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Chanukah and Different Meanings



There are many and different layers of meaning to the festival of Chanukah. According to the books of Maccabees in the inter-testamental literature, Chanukah was a rebellion against the evil Antiochus Epiphanes IV, the Syrian tyrant, who tried to quash Jewish religious behavior in 168 B.C.E. The revolt by the Hasmonean family led by Mattathias and his son Judah and others against the desecration of the holy Temple and the decrees of Antiochus,

resulted in a great victory of religious and political freedom. Other sources from Maccabees indicated that it was also a civil war between the assimilating Jews, who were in league with the Syrian/Greek authorities, and the more traditional Jews who wanted to preserve Jewish life.

By the time of the Rabbinic period and the Talmud, the rebellion aspect was de-emphasized for fear of offending ruling Rome. The legend of the oil miracle that burned in the ancient Temple for eight days was emphasized. The selection of the prophetic message from Zacharias "not by might nor by power, but by spirit, sayeth the Lord," is used in the Haftorah to emphasize the theme of the Temple re-dedication. The rebellion against the Greeks could not be emphasized in the Talmudic period because Greece's successor, Rome, would have seen it as threatening.

During the medieval period, Chanukah was celebrated once more as the rebellion against the evil Antiochus and the threat to Jewish survival. Witness the prayer that occurs in the prayer book and in the grace after meals, Birkat Hamazon, of God helping the few to fight off the mighty army.

In modern times, Chanukah has had several different messages. In modern Israel, an analogy is drawn to a small nation fighting off the large hordes that hope to destroy the Jewish commonwealth. After all, the modern state of Israel has celebrated its 61st birthday, and is only the third time in Jewish history that Jews have controlled the land, the last time being the time of the Maccabees, 2000 years ago.

In modern times in America, it has become not only a celebration of political and religious freedom (very American themes), since the Maccabees fought off a tyrant to gain independence as did the colonies of America, but also a time of family celebration and gift giving around the winter equinox. So many of our fellow Americans are celebrating other light festivals around the same time of the year which emphasizes gift giving. They are very distinct messages. Many ancient people observed pagan festivals at this time of year which emphasized light.

Some in modern times have also tried to strip Chanukah completely of any military aspect. Debbie Friedman's popular song "Not By Might" changes Prophet Zacharia's message when she added "alone" to "not by might nor by power" – verse from the Bible.

In the last decade, a new emphasis has been added to the Chanukah story with the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, z' l, plus serious dangers of Islamic Jihad. There is a profound message of Chanukah about the importance of balancing power and peace, the proper use of power as a danger of the "unleashed" Chanukah zealotry. This recalls the excesses of the Hasmoneans in the hundred years of rule following their victory over the Syrians in trying to force Jewish observance in the land of Israel with violence. While some extremist Jews obscenely celebrate Rabin's murder, the main body understand the dangers of zealotry. All in all, Chanukah is a great example of how different generations of Jewish emphasize different meanings of an event depending on the era.

Officiating on **FRIDAY NIGHTS**
November and December 2009
 Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg

November

6	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
13	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Dr. Sandy Finkel
20	6:10 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
27	8:00 PM	Layni & Dean Myers

December

4	8:00 PM	Cantor Warschawski
11	6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
	8:00 PM	Jeff and Janis
18	8:00 PM	Bibi Marcell
25	8:00 PM	Layni Myers



Candle Lighting Times

Date	Standard Time
Nov. 6	4:20 PM
Nov. 13	4:12 PM
Nov. 20	4:06 PM
Nov. 27	4:02 PM
Dec. 4	4:00 PM
Dec. 11	4:00 PM
Dec. 18	4:01 PM
Dec. 25	4:05 PM



AVAILABLE EHNTJC CDS And DVDS

- Cantor Warschawski's High Holiday CD is available in the office, only \$18.
- "Intro to Our Synagogue" available on the table in Social Hall; give it to the friend looking for a synagogue.
- 2 Sets of DVD's of Rabbi Ginsburg's 550+ videos, \$18.

Your Home for Jewish Learning, Living and Loving

1. Introduction to Judaism/Conversion Program

Contact Rabbi Ginsburg. View details at www.ehnt.org/conversion

2. Videos

550 brief videos of Jewish content by Rabbi Ginsburg. Search on the internet for Youtube at www.youtube.com/rjhgins and see them all listed. Enroll in Rabbi's Video University & earn a degree.

3. Shabbat LUNCH & LEARN

Monthly: after services, taught by Rabbi Ginsburg. (\$5 for lunch) November 14 and December 5.

