

# THE SHO- FAR שופר

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## BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2026 5:30

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT  
January 10th and 24th

Temple Emanu-El of Bayonne

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12 Tevet-13 Shevat

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**Fri., January 2/13 Tevet**

*Candle Lighting*      4:23

**Sat., January 3/14 Tevet**

**VAYECHI**

**Fri. January 9/20 Tevet**

*Candle Lighting*      4:29

**Sat., January 10/21 Tevet**

**SHEMOT**

**Fri., January 16/27 Tevet**

*Candle Lighting*      4:37

**Sat., January 17/28 Tevet**

**VA'ERA**

**BIRKAT HACHODESH**

**Fri., January 23/5 Shevat**

*Candle Lighting*      4:45

**Sat., January 24/6 Shevat**

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**Fri., January 30/12 Shevat**

*Candle Lighting*      4:54

**Sat., January 31/13 Shevat**

**BESHALACH/SHABBAT SHIRA**

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

### **Baby, It's Cold Outside**

**When people don't want to attend an event or a program, They sometimes use the weather as an excuse. If it's raining, they might not show up because they don't want to get wet. However, the weather fairy will always show her face. It's always going to snow, rain, or hail. It will always be cold, hot, humid, windy, stormy, or mild.**

**Fortunately, most of us have the clothing or the useful items for any of the possibilities. We are able to storm any weather that comes our way.**

**I want to commend all of our faithful congregants for attending our services and other programs without weather excuses. They show up and support our efforts no matter what the situation.**

**We encourage all of you who read this newsletter to join us and show us that you truly care about our goals. Please don't use the weather or any other reason to avoid us. Show your love for Temple Emanu-El and all of our efforts to keep the only Conservative synagogue in Bayonne,**

**We need your to help us continue our aim to offer Judaism in our town. People need to know that we exist.**

**HAPPY WINTER!!**

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### SHALOM AND BLESSINGS OF PEACE

We had a lovely Hanukkah party filled with music, joy, plenty of latkes and sufganiyot. We played dreidel and my group faced something we were all thinking but were afraid to say out loud—the game of dreidel is a very boring game of chance. True, the action of spinning the three-millimeter tip of the dreidel is good for occupational therapy, but other than knowing the four letters on the dreidel, *הנגנגבש* there is no challenge to the game and it doesn't in itself engage the mind.

So, we spiced it up. We made it much more challenging. Let me tell you a little bit about it because I think it's a good idea: First of all, we came up with a name that merges the words "Jew" and "Jeopardy" and got "Jewpardy"—altogether "Dreidel Jewpardy." Part of me wants to exchange the "d" for "t" and make it "Dreidel Jew-party," but anyway, do you want to hear the basic idea? Of course you do!

If your dreidel lands on a Shin *ש* you have to put a penny or a piece of gelt (or whatever you're playing with) into the general pot. If you want to avoid this penalty, you must answer a simple Hanukkah question. Likewise, if you spin the dreidel and it lands on the letter Nun *נ*, for example, you get nothing. However, if you want to improve that result and get at least one piece of gelt from the pot, you have to answer a slightly harder question. If you got it wrong, then you just have to stay with getting nothing. And the same thing continues with all of the letters. When you land on Hay *ה*, which makes you eligible for half of the gelt in the pot, you must answer a difficult Hanukkah question, and when you land on a Gimmel *ג*, which makes you eligible to win the entire pot, you must answer the hardest question.

We started formulating the questions and here are a few to tickle your brain:

1. What non-traditional toppings have been known to be placed on latkes? 2. What does Hanukkah and a YU sport team have in common? 3. How many candles get lit on Hanukkah combining all the days?

4. Who was Matityahu and what was his family's last name?

5. If you had to pick one of the candles that is most like the sexton of the synagogue, which candle would it be? 6. What words do the four letters on the dreidel stand for?

