2,100 years ago the Greek Empire ruled over Israel and the entire Middle East. The Greek provincial ruler, Antiochus, had instituted laws that prohibited the Jews from public displays of their Jewish belief including being prohibited from keeping kosher. The Jews responded at first in two ways. Some took the hint and tried to assimilate as much as possible into Greek culture and to become Greek themselves. Others, in order to maintain their religious rights and raise awareness against the oppressive and regime, decided to fight. That band of rebels became known as the Maccabees. Judah Maccabee and his brothers have since inspired people over the centuries to fight for religious freedom.

According to the Anti Defamation League (ADL), incidents of anti-Semitic attacks and harassment have risen sharply in the past few years. Our country has witnessed an increase of attacks on religious minorities and against people of color. Many in our nation have been emboldened by these attacks and by what seems to be the condoning of these acts by President Trump (see my Rosh Hashanah sermon) to maintain their own racist agenda and attitudes. Others cower in fear as they wonder when and where the next attack will occur.

Instead of understanding Chanukah as a quaint holiday in which we eat latkes, give gifts and light candles, we need to understand that Chanukah has a significant and valuable lesson to teach. It is a holiday that should inspire us to stand up and speak out. It is a holiday that should motivate us to act. It is a holiday that should cause us to come together for freedom and justice.

Thanks to Lisa Hedgepeth and our Social Action Committee, we, as a congregation, will be working together with the local office of the ADL and with Jews United For Justice to raise awareness and to act. These programs in our shul and in the community will embolden us in the face of this tide of hate. I look forward to seeing you at these activities and working with you to be – like Judah Maccabee – instruments of change.

Wishes for a Happy Chanukah!
It’s an eternal debate: If our intentions are pure, but our actions are lacking, is the important thing our motivation or the end result?

I’m sort of a “bottom line” kind of person. While motivation and intention are crucial to seeing the worth and reward of an action, when all is said and done, I’m of the belief that the result of our actions is the ultimate measure of success.

To that end, during my remarks at Kol Nidre I mentioned several committees that we have formed at Shaare Tefila or that I hoped to rejuvenate: Social Action, Israel Affairs, Inclusion, Development and a sub-group within Security. While all are important to our community, one group that especially has the potential to align closely with the goals of any Jewish organization is Social Action. Lisa Hedgepeth agreed to chair this committee and, at the same moment, Rabbi Layman gave his moving sermon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah during which he addressed the diminishing levels of tolerance that we have seen. The Social Action Committee held its “re-boot” meeting in October and has planned a few events in which I urge you to participate. While other opportunities are and remain available to make an impact in the community, the committee’s broad focus at this time is to combat the voices of hatred and to foster an accepting community.

On December 17, we are partnering with Jews United for Justice and local state legislators for a program at Shaare Tefila. You will have the opportunity to learn about current issues and strategies to combat intolerance. In January, we plan to team with the Anti-Defamation League for the “A Community of Difference” anti-bias training. Social Action hopes to partner with a local predominately African American church so as to facilitate this effort.

The goal is to educate, and create a community of volunteers able to mobilize as needed in support of tolerance and to speak out to the forces of bias and bigotry. Our actions speak the loudest. And they will be louder still if we work together. While we can talk about tolerance and acceptance, it is vital that we all stand up, be counted and participate. Will you to be amongst those who participate in fostering freedom and fairness?

The theme of miracles has a pronounced presence in the Chanukah story. We know about the small amount of oil that was only supposed to be enough for one day but that lasted for eight days. We have heard about the small group of Maccabees who were victorious over the stronger and larger Greek army. We also know that in this time period, we were triumphant over assimilation at a time in our history when it was dangerous to practice and live as Jews.

It was my family’s custom when I was growing up to light as many chanukiot as we possibly could. This tradition started from my parents receiving a number of them as gifts and lighting 3 or 4 and grew to each person in my house (my parents, three brothers, and me) lighting 5 or 6. The buildup always began about a week before Chanukah. We would set up a huge wooden table in our front window, choose where to place our favorites. Change the arrangement two or three times. We would call out our favorites and ask to light them on a specific night and make patterns with the candle colors. We lit our chanukiot every night, proudly displayed them in our front window and marveled at the intensely burning light in a fashion that could only be described as Hiddur Mitzvah: beautifying the mitzvah. The anticipation and preparation for our candle lightings made the act even more exiting.

During Chanukah, it is easy to magnify and display “miracles.” We light candles, retell the story of Chanukah, eat foods that are oily, and share in each other’s company. Even long after the candles burn down on the eighth night, we can think about what miracles are happening every day how we can partake in Hiddur Mitzvah— beautifying the mitzvah.