4. Yiddish at Kiddish Tish

Marvell Ginsburg leads this Yiddish class after Shabbat Services monthly, \$5 per person. (Nov. 21 and Dec. 19)

4a. New Yiddish Literature Class

Mondays, 1:00-2:30 PM \$50 per month. Taught by Noah Marcell.

5. Spirituality Maimonides/ Mishneh Torah

Taught by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg. Mishneh Torah, Meets weekly, Wed. afternoons, 1:15-2:30 PM; E-mail rabbi@ehnt.org. Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 No class on November 4 or 25

6. Special lectures

See November 8th article on page 5.

7. Yehntta

Your Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Torah abstract. Regular e-mails on topics of Jewish interest from Rabbi J. Ginsburg. e-mail rabbi@ehnt.org.

8. Scholar in Residence

See November 20th article on page 3.

9. Free Online Course from Rabbi Ginsburg for Members Only

- Adult B'nai Mitzvah training
- Para Rabbinic Training
- Introduction to Judaism (not for conversion)
- Learn haftorah or torah chanting

9. Website

www.jonathanginsburg.net
www.rabbireflects.blogspot.com
www.conservativejew.blogspot.com
www.weeklyvideodvartorah.blogspot.com
www.cybershabbatservices.blogspot.com
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www.anti-semitismtoday.blogspot.com
www.jewishholidays.blogspot.com

Mazel Tov and Thank you to

Allan and Judith Rae Ross for sponsoring the Kiddish Lunch in honor of Judith's chanting of the Haftara

Lois and Gene Schaffner for sponsoring the Kiddish Lunch in honor of their 50th anniversary

Alexandra and Michael Melton for sponsoring the Kiddish Lunch in honor of their anniversary

Condolences to

Ellen Bero on the death of her mother, Sylvia Firestone

Randal Jaffe on the death of his father, Herbert Jaffe

The family and friends of Irv Koppel

Ethel Sostrin on the death of her daughter, Barbara Youngsteadt

The family and friends of Marilyn Berger

Welcome New Members

Frank Sacks

New High Yiddish Literature Course Plus Yiddish Singing.

Weekly Mondays 1-2:30 pm taught by Prof. Naoh Marcell PHD (in Comparative Language and literature U of I (Bibi's dad). Fee \$50 monthly for instructor fee. For information call Marvell Ginsburg 847-681-8115 or Miriam Stein 847-253-0142. Ability to read Hebrew letters required. This course will be in addition to the monthly Yiddish after Kiddush.



Shabbat Speaker Series November 14, 2009 following Kiddush Lunch Deputy Consul General Gershon Kedar: Chicago Consulate of Israel

Deputy Consul General Gershon Kedar arrived in Chicago to assume his post at the Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest in late July, 2008. He is a career diplomat who has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 18 years. His previous posts and positions have included: From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Kedar was Deputy Director General of the Department of UN Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Counselor in the Ambassador's Bureau at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, DC.

Counselor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem where he was responsible for political relations with Great Britain and Ireland.

He holds a B.S. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and an M.A. in Hebrew and Jewish Studies from University College in London.

Mr. Kedar was born in 1963 in the United Kingdom and made Aliyah in 1982. He is married with three children.

Scholar-In Residence Shabbat

Rabbi Jonathan Porath of Israel
Shabbat Dinner Nov 20 and
Lunch Nov. 21 2009

This Year's USCJ Israel Scholar-In-Residence program



TOPICS:

Friday night at dinner and follow-up at services-"175 Visits to the Jews of Russia"

Shabbat am Dvar Torah to both Services
"Nurturing Jewish Hearts and Jewish Souls"

Lunch --"Instilling and Living Jewish Values:
How to Be a Mentsh" [text study]

Rabbi Porath is here as part of the annual United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Visiting Scholar Program. Rabbi Porath is a proud and passionate Jew. Whether in presenting all of the Jewish History in one hour, speaking about his more than 175 visits to the Jews of the Soviet Union and Russia, dealing with soul-felt concerns including material intimacy, confronting loss and coping with life's transitions, bringing classical Jewish texts to life, recounting stories about his family's deep rabbinic tradition or his Aliyah to Jerusalem 25 years ago, he always speaks from the heart and inspires.

