



חנוכה שמה Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech

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Happy Chanukah Edition

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REMAINING SHABBAT WEEKENDS

Led by Rabbi William S Tepper

1. February 19-20, 2021
2. April 16-17, 2021

Led by Religious Educator, Sue Potechin

3. January 15-16, 2021
4. March 12-13, 2021
5. May 14-15, 2021

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RABBI WEEKEND

December 11 - 12, 2020

Led by Rabbi William S Tepper
Friday December 11, 2020 at 7:30pm

Study Session

Topic: A Dramatic Difference:

The 1946 Production of 'A Flag Is Born.'

A Flag Is Born is a full-length play written by the renowned American author and screenwriter Ben Hecht. It was produced in New York City as part of a project to galvanize American support for the establishment of an independent Jewish homeland in British Mandate Palestine.

The cast was led by Hollywood star Paul Muni, Yiddish stage veteran Celia Adler [of the great Adler acting family] and a twenty-something newcomer: Marlon Brando.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8614748169?pwd=REsvZ0lxZC9YVEwYR3UzVFo4eUZlZWQ0>

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Passcode: IHM5781

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Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00am

Shabbat Day Service

Join Zoom Meeting

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WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

...and Book Club

Date: Monday, December 14, 2020

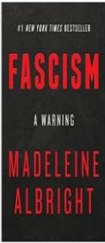
Title: Fascism: A Warning

Author: Madelyn Albright

ISBN-10: ISBN-10: 0062802186

ISBN-13: ISBN-13: 978-0062856524

Hosted By: Katherine



Click the link below for an interesting documentary to watch before the next meeting.

<https://www.nfb.ca/film/what-is-democracy-2018/>

Join Zoom Meeting at 1:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8614748169?pwd=REsvZ0lxZC9YVEwYR3UzVFo4eUZlZWQ0>

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MEN'S GROUP

Thursday December 03 at 7:30pm.

We had another lively discussion On November 12, with 8 attendees including Rabbi Tepper! If you are unfamiliar with ZOOM or have any tech problems, please contact Richard at iyrhamelech@gmail.com ahead of time, so we can start on time.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85693567740?pwd=Z0t1QnMrSDgyUit3djROMm13cU9VZz09>

Meeting ID: 856 9356 7740

Passcode: 970898


Dial by your location. Find your local number:

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KINGSTON JEWISH COUNCIL

Light Up The Night Chanukah Celebration


Get ready, Kingston!
KJC's annual Light Up the Night is BACK this year -
and it's going virtual!

 **December 10, 2020**

Watch videos of how we celebrate Hanukkah on
KJC's new YouTube
channel: [https://youtube.com/channel/UC-
EYPdNoa8w8gCmut_rpWzw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC-EYPdNoa8w8gCmut_rpWzw)

 **December 15, 2020 at 7:00pm**

Join members of the community and the Kingston
Jewish Community Choir for a schmooze and sing-
along on Zoom.

 **December 16, 2020 at 4:30pm**

Watch live right here on Facebook as the candles are
lit in Downtown Kingston.

We can't wait to celebrate with you all!



14th Annual
Hanukkah Celebration!



Kingston Celebrates Hanukkah: Videos

Available as of Thursday, December 10, 2020

Watch on KJC's new YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-EYPdNoa8w8gCmut_rpWzw

Sing-Along & Schmooze with KJC Choir

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00pm

Email coordinator@jewishkingston.org
to receive the Zoom link

Candlelighting in Downtown Kingston

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 4:30pm

Watch LIVE on KJC's Facebook or YouTube

CHANUKAH EVENTS

FROM CCRJ

Saturday Night Live

Saturday, December 12th at 8pm

*A Canadian Reform Community Hanukkah
Experience!*

An online program which includes an evening of
music, stories, learning and candle lighting.

Register for the event here:

<https://urj.zoom.us/j/7424960909>

Donate to the program here:

[https://donate.ccrj.ca/give/310140/...](https://donate.ccrj.ca/give/310140/)



WORLD UNION FOR

PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM (WUPJ)

Many Candles, One World

A Virtual Chanukah Celebration

Sunday December 13, at 8:00pm

This Chanukah gala will include stars from theatre
and television, acclaimed cantors and musicians,
rabbis and special guests including Mayim Bialik and
Lisa Loeb.

Register at <http://www.wupj.org/chanukah>

Media Release

(This statement will be released for general publication in Kingston's News Publications and Social Media)

The Kingston Jewish Council (KJC) presents their 14th annual celebration of Hanukkah, "Light Up The Night", during the eight days of Hanukkah.

This festive event, presented on behalf of Kingston's Jewish community, will take place in a virtual format this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All are welcome!

Beginning on Thursday, December 10, 2020, the "Kingston Celebrates Hanukkah" video series will be available on KJC's YouTube channel, https://youtube.com/channel/UCEYPdNoa8w8gCmut_rpWzw

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 7:00pm, the community is invited to join the Kingston Jewish Community Choir for a "Sing-Along and Schmooze" on Zoom; to receive the Zoom link, please contact coordinator@jewishkingston.org.

On Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 4:30pm, watch a live stream of the lighting of the menorah in downtown Kingston. The live stream will be available on KJC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/JewishKingston>) and YouTube channel.

Kingston Jewish Council
<http://jewishkingston.org/>

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Inclusive Seasons Greetings

To my friends celebrating the approaching holidays, I want to wish you a Happy Chanukah and a Merry Christmas.

I grew up in a time and community where Christmas was predominantly celebrated and holidays like Chanukah were either unheard of or openly disregarded. My children were raised in a more diverse setting but they are grown now. Their mother and I separated when they were young. Separately, we immersed them in our new blended families. For them, holidays were mostly an opportunity to experience joyful times, respectfully within our cultural alliances and rituals, but they also faced an unavoidable minefield of overlapping beliefs. I myself enjoyed and respected all the rituals. They - our children - mostly experienced inclusion but there was also some unfortunate and unforeseen exclusion. Pushback, as though we were flouting custom. For their comfort, like others in our place, their mother and I adopted (did not invent) an existing and inclusive hybrid holiday model called Chrismukkah.

This is not to say that Chanukah is to become Jewish Christmas or that the words Chanukah or Christmas are to be avoided. To anyone who tries to assert these notions, to turn attempts at seeking harmony into opportunities to express offense or even claim that blending rituals diminishes the meaning of one or another holiday, I say it's time to trust and adapt.

No sensible person truly expects we are forgetting the theological elements of what we celebrate. We are not equating or confusing the miraculous conception and birth of one religion's lord and savior with another's miraculous 8-day survival of the destruction of their community and temple with only enough oil for one day. We can thoughtfully impart these theological lessons separately, while allowing the customs to overlap.

Solstice or Yuletide, in whatever form or ritual, includes the common notion that long, cold, dark nights can simply be celebrated lovingly, warmly and brightly. We lose nothing by supporting each other in that across cultures because it's true. This is simply a time to remember to be good to one another.

Happy Chanukah and Merry Christmas.