

# L'CHAYIM!

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## Baron Hirsch invites you to celebrate **Chanukah** on **Ben Yehuda Street**

THE FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH  
Tuesday, December 20th, 6:00-8:00PM

Enjoy a relaxing dinner as you take in the sights  
& sounds of Ben Yehuda Street

Children will enjoy an **archeological dig**, searching the  
Temple for the one remaining cruse of oil, or creating their  
own clay masterpiece

Eat in our cafes, including a **pizza** store, **falafel** shop,  
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Take your children to our **movie theater**,  
featuring Chanukah favorites

Shop with our many unique neighborhood **stores**

Special Chanukah presentation  
by the Torah MiTzion Kollel

Listen to the **music** of our street performers

And many more **surprises!**

Adults (over 12) - \$13.00

Children (3-11) - \$8.00

With admission you will receive Gelt to purchase dinner at our Ben Yehuda Cafes.

Additional Gelt can be purchased at the event for more food, if desired.

RSVP by calling 901-683-7485 or email [gwen@baronhirsch.org](mailto:gwen@baronhirsch.org)





**D'var Torah from  
Our Senior Rabbi  
Shai Finkelstein**

The days of Chanukah are considered days of Hallel and Hodah, meaning thanks and praise. What is the nature of days like this? What should we be focused on during Chanukah? In order to

understand the true meaning of these special days we need to explain what Hallel and Hodah are.

Hallel is a song of praise for all the wonderful things that Hashem gives us; it may be our family, our health, our wealth or any other blessing that we have been given. Hodah carries two meanings; the first is to be thankful to Hashem, which is very similar to Hallel. But the second interpretation of this word in Hebrew is "to admit". What do we need to admit during these days? I would like to suggest that during these days of praising G-d and being thankful for all the good He bestows upon us, we also need to look inward and admit our deficiencies. The Chanukah candle that is placed on our tables, facing the window, has two purposes: one, to reflect to the outside the miracle that was done for us and two, how thankful to Hashem we are. At the same time this candle calls us to search in

our heart of hearts for things that we can do better. The combination of being thankful and also looking for ways to better ourselves is something we should aspire to do every day. We cannot dwell on only one side of the equation, meaning to always praise ourselves and deny challenges or just dwell on what is wrong. We should live our lives in a balanced way, appreciating and recognizing the blessing that we have and be aware of the things that we should change. The miracle of Chanukah created that balance, the Jewish people, in the days of Chanukah, had to go through a soul-search and strengthen their commitment to the land of Israel and Hashem.

When we stand with our families around the Chanukah candles, we should praise Hashem for our treasures, for our families, and we shouldn't forget to bring the light to all the dark places in our own personal and communal lives and enlighten those places with the light of joy and happiness.

Bilha, Noga, Edya, David, Hadas, and I all wish you a very happy Chanukah.

*Rabbi Finkelstein can be reached at  
rabbi@baronhirsch.org.*



**Add Meaning to your Day!  
Take part in our growing daily minyanim.**

**WEEKDAYS**

Daily Morning

We offer two minyanim every day!  
Sunday & Legal Holidays – 7:00AM & 8:00AM  
Mon, Thurs, Rosh Chodesh – 6:25AM & 6:45AM  
Tues, Wed, Fri – 6:30AM & 7:00AM

Daily Evening Minyan

Week of December 4 - 4:30PM  
Week of December 11 - 4:35PM  
Week of December 18 - 4:35PM  
Week of December 25 - 4:40PM

**SHABBAT**

Kaballat Shabbat

Welcome Shabbat with joyous song and spirit  
Dec 9 - 4:30PM  
Dec 6 - 4:35PM  
Dec 16 - 4:35PM  
Dec 23 - 4:35PM

Shabbat Morning

Winter schedule – 8:30AM every Shabbat  
(preceded by Rabbi's Parsha Class at 8:15AM)

Shabbat Mincha/Seudah Shlisheet

Dec 10 - 4:20PM  
Dec 17 - 4:25PM  
Dec 24 - 4:25PM  
Dec 31 - 4:30PM

Join us for our

# Young Professionals Shabbat Dinner

## Friday Night, December 9th

*For 30 & under*

Davening at 4:30pm

Dinner at 5:45pm

Chinese Meal with Sushi Appetizer

\$15 per adult

*(no charge for children)*

Babysitting will be available

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[www.campdarom.com](http://www.campdarom.com)

## Camp Darom

### Reunion Pizza Party

✦ Open House for Prospective Campers

with Rabbi Avichai ✦ Alanna Pepper

**Monday, December 12th, 5:00-6:30PM**

**at Baron Hirsch**

FREE! NO RSVP's needed!

For children in grades 2-8 and their parents

See all your camp friends!

Watch camp videos!

Hear about our upcoming season!



## The Baron Hirsch 2012 Dues Drive

Your prompt payment of 2012 dues, 2011 holiday pledges, or any other outstanding amount, helps Baron Hirsch minimize its operating costs and allows your donations to do more! Please review your account with the shul, and make arrangements to pay your balance before the end of the year.

**Those who pay 2012 dues in full by December 31 will become eligible for a \$1,000 drawing.**

If you would like to discuss an increase in your annual dues donation, please contact David Fleischhacker at 683-7485 or [exec@baronhirsch.org](mailto:exec@baronhirsch.org).

