman who looked like his wife and children who looked like his children. The cooked potatoes she made even tasted familiar to the dish*

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GATHER TOGETHER

UVJC's Third Annual
New Year's Day Brunch

Thursday, January 1, 2026
11am-1:30pm
Roth Center, Hanover, NH

Enjoy goodies including Montreal bagels, salads, desserts, mimosas, and more! But especially enjoy gathering with families and UVJC friends, new and old, to welcome in the new year.

All are welcome!
No RSVP required!

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As we speed through the year, it's important to pause and appreciate our UVJC moments, big and small, along the way. They all nurture our relationships with each other. Our community continues to thrive because of the dedication, enthusiasm, and care brought by each one of you.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we offered multiple service options to ensure everyone felt included. Thank you to our many volunteers who made them possible. Lighting the menorah together on the first night of Hanukkah at the Roth Center brought warmth and joy to all of us. Ringing in 2026 at our New Year's Day Brunch will continue another wonderful tradition, and we are so thankful to Monte Blaustein for once again agreeing to lead this fabulous start to the new year. Our Shabbat services continue to be well attended and foster weekly restoration. The Lunch & Learns that follow services once or twice per month cover a wide breadth of topics and inspire communal learning.

Hebrew School is flourishing, and our revitalized teen Jew Crew brings new enthusiasm for participating. The November teen trip to Boston was both educational and offered special bonding for those who participated. From Israeli dancing to mahjong, and from baby namings to b'nai mitzvot and weddings, our celebrations highlight the joy and diversity of our congregation. We share personal kudos in the "Good News" section of our Weekly Update so that we can all take joy in each other's milestones and achievements.

While we celebrate all of that, we also prioritize our mission to support those in need, strengthening our bonds within and beyond our community. From offering meals and rides to standing beside those who are grieving, we strive to ensure that no member feels alone during difficult times. This fall, our Social Action Committee responded decisively to the challenges faced by our region by directing support to the Haven Community Market, the Claremont Soup Kitchen, and the Claremont Warm Welcome Shelter. With dignity and compassion, these local organizations provide food and shelter, and our contributions help sustain their critical work.

None of this would be possible without our devoted Board of Trustees and the many volunteers who give their time, wisdom, and care to our synagogue, the Upper Valley, and beyond. As the days grow shorter and temperatures continue to drop, I hope you all feel and share the UVJC light and warmth. Wishing you a season filled with connection, meaning, and hope for the New Year.

L'Shalom, *Lori*

Wishing you a happy Hanukkah!

בית ספר HEBREW SCHOOL AND YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Hello from the Hebrew School Hallway,

It's very quiet here during Thanksgiving break but we have had a lot of activities this fall:

The Jew Crew trip to Boston was a highlight. We brought 16 teens and 5 adults from three different congregations to see the New England Holocaust Memorial, the Vilna Shul, Milk Street Kosher cafe, Coolidge Corner in Brookline, and Mayyim Hayyim—the mikveh in Newton. Students learned about immersion and the Jews of Beacon Hill in the early 1900s. A few students had their first ride on a streetcar and their first meal in a kosher restaurant. None had ever been to a mikveh before.

The Hebrew school held a Thanksgiving seder. Yes, that's right—not a Passover or Rosh Hashana seder but a Thanksgiving one! We had a Haggadah that featured excerpts from the Declaration of Independence, stories about Hayim Salomon (a Jewish financier of the American Revolution), made Thanksgiving seder plates and pinecone turkeys, and sang patriotic songs including “God Bless America” by Irving Berlin (born Israel Beilin).

Tot Shabbat is going strong and we are welcoming lots of new families into the Kol Ha'Emek fold. Our annual L'dor Vador Tot Shabbat featured a nice mix of elders, parents, and tots enjoying shabbat ruach together.