Rabbi Porath is a graduate of Brandeis University (BA), Columbia University (MA), and was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He has served as a Hillel and congregational rabbi in the United States before making aliyah with his family in 1984. Rabbi Porath was on the faculty of the Wexner Heritage Foundation from 1988-2003 and recently completed 15 years with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee as a member of the senior staff of the Russian department. Rabbi Porath co-founded Hillel in the Former Soviet Union as well as Sefer: The Moscow Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization, the umbrella framework for Academic Judaica in the post-Soviet Union. He also established a Jerusalem based organization for helping new immigrants in Israel which was awarded a national prize from Israel's Knesset. Rabbi Porath has been at the forefront of some of the greatest Jewish causes and issues of the past 40 years. Rabbi Porath is the son and grandson of rabbis on both his father's and mother's sides, for 18 generations.

Scholar – In – Residence Shabbat Dinner and Service

NOVEMBER 20, 2009

JOIN RABBI JONATHAN GINSBURG AND RABBI JONATHAN PARATH OF JERUSALEM
RABBI JONATHAN PARATH WILL SPEAK AT DINNER AND SERVICE

Shabbat Dinner - 6:10 PM, Shabbat Service - 8:00 PM
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, November 17th, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after November 20th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

____ # of Adult Members at \$16/person = \$ _____

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____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____

____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages)

____ Total attending Total Enclosed \$ _____

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

____ Check (Please make checks payable to EHNTJC –
Check # _____

____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard – (Over \$50)

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Chanukah Shabbat Dinner and Service December 11, 2009 Join Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg & Jeff & Janis Musical Duo

Shabbat Dinner - 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service - 8:00 PM
Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, December 8, 5 PM
No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after December 8

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

____ # of Adult Members at \$16/person = \$ _____

____ # of Adult Non-members at \$18/person = \$ _____

____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____

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Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

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____ Credit card Visa/MasterCard – (Over \$50)

Account # _____ exp _____

Authorized Signature: _____

We Gather Together The Thirty-Ninth Annual Service of Thanksgiving

November 25, 2009 7:30 PM
At Temple Judea Mitzpah
8610 Niles Center Road
Skokie, IL 60076



Restore our Dwelling Places!

An interfaith Thanksgiving Service



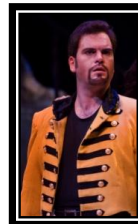
Kristallnacht

**Memorial Service
With Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg &
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski
+ Choir**

Monday, November 9, 2009, 7:00 PM

An Exploration of New Mexico Art and Jewish Culture

**March 17-23, 2010
\$1350.00 per person**



Come along to be in the audience and cheer our own Cantor Warschawski starring in the Opera "Carmen" in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Explore Jewish Influences from early Spanish Colonial times thru the present led by Rabbi Ginsburg and local experts in Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

- Air fare & Insurance additional - includes EHNTJC Donation of \$36.00 per person
- Please inquire for Single accommodations or pre and post stay options
- Trip will operate only with Group Minimum of 15 participants
 - Six nights hotel (based on two in a room)
 - Daily Breakfast
 - Sightseeing tours in Albuquerque and Santa Fe
 - Opening Night Ticket – Opera "Carmen"
 - All Transportation and baggage handling
 - Special Lectures & Surprises and Delights!

For More Information and reservation form – Contact: Marlene Singer, 847-729-7730 ext 124 or Dee at EHNTJC Office at 847-675-4141. Don't Wait!!! Limited Tickets!

Honor our Veterans Shabbat Dinner and Service

NOVEMBER 13, 2009

JOIN RABBI JONATHAN GINSBURG & DR. SANDY FINKEL

Shabbat Dinner - 6:30 PM, Shabbat Service - 8:00 PM

Dinner reservation deadline: Tuesday, November 10th, 5 PM

No transfer credit or refunds if cancelled after November 10th

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail address _____

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_____ # of children 6 to 12 at \$6.00/child = \$ _____

_____ # of children 5 and under (free) (Please list ages) _____

_____ Total attending Total Enclosed \$ _____

Payment method (Payment must accompany reservation):

_____ Check (Make checks payable to EHNTJC - Check

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Authorized Signature: _____

Veteran Shabbat
Come Honor our Vets

Important Year End IRA Information

Are you aware you can make your gift from your IRA and receive special benefits? Congress extended the IRA charitable rollover provision for the 2009 tax year which may afford you significant tax benefits. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your IRA to make a gift to EHNTJC. With the provisions ending in 2009, now is the perfect time to learn the benefits and requirements.