7. What is the one letter that is different on Israeli dreidels and what word does it stand for?

8. Before the Hanukkah story occurred, what holiday was used to dedicate the temple?

I just Googled "Dreidel Jewpardy," and I'm sorry to say, it already exists but it's a bit different than what we devised. I therefore suggest that we go with "Dreidel Jew-Party," or "Sevivon She'alot," which means "Dreidel Questions." Please feel free to make suggestions about the name, additional ideas about the features and rules of the game, as well as more clever questions. You may text or email your thoughts to me at: [shaulpraver@gmail.com](mailto:shaulpraver@gmail.com) or 203-209-4662.

Let's have light, let's have fun and let's continue upgrading Hanukkah and all the things of life. Amen!

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# CHANNUKAH

From lighting candles, eating latkes and sufganiot, playing a dreidel game, creating a kosher gingerbread house, the celebration of Channukah was traditional, simple, and enjoyed by our Bayonne Jewish community.



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### CONCONDOLENCES...

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**FROM: BENNETT CARLIN-**

**IN HONOR OF HIS BAR MITZVAH HAFTARA**

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**Friend**

**Sister**

**Mother**

## **Schmooze A Little, Eat a Little, Learn A lot**

**January- Irwin Rothblatt will present Everything is Relative**

**January- Rabbi Shaul Praver will present Golden Age of Cantorial Music**

**February- Andrew Platizky will present I'm Dead. What comes next? Jewish belief in the Afterlife**

**March- Roger Platizky will present Two Gay, Jewish Playwrights' Response to AIDS.**

**April- Paloma Martinez Jimenez will present Jewish by Choice.**

**May- Bennett Carlin- TBA**

**June- Alan Smulen- Jewish Composers -Part 2**

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## YAHRZEIT

**December 28-January 3, 2026/8-14 Tevet**

**Miriam Toffel, Isodor Feldman, David Soloway, Leah B. Perwin, Jeanette Greenberg, Dora Blaustein, Abraham Burg, Jacob Eisenstat, Herbert Rothman, Estella Lavine, Samuel Goodman, Dina Wein, Nathaniel Cohan, Edward J. Guterman, Aaron Marshak, Sidney A. Rose, Sidney M. Penner**

**January 4-10/15-21 Tevet**

**Mordecai Batlan Epstein, Irving Landau, Abram S. Turteltaub, Abraham Friedland, Rose Zweig, Doris Helfand Gurian, Anne Lazare, Yechiel Michel Ravitt, Dorothy Grotsky, Rose Schwartz, Adeline Platizky, Miriam Linder Cohen, Esther Weiss, Yetta Wigdor, Florence Epstein Shulman**

**January 11-17/22-28 Tevet**

**Dorothy F. Sandler, Stuart Lawskey, Samuel Doroshinsky, Nettie Steinert, Fannie Sturcz, Lilian Marks, Shirley Slomovitz, Minna Tinkelton, Mordecai Goldfarb, Norman G. Troum, Rebecca Lazarus, Sidney Kahn Cohen, Harold Greenberg, R. Leonard Schnee, Julia Z. Landau, Jack David Segal, Mannis Lazarus, Anna Greenberg, Byrdie Levine, Solomon Tuman, William Leinwand**

**January 18-24/29 Tevet-6 Shevat**

**Estelle Hyman, Kurt Gordon, Anna Shapiro, Samuel Eisenstat, Jeanette Steinman, Herman Kresch, Joseph Simon, George Henne, Dr. Joseph Freeman, Hyman Trambitzky, Nathan Eicken**

**January 25-31/7-13 Shevat**

**Bessie K. Tilton, William B. Willensky, Frederick Rothbart, Alton A. Adler, Esther Dovne, Gerald L. Kusseluk, Nettie Handler, Albert Egenberg, Jacob Goldman, Lillian Kaye, Louis Kusseluk, Esther Bronstein, Eva Wapnowitz, Emma Esther Buchbinder, Sylvia Grodberg, Louis Drogin, Harry Levy, Sarah Simon**

# JANUARY 2026

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