Kitah Koof (aka the pre-K / Kindergarten class) made a big hanukkiah to kickstart our fundraiser for heating oil for local families in danger of being in the cold this winter. Please help us raise \$900 so we can fill our hanukkiah and light all nine flames (\$100 per candle; follow along with our progress on the bulletin board in the Roth Center). You can contribute by sending a check or making an online donation to the UVJC's Social Action Fund with a memo indicating “Hanukkah Oil”—the money will go to the Heating Helper's program at LISTEN Community Services.

Melissa



Kitah Koof makes a hanukkiah for the “Hanukkah Oil” fundraiser.



Thanksgiving seder pinecone turkey art project.



Above: Photos from the Jew Crew trip to Boston.

שיחת השנה

TALK OF THE SEASON: INTERPRETING DREIDEL AS A GAME OF LIFE

What's the origin of the dreidel? As you might guess, there are a few opinions.

“The dreidel or *sevivon* is perhaps the most famous custom associated with Hanukkah. Indeed, various rabbis have tried to find an integral connection between the dreidel and the Hanukkah story. The standard explanation is that the Hebrew letters—*nun*, *gimmel*, *hey*, and *shin*—stand for “*nes gadol hayah sham* / a great miracle happened there.” One 19th Century rabbi maintained that Jews played with the dreidel to fool the Greeks if they were caught studying Torah which had been outlawed. In reality, all of these elaborate explanations were invented after the fact. The dreidel game originally had nothing to do with Hanukkah; it has been played by various people in various languages for many centuries (England, France, Italy, Germany)... Thus, the dreidel game represents an irony of Jewish history: in order to celebrate the holiday of Hanukkah which celebrates our victory over cultural assimilation, we play the dreidel game which is an excellent example of cultural assimilation. (*A Different Light*, Zion and Spectre, p.177-78)

Life, like a dreidel, is constantly spinning with uncertainty. When we play dreidel, its Hebrew letters determine how much gelt each player receives. We never really know what we're going to get and with each turn we take a chance. **As a game of life, try giving it a spin:**

- If we land on *nun*, take none. Identify recent, missed opportunities in your life.
- If we land on *gimmel*, take “all.” Make more “me time” in 2026.
- If we land on *hey*, take “half.” Create an engaging experience to share with others.
- If we land on *shin*, “put two in.” Give back and “put in” time and effort on something new.



UVJC celebration of the first night of Hanukkah, 12/14/2025.

מזל טוב
MAZAL TOV, B'NAI MITZVAH!

MIRIAM HILLER | OCTOBER 18, 2025
 Daughter of Erica & Marc Hiller

Thank You Chefs!

As we conclude our 10th year of cooking for the Haven's Homeless Shelter, we would like to thank all of those who contributed their time and culinary efforts in 2025.

A big THANK YOU to:

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And a very special shout out to Alice Berliner who pioneered and led our group for 10 years. We will miss your leadership!

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תודה רבה
THANK YOU KINDLY FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

עידן בריבית

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: TOTS IN THE NEWS

Our intergenerational Tot Shabbat program at the Kilton Library was featured in this month's issue of The New Hampshire Jewish Reporter!

Your Federation at Work

L'Dor Vador at the Kilton Library in West Lebanon



On Saturday, October 25th, families gathered at the Kilton Public Library in West Lebanon for a joyful L'dor Vador ("From Generation to Generation") Tot Shabbat, celebrating the connections between children, grandparents, and grandfathers. Led by Melissa Herman, Head of School for Kol Ha'emek - The Upper Valley Jewish Community, and Dinah Berch, Program Coordinator for the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and PJ Library New Hampshire, with support from members of Shir Shalom in Woodstock, VT, families enjoyed songs, stories, crafts, and free books — and created beautiful "memory chains" to honor special moments shared across generations.



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monthly crafts in the mail all year! Crafts will arrive for each child every month to use during the program. If cost is prohibitive, please reach out to the JFNH office at info@jewishnh.org. The zoom link will be provided to registered families each Monday ahead of the program. For more information contact Cori Wilson at cori.wilson@jewishnh.org.