More details on upcoming youth and family events on page 3. Feel free to contact me.
Upcoming Shaare Tefila Youth & Family Events

**Ramah Day Camp Open House**
*When: Sunday, December 3; 1:30-3:30PM*
*Where: Ramah Day Camp Site at Wellspring Conference Center*  
11411 Neelsville Church Road, Germantown, MD 20876  
*Cost: Free*  
*Who: Current Pre-K- 4th graders and their families*  
Spend an afternoon at camp! Prospective Camper families are welcome for a short time or stay for a while.  
A formal welcome by Rabbi Rami Schwartz, Camp Director, at 2:15PM.  
RSVPs to Assistant Director Sharon Rosenberg Safra are appreciated- sharons@campramahne.org.

**Family Shabbat**
*When: Friday-Saturday, December 8-9*
*Where: Shaare Tefila*
*Who: Shaare Tefila Families and Friends*
Join your Shaare Tefila community for a joyful Shabbat! Special Friday service & dinner, Saturday morning service with special participation by Chavaya, & activities in the afternoon for teens and families.  
Sign up for the dinner and join for the rest- You don’t want to miss it!

**Adults Chesed event at a Wider Circle**
*When: Sunday, December 10; 12:30-2:30 PM*
*Where: A Wider Circle, 9159 Brookville Rd, Silver Spring, MD*
*Who: Shaare Tefila Adults (and friends)*
We will get a tour of the facility & learn about the services they offer. We will then be volunteering on different projects of the day & will end with a facilitated debrief especially for our community.  
RSVPs are requested by 12/7 via Chaverweb.

**Kadima Saturday Night Live!**
*When: Saturday, January 6; 7:30-10:00 PM*
*Where: Congregation Beth El; 8215 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD*
*Cost: Last year: $15 in advance, $20 at the door; will be similar, but TBA*
*Who: 6-8th Grades*
You’re invited to join Jewish middle schoolers from all over the DC/MD area for a night of fun! Enjoy inflatables, laser tag, videogames, arts & crafts, snacks, & more!  
Bring friends & make new ones! Email Missy to RSVP.

For more information or questions, email Missy Mandell, Youth and Family Programs Coordinator, at Mmandell@Shaaretefila.org.
B’nai Shalom of Olney & Shaare Tefila present a Chanukah Laser Light Show!

Celebrate Chanukah with a dazzling Festival of Laser Light, bringing the Chanukah story to life for all ages.

Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 5:30pm
at B’nai Shalom of Olney
18401 Burtfield Drive, Olney, MD

Delicious Chanukah refreshments will be served

This event sponsored through the generosity of George and Marilyn Kessler and donors from BSO

Any questions, please call BSO at 301-774-0879 or email Shaare Tefila at mmandell@shaaretefila.org
For some time we have been offering the opportunity to have an enhanced kiddush once a month following our Shabbat services. In addition to celebrating monthly birthdays we also recognize any milestone or simchas that our congregants wish to share. All that is asked is a minimum contribution of $18 and the catering committee takes care of the rest. Everyone has been enjoying the delicious treats including cake and ice cream as well as having the chance to sit and schmooze with each other while enjoying the kiddush.

We are happy to continue to provide this service for the congregation but we need your help with donations. The Catering Committee of the Shaare Tefila Sisterhood is happy to organize these ENHANCED KIDDUISHIM, and we encourage our members to continue making donations (starting at $18) towards them. Your names, and the reasons for your donation will be listed in the Shabbat Sheet as well as from the bima by either the Rabbi or the President of the shul. Your generosity will certainly be noticed and recognized.

Let’s make those dreary winter months warm and festive after services. Join us for great camaraderie and food as well as for fun and friendship. See you there!

IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE FUTROVSKY

FROM: FRANCES & THE ENTIRE FUTROVSKY FAMILY

My family and I would like to thank all of you for the incredible outpouring of love and support that you have shown us in this difficult time. My children and I wish we could personally thank each and every one of you for your kind words, cards, emails and the many thoughtful contributions made in Charlie’s memory. It was incredible how the Sisterhood and the Chesed Committee rallied to give Charlie such a loving and beautiful send off. Charlie’s Shaare Tefila family meant so much to him and we are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community.

Thank you.

KIDDUISH SPONSORSHIP

The next Enhanced Kiddush and Birthday Kiddush will be on December 9.

Share your simchas with fellow congregants, send Sara, in the office, your checks and dedications. It is just a minimum of $18 to be included.