We want to thank everyone who has responded so far, especially all of the members listed below who voluntarily give dues at a level greater than our full dues rate. Those with an asterisk (\*) have agreed to an additional increase in their dues level for the upcoming year of 2012.

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## Life Cycle Events

**L'CHAYIM!** pays tribute to the many life cycle events experienced by the members of our congregation since our last issue.

### Births

Mazel tov to **Adrian & Larry Weissman** on the birth of a grandson. Mazel tov to great-grandfather, **Larry Thomas**.

Mazel tov to **Linda Nahmias** on the birth of a grandson.

Mazel tov to **Yael & Emanuel Elstein** on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel tov to **Deanna & Leonard Lubin** on the birth of a granddaughter. Mazel tov to great-grandmother, **Minette Kochman**.

Mazel tov to **Emily & Marc Lennon** on the birth of a daughter. Mazel tov to great-grandparents, **Alvin & Beth Lansky**.

Mazel tov to **Noreen & Bernard Freiden** on the birth of a great-grandson.

### B'nai Mitzvah

Mazel tov to **Gavi Freiden** on his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov to his parents, **Sarah Leah & Raffie Freiden**. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Pam & Jeffrey Freiden** and **Esther & Mike Stein** and to great-grandparents, **Noreen & Bernard Freiden** and **Paula Stein**.

Mazel tov to **Efraim Wiener** on his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov to his parents, **Rivki & Dr. Hillel Wiener**.

Mazel tov to **Chaim Gersten** on his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel tov to his parents, **Sandy & Rabbi Yonasan Gersten**.

Mazel tov to **Judy & Larry Moss** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter.

Mazel tov to **Rochelle & Jerry Kutliroff** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter.

Mazel tov to **Jeanette Silberberg** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson.

Mazel tov to **Elaine & Fred Miner** on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

### Engagements

Mazel tov to **Barbara & Scott Klazmer** on the engagement of their son, **Martin**, to **Jamie Levy**. Mazel tov to grandmother, **Myrna Klazmer**.

Mazel tov to **Tova & Roy Graber** on the engagement of their daughter, **Eliana**, to **Ariel Abittan**. Mazel tov to grandparents, **Evelyn & Marlin Graber**.

### Marriages

Mazel tov to **Abbe & Jonathan Kaplan** on the marriage of their daughter, **Franny**, to **Evyatar Weissman**.

Mazel tov to **Trudi & Reid Evensky** on the marriage of their daughter, **Audrey**, to **Matt Brantz**.

### We mourn the passing of

- David Cohn
- Elliot Kolker
- Barry Brucker
- Sylvia Lansky
- Jeff Manis
- Jerome Dan
- Rose Goldfarb
- David Schatz
- Ben Kittner
- Robbie Wiener
- Truman Kahn
- Janice Karash
- Janette Weil
- Alvin Frager

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has all of your **Chanukah** needs!

Candles, oil kits, menorahs, dreidels & more!

Plus...Dinstuhl's Chanukah Chocolates - chocolate dreidels, stars & gels!

### Gift Shops Hours:

8:30AM-5:00PM Monday-Thursday

8:30AM-2:00PM Friday

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## Recent Events at Baron Hirsch

*\*Sisterhood Sukkot Luncheon\**

*\*Family Sukkah Party\**

*\*Baron Hirsch Teens attend AIPAC High School Summit\**



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**Baron Hirsch Congregation**  
OU/AIPAC Weekend



Featuring  
**Rabbi Steven Weil**  
*Executive Vice President of the Orthodox Union*



*Baron Hirsch is proud to partner once again with the Orthodox Union and AIPAC to present an inspiring and timely Shabbat program focusing on the important role that AIPAC plays in strengthening the bond between the United States and Israel. We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Steven Weil, Executive Vice-President of the Orthodox Union, back to Memphis as the keynote speaker for this Shabbat.*

**FRIDAY NIGHT SHABBAT DINNER**  
**January 6th, 2012, 6:00PM**  
Marsi Moss Social Hall  
\$18 per person  
Children 12 & under pay their age

**SHABBAT DAY, JANUARY 7TH – 8:30AM**  
Rabbi Weil will give the Shabbat morning Drasha

**SHABBAT AFTERNOON CLASS – 3:45PM**  
*More details to follow*

Join us for a delicious and enjoyable Shabbat meal,  
followed by a lecture from Rabbi Weil  
RSVP to the shul office or email [gwen@baronhirsch.org](mailto:gwen@baronhirsch.org)

**AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 4-6, 2012**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The annual AIPAC Policy Conference is the largest gathering of the pro-Israel movement. Thousands of participants come from all 50 states to take part in “three of the most important days affecting Israel’s future.”

**Over 70** Baron Hirsch members have already registered, don’t miss out on this truly remarkable experience to be in our nation’s capital with thousands of fellow pro-Israel supporters!

Register online at [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org)



*Baron Hirsch's 2011 Policy Conference Delegation*

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Next Rosh Hashanah, Baron Hirsch will begin a year-long celebration of our 150th anniversary. This monumental event is already being planned, and we hope to have the involvement of our entire membership, as well as those who have a historic connection to our shul. There are a few ways that you can be involved even at this early date:

-Let us know if you want to serve on one of our anniversary committees

-Bring us copies of any historical pictures or documents you have from Baron Hirsch's past

-Submit your idea for a 150th Anniversary Logo. Our committee will be selecting a design by the end of this month, so get your ideas in soon!

Any materials you have can be brought to the office.

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