Wednesday, January 28

Personalizing the Past: Researching Family Histories with the USHMM
5:30 PM, Zoom Webinar
Please join Jewish Federation of New Hampshire and the Cohen Institute for Holocaust and Genocide



Studies for a special Zoom Webinar in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and featuring Dr. Susan Evans, Ed.D., Research and Reference Specialist at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). Dr. Evans will present on how families can research relatives affected by the Holocaust. She will introduce participants to the Museum's Research Services, explain the process for submitting a personal inquiry, and share examples of digitized archives and case studies, including a New Hampshire community member's research journey. Attendees will gain practical insight into using resources such as the Bad Arolsen archives and other Holocaust documentation tools. This virtual event is free and open to the public. Please register in advance. Zoom Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/join/register/WN...>



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Optional: To submit a research inquiry prior to the webinar, please complete the USHMM form (one per individual) and email your case number to Dr. Evans at sevans@ushmm.org, noting your participation in the Cohen Institute event. Early submissions may allow your case to be reviewed before the program.

Sponsor: Cohen Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies • Keene State College Archives • Jewish Federation of New Hampshire

Thursday, January 29

Manchester Chapter of Hadassah Meeting
Open chapter meeting. <https://www.jewishnh.org/community-calendar/manchester-chapter-of-hadassah-1762913327>

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he liked from home. His town and the afterlife did seem the same as the place that he knew, but in all honesty, it seemed much better.

Bringing light to the eight nights of Hanukkah has the potential to change the way that we see and experience the ordinary day-to-day. It can accentuate, elevate, and even illuminate deep insights into the meaning of our own lives. We learn from our ancient sources that “The soul of a person is a candle to the Divine; revealing all of a person’s inner life.” (Proverbs 20:27) The essence of each of us (soul) is a vessel for the ongoing Divine flow, and as we grow our light each night, the light of the Divine expands with us and in the world. Hanukkah’s eight nights are opportunities to increasingly grow our glow, share it with others, and see the Divine ember or spark in everything.

With more light comes a much needed afterglow of hope. “Hanukkah occurs during this time of year because winter means darkness on many levels. In addition to the physical aspects of shorter and colder days, this month is an island in a sea of potential spiritual darkness... During the dark winter months, when the potential to lose hope and spiral downward is present, Hanukkah comes to dispel the fear, the lost hope, and the spiritual agony. It comes to kindle a small beacon of inspiration for us, and to help us recognize that there is always hope. All is not lost, and there is so much potential to grow. We just need to kindle that first light, and the result will be a conflagration!” (Bnei Yissaschar, Maamarei Chodshei Kislev-Teves 4:113,4:86)

May eight nights of our presence incline the lights of our hearts and homes towards warmth and comfort, illumination and hope, and (of course) towards lots of latkes too.

Hag Urim Sameach / Happy Festival of Lights, Happy Hanukkah 

Rabbi Mark

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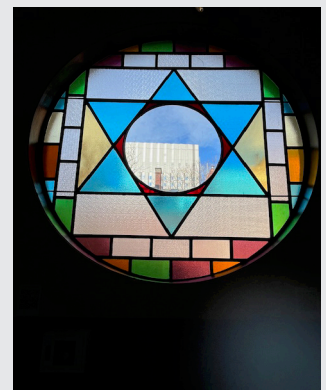
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Stained glass photographed during the Jew Crew trip to Boston.

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UPPER VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY CEMETERY

The UVJC owns and maintains our own cemetery to comfort and serve you in times of need. We encourage our members to think about their future needs in advance. For more info, please call the office at 603-646-0460 or email office@uvjc.org.



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Cheers to new connections in 2026!