HEADLINE COMEDIAN: LOUIS RAMEY

A finalist on NBC’s Last Comic Standing, Louis has had two Comedy Central specials, has been featured on TV’s Gotham Live, NBC’s The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, ABC Daytime’s The View and NBC’s Last Call with Carson Daly, among many other television appearances in the U.S., Canada and abroad. http://www.louisramey.com/

FEATURED COMEDIAN: MARK MATUSOF

Based in Washington D.C., Mark has been described in the press as: “funny without being vulgar or nasty” and “going the smarter, hipper direction to the joke.” He has performed at top clubs, colleges, corporate events, country clubs, and cruise ships. Sightings include: "Night Shift," CNBC’s America’s Talking Network, XM Satellite Radio and the nationally syndicated “Bob and Tom” radio show. In addition, Mark was the opening act for CBS’s David Copperfield special. http://matusof.com/index.html

FEATURED COMIC AND SHAARE TEFILA MEMBER: JEFFREY HYSEN

Jeff takes everyday situations and turns them into stories that audiences love — the kind they laugh at when Jeff tells them and the kind they laugh at again in the days that follow as they continue to recognize themselves in Jeff’s humor. http://www.jeffhysencomedy.com/

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Shaare Tefila

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**Shaare Tefila**

**Yahrzeit Memorial Wall and Kiosk Order Form**

Ordered by: ________________________________________________________

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**CITY, STATE AND COUNTRY OF BIRTH (Optional)**_______________________________

Please send this form and a check payable to **Shaare Tefila** in the amount of:

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You can also email a .jpg photo and up to 200 words about the deceased to: info@shaaretefila.org. The photo and words will be put into the Yahrzeit Kiosk to enrich their memory.
Isaac Schofer will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, December 2, Parshat Vayishlach.

Isaac is a homeschooled student in the chronological equivalent of seventh grade who attends Chavaya religious school. Isaac participates with several different clubs, such as the 4-H Flying Tigers Aerospace Club, CoderDoJoDC (a computer programming club), and SilverSat (a club with the mission to put a satellite into low-earth orbit). Isaac has been a volunteer at Brookside Nature Center feeding the birds, cleaning the water features, and staffing exhibits at their various events for the last four years. Isaac also enjoys volunteering at the Kid Museum, where he helps run their amateur radio station. Isaac has not chosen a specific mitzvah project yet, but it will likely relate to his current volunteer work.
We believe that children learn by constructing their understanding of the world with peers. This is called the social constructivist approach to learning. Jean Piaget, an early 20th century psychologist, developed the idea of constructivism. Lev Vygotsky, a contemporary of Piaget and also a psychologist, added the social component to this idea. This approach suggests not to teach children what children can find out for themselves. The crucial role is to prepare rich learning contexts and environments that will propose challenges to children and help them be the authors of their learning processes. An example of this is below.

One morning, we introduced a wooden box to one of our 3-year-old classes and set it on the counter. The children were curious about it. The teachers decided to ask the children about it during the class morning meeting. As they examined it, Oliver and David hypothesized that it was a mailbox. The other children concurred.

They decided to use the mailboxes to share messages with each other. They dedicated one drawer for each of them, but then they encountered another problem. How will the friends know which drawer belongs to whom?

Coco suggested that she could "draw my name", and she ran to the writing center to begin. David, Natalie, Ethan, and Oliver agreed with Coco. They all wanted to draw letters or signs for their mailboxes.

Coco wrote her name on a big sheet of paper. Then she realized her paper was too big to put on the small drawer. Once again, the Bumblebees gathered in the meeting area to brainstorm. Natalie suggested that they cut the paper to fit it on the mailbox. Coco and Natalie together went back to the writing center and cut the paper to a smaller size. Then she went to the mailbox to ensure that it fit before she wrote her name. Other children borrowed this approach and, depending on their familiarity with symbolic language, wrote their names, their initials or a symbol to represent their ownership of a particular box.

Even though the children wrote their names on the mailbox, they had trouble recognizing each other’s mailboxes. The children brainstormed once again.

By introducing a situation where they hypothesized the children would need to write, the teachers created an enthusiasm and desire to improve this skill in the children in their class. By giving students opportunities to brainstorm when problems arose and not offering solutions, the teachers were busy creating challah covers, kiddush cups, candlesticks and a personalized box for their projects. The boxes were lined with felt and pictures from magazines and Jewish calendars. These keepsake boxes will be used by the students throughout their Jewish education as they continue to deepen their understanding of Shabbat.

