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New Light Congregation

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New Light News January 2025

January 2025 Presidents' Report

Happy New Year!

May the New Year bring you good health, lasting happiness and abundant joy. And may this period of quiescence – and perhaps an Israeli “victory” - continue long into the New Year!

On December 29th we celebrated Hanukkah with candles, food and song. It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by everyone who attended. We also had a very touching ceremony for our new Torah Mantles, honoring our members lost on 10/27.



Old Mantles



New Mantles



Enjoying Hanukkah songs

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FOR NEW BIMA TABLE COVERS

The Board would like to replace the two (Beth Shalom-owned) bima covers in Helfant Chapel with our own, in royal blue to match our new Torah mantles. We estimate the cost for two bima covers plus two lectern covers at no more than \$2,500. Please send in your contributions. Each bima cover will be embroidered in front with the words “New Light Congregation.”



TREE OF LIFE, INC. UPDATE

Tree of Life Inc. plans to host a public display on the University of Pittsburgh campus in March 2025, using the large panels it showcased at its groundbreaking this past summer. As part of that display, it has asked the Rauh Jewish Archives to borrow a selection of memorial objects sent to Pittsburgh after October 27. The Rauh Jewish Archives is currently working with representatives of the three congregations – our representatives are Julie Harris and Barbara Epstein - and the families and survivors (through the 10.27 Healing Partnership) to select those objects, focusing specifically on objects created by groups from Western Pennsylvania. The Rauh Jewish Archives will provide updates as more information becomes available about dates, locations, and associated programming. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Eric Lidji at rjarchives@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Barbara & Stephen

January Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Sunday, January 5th at 10:30 AM in Helfant Chapel and on Zoom. Use the same Zoom connection as for Shabbat.

January Birthdays

Larry Kanterman
Judi Pearlman
Beth Perlman
Debbie Salvin
Carl Solomon

January Anniversary

Michelle & Joel Reisz

Reminders

- To purchase Memorial Plaques, Simcha Tree Leaves or Stones, or Bricks for our “Garden of Freedom” contact Barbara Caplan.
- To purchase Giant Eagle gift cards contact Karen Coburn.
- For information on our cemetery contact Stephen Cohen.

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New Light Congregation January 2025 1 Teves 5785 - 2 Shevat 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 5 TEVES Board Meeting, 10:30 AM	6 6 TEVES	7 7 TEVES	8 8 TEVES Chanukah - Day 7 Rosh Chodesh Teves - Day 2 New Year's Day	9 9 TEVES Chanukah - Day 8	10 10 TEVES Fast of the Tenth of Teves 4:53 Services, 6:00 PM	11 11 TEVES Services, 9:45 AM
12 12 TEVES	13 13 TEVES	14 14 TEVES	15 15 TEVES	16 16 TEVES	17 17 TEVES 5:01 Services, 6:00 PM	18 18 TEVES Services, 9:45 AM
19 19 TEVES	20 20 TEVES Martin Luther King Day	21 21 TEVES	22 22 TEVES	23 23 TEVES	24 24 TEVES 5:09 Services, 6:00 PM	25 25 TEVES Services, 9:45 AM
26 26 TEVES	27 27 TEVES	28 28 TEVES	29 29 TEVES	30 1 SHEVAT Rosh Chodesh Shevat	31 2 SHEVAT 5:18 Services, 6:00 PM	