The Benefits are:

- IRA distributions directly to charities are not treated as a taxable distribution to you (but you would not receive a charitable deduction for the distribution amount)
- You would be able to remove taxable assets from your estate
- Your generosity would help Jews when they need it most

The Requirements are as Follows:

- Donors must be at least 70 ½ years old
- Charitable gifts may not exceed \$100,000 per year
- Distributions can only be made to qualified charitable organizations such as EHNTJC
- Distributions must be made directly to the charitable organization through the plan administrator
- IRA charitable rollover distributions may not be made to a philanthropic fund, supporting foundations, split interest trust or charitable gift annuity

Even though the requirement to make a minimum distribution has been suspended for 2009, it may still be beneficial to make a withdrawal since the IRA charitable rollover provision ends this year. We encourage you to consult with your professional advisor and to call 847-675-4141 to learn more about this legislation and how distributions from your IRA may fit into your charitable giving plans.

History of Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Judaism

Sunday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

First of 3 part series -

Free to members of the synagogue - \$10 for all others, RSVP Dee@ehnt.org

This course is being funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and the Community Foundation from Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago.

Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg, EHNTJC, Skokie - speaking on History of Conservative and Reconstructionist Judaism, received his B.A. in religion from the University of Chicago and was the valedictory orator. His Masters and Rabbinic Ordination are from the Jewish Theological Seminary where he received the award for outstanding student. He is a National Merit scholar and past USA National High School Debate Champion. He has been a Congregational Rabbi for 28 years and now serves the Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish congregation of Skokie, IL since 2004. He has been Adjunct faculty of St. Catherine College and Metropolitan University. He is a one of the world's leading Jewish educators online, with 8 websites, 20 blogs, 500+ educational videos with over 2 million views. He is Creator of the Jewish Institute for Religious Training, which offers online study programs for Conversion, Para rabbi training, and a children's Hebrew/Religious school. He is past president of the Minnesota Board of Rabbis and Niles Township Clergy Association and served on the Executive Rabbinic Cabinet of State of Israel Bonds, JTS Chancellor's Cabinet and various committees of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Peter S. Knobel, Beth Emet Synagogue, Evanston, speaking on History of Reform Judaism has been spiritual leader of Beth Emet Free Synagogue, Evanston since 1980. A graduate of Hamilton College, he was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in 1969, and earned a masters in philosophy and a Ph.D. from Yale University. In addition to his congregational responsibilities, Rabbi Knobel serves in leadership roles in the Reform movement on a national level as well as being actively involved in the Chicago-area community. He is the immediate past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and served as the CCAR of Siddur Editorial Committee. He also is a member of the ARZA National Board, and chairs its Institute for Reform Zionism, and is a member of the board of trustees of both the Union for Reform Judaism and the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. Rabbi Knobel is past president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis. Rabbi Knobel has taught extensively at a number of colleges. He also has authored and edited numerous articles and publications in the areas of Jewish Bioethics, Liturgy and Zionist Thought and is the editor of Gates of the Seasons: A Guide for the Jewish New Year.

There will be 30 minutes for audience questions.

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Lois and Gene Schaffner's 50th
wedding anniversary

a speedy recovery to Renee Stern
Miriam Davidson, Charles
Lerman and Family

Abby and Neil Gurevitz's
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Paulette and Julian Levy's Simchat Torah honor
Shaynee and Michael Lichtenstein's son's 31st
Bar Mitzvah anniversary

Abby and Neil Gurevitz's Simchat
Torah honor

Paulette and Julian Levy's Simchat Torah honor
a speedy recovery to Cynthia Brown

Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Finkel
Lois and Gene Schaffner's 50th
wedding anniversary

a speedy recovery to Ruth Fingerman
Abby and Neil Gurevitz'

Simchat Torah honor
Paulette and Julian Levy's Simchat Torah honor

Charlene and Michael Lichtenstein and her son
for reading the Haftorah

the High Holy Days
our aliyah on Shmini Atzeret

Rabbi Brief's 75th birthday
a speedy recovery to Renee Stern

a speedy recovery to Walter Straus
Lois and Eugene Schaffner's

50th wedding anniversary
first great-grandson—Daniel Goodman

Shirley and Marty Lubowich
Abby and Neil Gurevitz's

Simchat Torah honor
Paulette and Julian Levy's Simchat Torah honor

IN MEMORY OF

Esther Kaplan
Irv Koppel
Randall Clark

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Lois and Gene Schaffner's 50th
wedding anniversary

IN MEMORY OF

Herbert Jaffe

IN MEMORY OF

Jeremy Newman
Gloria Copeland
Jeremy Newman

IN HONOR OF

Aaron Safrans' 90th birthday

IN MEMORY OF

Jeremy Newman
Irving Koppel
Sylvia Dilman
Jeremy Newman

IN HONOR OF

Doris Hyman's special birthday
our High Holiday aliyah
Debbie and Stewart Reich's 32nd
wedding anniversary



Happy Chanukah



PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING CHANUKAH CANDLES AT NIGHT:

December 11th – December 18th

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam Asher
Kidshanu B'Mitzvotav Vizianu L'Hadlik Ner Shel
Chanukah**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe.
Your mitzvot hallow our lives, you command us to
kindle the Chanukah lights.