Parent Participation Day in Kitah Alef was well received. Morah Emily read The Shabbat Box by Lesley Simpson, Hazzan Rebecca led us in Shabbat songs and we sang the brachot over candles, wine and challah. The students were busy creating challah covers, kiddush cups, candlesticks and a personalized box for their projects. The boxes were lined with felt and pictures from magazines and Jewish calendars. These keepsake boxes will be used by the students throughout their Jewish education as they continue to deepen their understanding of Shabbat. Thank you, Morah Emily, for your planning and preparation.

Kitah Bet, Kitah Gimel and the teens visited the Uriah P. Levy Jewish chapel at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Chaplain, Rabbi Yoni Warren, serving as the eleventh rabbi in the United States Navy, provided us with a guided tour of the facility. The chapel is designed to resemble a ship complete with “sails” in the upper level made of woven steel suspended from nautical rigging. There is a great deal of Jerusalem stone as well as wood in the breathtaking space. Chaplain Warren shared that as part of the intake, when a new class of midshipmen and women report for duty they are asked their religion. Very few of them identify as Jewish but as their comfort level increases, they are more likely to embrace their true religious identity. Chaplain Warren leaves next month for a three year posting aboard a ship.

We learned that as one of the few Jewish Americans in the U.S. Navy, Uriah P. Levy was the target of prejudice and was court-martialed six times for his response to anti-Semitic insults. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, the first Jewish Commodore of the US Navy and was instrumental in helping to end the Navy’s practice of flogging. Commodore Levy’s hero was Thomas Jefferson, a man who stood for religious freedom. The Levy family bought Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s home, beautified it, and donated it to the American people.

At the Naval Academy, there is a plaque for Shaare Tefila’s own hero, Darin Pontell who graduated from the Academy and lost his life on September 11 at the Pentagon. Each year one of the midshipmen who shares Darin’s commitment to chesed and kindness receives a sword in his memory. Chaplain Warren shared a story with us of his first meeting with Darin Pontell, of blessed memory.

As we continue to learn about heroes this year, we will visit Arlington National Cemetery and learn about the life of the grandfather of one of our own Chavaya students. In addition, we plan to cook and deliver food to local heroes, volunteers at the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Station.

Lastly, our appreciation to Donna Colletta for her generous donation of Hebrew books in memory of her father, Reuven Yalon, a long time Shaare Tefila member. Todah Rabba.

(Pictures Continued on p. 9)
**CHESED COMMITTEE IN SEARCH OF ......**

**CONTRIBUTOR: JOYCE FEINSTEIN**

Do you have a driver’s license? Have you just retired? Are you thinking of retiring? Mazal Tov! Do we have an opportunity for you!? (as well as for anybody else who would like to volunteer!)

One of the functions of the Chesed Committee is to organize and to help provide rides needed by congregants to doctor’s visits, dental visits, etc.

We have a dedicated core of people who provide these needed rides, but the Chesed Committee would like to expand this group of drivers. We urge you to consider belonging to this group of drivers.

There will be a brief orientation meeting in January. If you are interested or have additional questions, contact me:

joyce.feinstein@gmail.com or 240-428-1329

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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**MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP**

**DECEMBER 13**

**Bill Sumner** is a docent at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. At the December 13th meeting, he will speak about the Museum's outreach to student and police groups and will present a historical overview of the Holocaust.

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**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

**CONTRIBUTOR: LISA HEDGEPETH**

Shaare Tefila has a new Social Action Committee. Following the awful events in Charlottesville, VA this past summer, we have created this committee with the intention to become more educated and involved in issues of social justice. Our first program is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th from 2:00-4:00pm.

We will be partnering with JUFJ (Jews United for Justice) and a few legislators from our local district to discuss specific issues and the legislative agenda around them.

In January, we plan to bring representatives from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to Shaare Tefila for a presentation on bias. Please check the website and your inbox for more events and information.

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**MORNING MINYAN**

**SPECIAL NOTE**

Saying Kaddish? Please inform Rabbi Layman a week prior to be assured a morning minyan.

Become a regular at minyan. You will be warmly welcomed.

