

# Ma Nishma **מה נשמע**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have welcomed greatly the new year - 5772!! I have no doubt that it will be a very good one for our shule.

Our services are conducted wonderfully by Wensley and Justin are regularly attended by a dedicated group of congregants and of course our Board members. Welcome to our new members and visitors, locally and further down the coastline. Our kiddush is always plentiful and delicious. Thank you to our fabulous guild ladies!! Our working bees have helped maintain the internal and external environments. Things are looking good!

We continue to hold our services on the first and third shabbats (Saturdays) of the month. We are also adding in another service when there are 5 Saturdays in the month, beginning January 2012.

### ***Chanukah is approaching....***

Chanukah celebrates the victory of the Maccabees (the Jewish army) over the ancient Syrian-Greeks, more than 21 centuries ago. The name 'Chanukah' means 'dedication'. The name commemorates the rededication of the Temple. Chanukah is referred to as 'The Festival of Lights' and we light the Chanukiah (a candelabra or menorah with eight lights and an additional pilot light).

We celebrate Chanukah for eight days, from the 25th of Kislev and we traditionally eat foods that have been cooked in oil, to celebrate the miracle of light, which was the discovery of a small amount of oil in the Temple that was only expected to burn for one day but instead it burned for eight days. We enjoy eating foods such as potato latkes and donuts. We also distribute gelt (chocolate money) and play the Dreidel. The first day of Chanukah this year is Wednesday 21 December.

On Tuesday 20 December, Chanukah will be celebrated by the entire community in Brisbane City (top of the Queen Street Mall in George Street) as usual, with the lighting of the first candle. The greater community events continue on Thursday the 22nd of December, with the lighting of the 3rd candle and celebration at Westfield Carindale Shopping Centre.

Our congregation will celebrate the festival and light the 2nd candle at **6:00pm on Wednesday 21st December**. We will also be holding two raffles on the night with 2 wonderful prizes to be won.

Please contact Georgie early for bookings and catering purposes (Ph: 3245 5496). Members \$20 per person. \$50 per family (2 adults + 2 children).



**Dawn**

# Silly Chanukahmas Songs

It's that time of year, often called the holiday season, when politically correct people wish each other 'Seasons Greetings'. Not 'Happy Chanukah' or 'Merry Christmas' but 'Seasons Greetings'!

Chanukah which traditionally had been observed as a minor Jewish holiday has over time taken a life of its own and is now almost an alternate Christmas celebration for Jews.

Its hard to escape the endless tinsel and carols when one ventures forth to shop until you drop but what's to stop us having a bit of fun with what has in reality become a secular holiday for many. Chanukahmas!

Don't go overboard though and remember to make the Maccabees proud—light your chanukiah for eight nights and enjoy your dreidels, latkes and gelt. Happy Chanukah!

## THE EIGHT DAYS OF HANUKKAH

On the first night of Hanukkah my true love gave to me  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the second night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the third night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the fourth night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
4 potato latkes  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the fifth night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
5 bowls of chicken soup  
4 potato latkes  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese



On the sixth night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
6 pickled herrings  
5 bowls of chicken soup  
4 potato latkes  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the seventh night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
7 noodle kugels  
6 pickled herrings  
5 bowls of chicken soup  
4 potato latkes  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese

On the eighth night of Hanukkah, my true love gave to me  
8 Alka- Seltzer  
7 noodle kugels  
6 pickled herrings  
5 bowls of chicken soup  
4 potato latkes  
3 pounds of corned beef  
2 Kosher pickles and  
Lox, bagels and some cream cheese



# Chanukah Candle-lighting Blessings



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ  
 בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה.  
 בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים  
 לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ, בְּיָמִים הָהֵם בְּזְמַן הַזֶּה.

*Recited on the first night only:*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחֵינּוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ  
 וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזְמַן הַזֶּה:



1. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sheer ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-had-lik ner Cha-nu-kah.

2. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem bi-zman ha-zeh.

3. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai E-lo-he-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-heche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

**Translation:**

1. Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2. Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors in those days, at this time.

3. Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, Sovereign of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.



**ROCK OF AGES**

Rock of ages, let our song  
 Praise Your saving power;  
 You, amid the raging foes,  
 Were our sheltering tower.  
 Furious they assailed us,  
 But Your arm availed us,  
 And Your word,  
 Broke their sword,  
 When our own strength failed us.

**MAOZ TZUR**

Ma-oz Tzur Y'shu-a-ti  
 Le-cha Na-eh L'sha-bei-ach  
 Ti-kon Beit T'fi-la-ti  
 V'sham To-da N'za-bei-ach  
 L'eit Ta-chin Mat-bei-ach  
 Mi-tzar Ha-mi-ga-bei-ach  
 Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor  
 Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach  
 Az Eg-mor B'shir Miz-mor  
 Cha-nu-kat Ha-miz-bei-ach

## Silly Chanukahmas Rhymes



*Deck the Halls with Lots of Tschochkes  
Oy Oy Oy Oy Oy Oy Oy Oy Oy!*

'Twas the night before Chanukah  
and all over the place  
There was noise, there was kvetching  
Such a disgrace!

The Kinderlakh, sleeping,  
uneasily felt  
The chocolate rush  
from the Chanukah gelt.  
And me in the lounge chair,  
so stuffed with latkes,  
I stretched the elastic  
which held up my gatkas.