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| <p>7 17 KISLEV 10:00 am Parent's Chavurah 7:00 pm Israeli Folk Dancing 7:00 pm UVJC Book Group</p> | <p>8 18 KISLEV 1:00 pm Mahjong 6:00 pm Dayenu Circle, Potluck Dinner Meeting</p> | <p>9 19 KISLEV 1:30 pm Chronicles Class</p> | <p>10 20 KISLEV</p> | <p>11 21 KISLEV</p> | <p>12 22 KISLEV  3:52 6:00 pm Eastman Shabbat Service</p> | <p>13 23 KISLEV  Vayeishev 10:00 am Contemplative Shabbat Service 11:30 am Lunch and Learn with Alexander Hartov</p> |
| <p>14 24 KISLEV 3:00 pm Community Hanukkah Party First Night of Hanukkah</p> | <p>15 25 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 1 1:00 pm Mahjong</p> | <p>16 26 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 2 1:30 pm Chronicles Class</p> | <p>17 27 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 3</p> | <p>18 28 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 4 5:30 pm Havurah/Social Educational Gathering 7:00 pm UVJC Board Meeting</p> | <p>19 29 KISLEV  3:54  Chanukah - Day 5 6:00 pm Shabbat Service</p> | <p>20 30 KISLEV  Chanukah - Day 6  Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 1  Mikeitz 10:00 am Shabbat Service 10:30 am Tot Shabbat</p> |
| <p>21 1 TEVES  Chanukah - Day 7  Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2</p> | <p>22 2 TEVES  Chanukah - Day 8 1:00 pm Mahjong</p> | <p>23 3 TEVES 1:30 pm Chronicles Class</p> | <p>24 4 TEVES</p> | <p>25 5 TEVES  Christmas Day</p> | <p>26 6 TEVES  3:58  6:00 pm Shabbat Service</p> | <p>27 7 TEVES  Vayigash 10:00 am Shabbat Service</p> |
| <p>28 8 TEVES 7:00 pm Book Group</p> | <p>29 9 TEVES 1:00 pm Mahjong</p> | <p>30 10 TEVES  Fast of the Tenth of Teves 1:30 pm Chronicles Class</p> | <p>31 11 TEVES</p> | | | <p>Please Read the Weekly Update Email!</p> |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Please Go to UVJC.org for the Current Calendar | Please Read the Weekly Update Email! | | | 1 12 TEVES New Year's Day 11:00 am New Year's Brunch 7:00 pm Parshat Class | 2 13 TEVES 4:04 6:00 pm Shabbat Service | 3 14 TEVES Veyechi 10:00 am Contemplative Shabbat Service |
| 4 15 TEVES | 5 16 TEVES 1:00 pm Mahjong | 6 17 TEVES 1:30 pm Chronicles Class | 7 18 TEVES | 8 19 TEVES | 9 20 TEVES 4:11 6:00 pm Eastman Shabbat Service | 10 21 TEVES Shemos 10:00 am Family Shabbat Service |
| 11 22 TEVES | 12 23 TEVES 1:00 pm Mahjong | 13 24 TEVES 1:30 pm Chronicles Class | 14 25 TEVES | 15 26 TEVES 5:30 pm Havurah/Social Educational Gathering (Library) 7:00 pm UVJC Board Meeting | 16 27 TEVES 4:19 6:00 pm Shabbat Service | 17 28 TEVES Va'eira 10:00 am Shabbat Service 11:30 am Lunch and Learn |
| 18 29 TEVES | 19 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat Martin Luther King Day 1:00 pm Mahjong | 20 2 SHEVAT 1:30 pm Chronicles Class | 21 3 SHEVAT | 22 4 SHEVAT 7:00 pm Rabbi Besser's Zoom Class | 23 5 SHEVAT 4:27 6:00 pm Shabbat Service | 24 6 SHEVAT Bo 10:00 am Shabbat Service |
| 25 7 SHEVAT 7:00 pm UVJC Book Group | 26 8 SHEVAT 1:00 pm Mahjong | 27 9 SHEVAT 1:30 pm Chronicles Class | 28 10 SHEVAT | 29 11 SHEVAT | 30 12 SHEVAT 4:36 6:00 pm Shabbat Service | 31 13 SHEVAT Beshalach 10:00 am Shabbat Service 11:30 am Lunch and Learn |