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**SHABBAT DINNER**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 6:00 PM**

**SHABBAT SERVICES FOLLOWED BY SHABBAT DINNER**

*Chanukah Themed Menu*
- Polynesian Teriyaki salmon
- Polynesian Teriyaki tofu
- Macaroni and cheese
- Roasted green beans
- Latkes with sour cream and applesauce
- Salad
- Dessert

*Adults: $18 (non member: $22)*
*Children 5 - 18: $10 (non member: $12)*
*Max: $54 per member family*

Sign up on ChaverWeb by Tuesday, December 5 or contact Sara in the office smiller@shaaretefila.org.
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SHAARE TEFILA IS HOSTING
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Professor Naomi Daremblum
Lecture: “Jews of Brazil”
From the Portuguese conquest to present day

When: Thursday, December 7, 1:30 pm- 3:00 pm
RSVP by November 30 to JCC 301-348-3809
Cost $7, $8 at door

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IT’S NOT JUST KOSHER MARKETS & GROCERY STORES
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Order and receive your gift cards in less than a week.
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The list of stores is extensive:

JUST ADDED:
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THE MONTH OF TEVET IN JEWISH HISTORY

Tevet 12

In 1936, the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra performed its inaugural concert. Its members were 75 Jewish musicians from major European orchestras who had made Aliyah. The concert was conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

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If a family member or another congregant is hospitalized or needs help from the Shaare Tefila Community, please notify the office or Rabbi Layman as soon as possible.

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COMING SOON

SHOAH REMEMBRANCE

Remember the victims of the Shoah.

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# The Shofar

## Programs for Young Families

### Tot Shabbat
**Led by:** Mara Lansky  
**Who:** Young Children & Families  
**What:** Morning Shabbat Program  
**When:** Shabbat, 10:45 am - 11:30 am

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### Gan Katan Playgroup
**Led by:** Mara Lansky  
**Who:** Children preschool age and their parents  
**What:** Play, story time, crafts, and snack - Free  
**When:** Sundays, 10:00 am

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### Family Shabbat
**Includes:**  
Hazzan Rebecca, Shabbat Dinner, Family Service, Tot Shabbat, Birthday Shabbat  
**Programs:** Friday evening through Saturday  
**Join in at any point**

- **Friday Evening:** 6:00 PM
- **Saturday Morning:** 10:15 AM

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Questions? Contact **Missy Mandell** mmandell@shaaretefila.org - 301.593.3410 X 103

### Women’s Rosh Chodesh Circle
**Led by:** Susan Rubenstein  
**Starting time:** 10:15 am or when the Torah service begins

- **Rosh Chodesh Kislev - Shabbat, December 16**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Shevat - Shabbat, January 20**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Adar - Shabbat, February 17**

- **Rosh Chodesh Nissan - Shabbat, March 17**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Iyar - Sunday, April 22**  
- **Rosh Chodesh Sivan - Shabbat, May 12**

### Save the Date

**December**
- Friday, December 8 - Shabbat/Chanukah Dinner  
- Sunday, December 10 - A Wider Circle - Adult Chesed & Learning Event  
- Sunday, December 17 - Social Action Program with Jews United for Justice  
- Tuesday, December 19 - Chanukah Laser Show

**January**
- Saturday, January 20 - Havdalah Experience 3  
- Monday, January 22 - Sisterhood Adult Coloring  
- Sunday, January 28 - The Great Challah Bake

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**Mark Your Calendars**

**December - January**
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### Kislev 26

On this day in 1763, the Touro Synagogue in Newport Rhode Island was dedicated. It is the oldest existing synagogue in the United States. It was founded by Spanish Portuguese families who came from Curacao in the West Indies. George Washington issued a famous letter to the congregation promising religious freedom. In 1946 it was declared a National Historic Site. The synagogue is named for Judah Touro who left funds in his will for the upkeep of the Jewish cemetery and synagogue.

### Kislev 27

In 1966, Israeli author, Shmuel Yosef (Shay) Agnon was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. His writings reflect on the conflict between traditional Jewish life and language and the modern world while capturing the fading traditions of the European shtetl. Born in the Ukraine, Agnon moved to Israel at age 20. He spoke in Hebrew at the award ceremony saying: “As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel was exiled from its land, I was born in one of the cities of the exile. But always I regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem.”

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### Thought of the Month

In their discussion of Chanukah, the rabbis ask what seems to be a very innocuous question. How should we light the candles? Rabbi Shammai said that we should light 8 candles on the first night and decrease the number of candles until we light one on the last night. Rabbi Hillel said the opposite, that we should light one candle on the first night and increase the number till we light 8 on the last night. Though it might not seem to matter how many candles we light, the question reflects an attitude of the rabbis toward spirituality and joy.

By following Rabbi Hillel’s approach (as we do today) the rabbis teach that we are supposed to increase our joy and heighten our awareness of the meaning of the miracle of Chanukah every night. We shouldn’t focus all the attention on gifts and family gatherings on the first night and then see every other night as an after thought. Rather we need to keep retelling the story, keep enjoying the holiday until we are happiest on the last night. It may be challenging to do so but the rabbinic approach to the holiday is one to try to accomplish.

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