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam She-asa
Nissim La 'Votenu Bayamim Ha-hem Baz-man Ha-zeh**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe who
performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of
old as this season.

FIRST NIGHT ONLY:

**Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Haolam She-he-
che-yanu V'ki-ye-manu La-zman Ha-zeh**

Blessed is Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe for
giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us, to
reach this joyous season.

**On Shabbat, Friday Dec. 11 and 18 say Shabbat Candle
Blessing AFTER Chanukah Blessings**

December 24th at the Synagogue Dinner and a Movie

While our non-Jewish neighbors celebrate their
special day, Let's do what Jews do—

1. See a movie - 2. Have Chinese food
3. Go to synagogue

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

6:00 P.M. – Minyan

6:30 P.M. – Dinner Chinese Kosher-beef,
chicken & veggie entrees

7:15 P.M. – Fiddler on the Roof: Sing along with
the songs

10:15 P.M. – Shmooze & Nosh

\$30 for Members - \$35 for Non-Members

Questions? Please call *Shaynee Lichtenstein*,
Program Chair: 847-674-2657

Chanukah Traditions to Remember...

- * First candle, Friday, December 11st, 2009.
- * Urge our children to give tzedakah before lighting the Hanukiah.
- * On Shabbat Friday, December 11 and 18th, light Chanukah candles BEFORE Shabbat candles.
- * Place the candles in the Hanukiah from right to left. Kindle from left to right using the shamus, lighting the new candle first.
- * After nightfall, place your Hanukiah in the window near the street so all can share the joyous miracle of light. Give children traditional Chanukah gelt.
- * Relax during the time that the candles burn. Play dreidel, read a Chanukah story, or talk with your family and friends.



The Changing Story of Chanukah Lunch and Learn, Saturday, December 5 After Services

Rabbi will make a special presentation on Chanukah. The presentation traces the history of what scholars have learned about the real events of Chanukah. He will discuss how Jews have re-interpreted the meaning of Chanukah continuously throughout the centuries.



The Men's Club Annual Chanukah Party

Religious school children, the GAN children, their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, in-laws, outlaws and all EHNTJC members are invited



Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009

Time: 10:00 AM

10:45 AM

11:30 AM

Chanukah Program

Our Major Entertainment

Hot Dog and Latke Lunch



November Birthdays

Jan Baiden
 Helga Bierig
 Ruth Blonder
 David Chinitz
 Naomi Claver
 Marvin Cooper
 Norman Edelstein
 Joel Farber
 Marvell Ginsburg
 Alan Gorr
 Ronia Gross
 Elise M Harrington
 Robert S. Heiman
 Edwin Helman
 Aaron Kaiser
 Joseph Kritzman
 Phyllis Levin
 Lawrence Mann
 Arlene Mann
 Sylvia Margolies
 Anita Mittelman
 Samuel Nemtzow
 Richard Newman
 Henry Novoselsky
 Ada Rabinowitz
 Yelena Resnick
 Rubin Saposnik
 Helen Schechtman
 Francine Schulman
 Steve Schulman
 Merv Singer
 Rachel Spiro
 Arthur Stein
 Sam Stookal
 Marcia Templer
 Beverly Weinberg
 Phyllis Weiner
 Muriel Wolfe

December Birthdays

Steven Abrams
 Debbie Abrams
 Sophie Baron
 Elaine Blaustein
 Erica Brief
 Amy Claver
 Marcella Cohen
 Sandra Cowen
 Nina Cunningham
 Sharon Eisman
 Glenda Elam
 Harriett Farber
 Sanford Finkel
 Helen Friedman
 Floyd Gitelman
 Melba Gold
 Patricia J. Gottschalk
 Gerald (Jerry) Gross
 Randal Jaffe
 Alexander Kek
 Judith Klowden
 Patricia Kritzman
 Earl Kuznetsky
 Pauline Lifton
 Karen Lobl
 Martin Lubowich
 Bill Page
 Judy Peyovich
 Naum Pleshivoy
 Phyllis Post
 Dolores Rosenbaum
 Michael Rosenberg
 Ruth Schack
 Charles Schwartz
 Stanley L. Schwartz
 Dorothy Shaffer
 Claire Shulman
 Joanne Stein
 Carol Straus
 Gloria Swanson
 Joel Wax
 Otto Wilner
 Loretta Wineberg



Flying South for the Winter?

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