When up on the roof  
(and it has a steep pitch)  
A fat alte kakker was making  
a kvitsch.

I jumped up real quick  
and I ran to the door,  
Was it a bandeet,  
or only a schnorrer?

He wasn't alone;  
he had eight ferdelakh,  
And called them by name  
as he gave a gebrakh:

**"On Moische, on Yankel, on  
Itzik, on Sam,  
On Mendel, on Shmendrik,  
on Feivush, on Ham;  
My kidneys are kvelling;  
do you give a damn?"**

He had a white beard  
and payyes to boot,  
And to keep out the cold,  
he had such a nice suit!

He was triple XL,  
a real groisser goof,  
So I yelled out,  
"Meshuggener! Get off from  
mein roof!"

He jumped down and said  
as he shook hands with me,

"Max Klaus is the name.  
You have maybe some tea?"

So I gave him a gleisel,  
while he shook his white  
mop,  
Mutt'ring, "Always the same  
thing,  
They're dreying my kopp!"

From Vancouver to Glacier  
Bay,  
Outremont to Reginek,  
Every shmo in the world  
hakks meir a cheinik!

They're screaming for pre-  
sents,  
and hallah with schmaltz,  
And from Brooklyn alone,  
the back pain, gevaltz!"

So we sat and yentehed,  
and we spun the old drey-  
dels,  
(He took all of my money,  
and one of my knaidels)

And he gave a geshrei  
as he fled mit a lakht,  
"Gut Yontiff to All,  
Vey iz Mir, Such a Nakht!"

## Play It Again Shmuley

You must remember  
this,  
A bris is still a bris,  
A chai is just a chai.  
Pastrami still belongs on  
rye,  
As time goes by.

With holidays in view,  
A Jew is still a Jew,  
On that you can rely.  
No matter if we eat tofu  
As hours slip by.

Old shtetl customs,  
never out of date.  
All those potatoes  
mother has to grate.  
Honey, tzimmiss, latkes,  
chopped liver on our  
plate  
The best that gelt can  
buy.

Dreidels and chocolate,  
never out of date.  
Ancient Jewish stories  
that we all relate.

Blue-and-white gift  
wrap, everything that's  
great?  
And festive chazerai!

It's still the same Torah,  
It's still the same meno-  
rah,  
We've latkes still to fry.  
It's at yomtov when we  
feel most blessed,  
As time goes by.



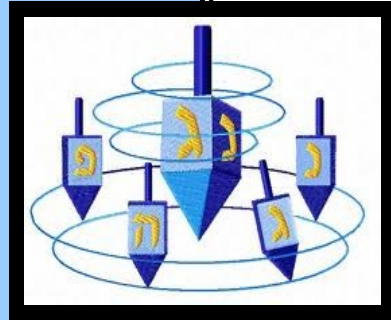
# CHANUKAH DINNER



*Wednesday 21 December*

*6pm*

*\$20pp*



*Catered for by the Guild*

*Raffles, Latkes, Donuts, Shmooze*

*Ph Georgie 32455496 to book*

## TU B'SHVAT KIDDUSH

*A Special Fruit and Nut Based Kiddush For Tu B'Shvat Following the service on Saturday 4 February*



*\$10pp*

*Bookings 32455496*

## PURIM PARTY KIDDUSH



*Following the service On Saturday 3 March Treats fit for Queen Esther Hamentaschen and more!*

*\$10pp*

*Bookings 32455496*

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Contact The Hon Treasurer for further details.



## Services Schedule

Saturday 19 November 10am 22 Heshvan 5772	Chayey Sarah Genesis 23:1-25:18 Haftarah Kings 1 1:1-1:31
Saturday 3rd December 10am 7 Kislev 5772	Vayetze Genesis 28:10-32:2 Haftarah Hosea 12:12-14;10
Saturday 17 December 10am 21 Kislev 5772	Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23 Haftarah Amos 2:6-3:8
Wednesday 21 December 6pm 25 Kislev 5772	2nd night of Chanukah <b>חנוכה</b>
Saturday 7 January 10am 12 Tevet 5772	Vayechi Genesis 47:28-50:26 Haftarah Kings 1 2:1-2:12
Saturday 21 January 10am 26 Tevet 5772	Va'era Exodus 6:2-9:35 Haftarah Ezekiel 28:25-29:21
Saturday 4 February 10am 11 Shevat 5772	Beshalach Exodus 13:17-17:16 Haftarah Judges 4:4-5:31 Tu B'Shvat Kiddush <b>טו בשבט</b>
Saturday 18 February 10am 25 Shevat 5772	Mishpatim Exodus 21:1-24:18 Haftarah Kings 2 11:17-12:17
Saturday 3 March 10am 9 Adar1 5772	Tetzave Exodus 27:20-30:10 Haftarah 1 Samuel 15:1-34 Purim Kiddush <b>פורים</b>
Saturday 17 March 10am 23 Adar1 5772	Vayakhel/Pikudei Exodus 35:1-40:38 Haftarah Ezekiel 36:16-38
Saturday 31 March 10am 8 Nisan 5772	Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36 Haftarah Jeremiah 7:21-8:3, 9:22-23



**Happy Chanukah**