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The Tenth of Teves, this year falling out on Thursday, January 5, is a communal fast day, commemorating the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem in the era of the First *Beis HaMikdash*, the Holy Temple. The tragic nature of the events commemorated by other fasts; the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Holy Temple, surpasses that of the Tenth of Teves. Nevertheless, since the siege of Jerusalem initiated the sequence of events that led to the destruction of the city and the Holy Temple, there is a dimension of severity to this fast which surpasses all others.

There is however, a favorable dimension of the Tenth of Teves. Our Sages teach that the pre-

sent exile came as a result of unwarranted hatred. Similarly, had the bonds of oneness between the Jewish people been complete, the First Temple would not have been destroyed. Our Sages teach that when the unity of the Jewish people is consummate, no foe can overcome them.

During the time of a siege, all the inhabitants of a city are prevented from going about their personal business and are joined together as a single, collective entity. Regardless of their own feelings, the enemy forces them to come together as one.

This is the key to the Redemption. When we show unrestrained love for our fellowman, joining together with genuine unity, we will have erased the cause of the exile and

then, the exile itself will cease. In this manner, the love and unity we can experience today serves as both a foretaste and a catalyst for the love and unity that will characterize the Era of the Redemption, when, as it is written, "there will be neither famine, nor war, neither envy nor competition."

It is fitting that this month at Chabad, we are having a Relationship Weekend featuring Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch, MA. A key lesson of this month is unconditional love and a new beginning in a relationship only happens through unconditional love.

I look forward to seeing you during the Relationship Weekend on January 14. May we all be blessed with enriched relationships in our lives.

Rabbi Mendy Bukiet

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## LADIES DO CABARET EVENING

It was a trip back to the roaring twenties for the ladies of the Jewish Women's Circle at Chabad of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch. The JWC's Song and Dance Gala featured a cabaret style evening with acclaimed Jewish singing sensation, Chanale. Silver Mylar, colored and hanging globe lights, with a fabulous red and black color scheme transported women entering the Chabad Jewish Center on Tuesday, December 13 to a different realm. Women enjoyed sushi,

wine, and delicious Chinese cuisine catered by Tseza Wieand of "Delicious Creations." They also participated in various raffles for floral arrangements, workshops, potpourri, and more, all donated by Colleen Shapiro. Highlighting this event was Chanale's outstanding concert. Ladies clapped and sang along to Chanale's moving and catchy songs. Her contemporary music, combining jazz, country, and inspiring lyrics about the Jewish woman, moved attendees to tears and laughter, to joy and in-

At the evening conclusion, in an outburst of emotion and excitement, women rose and danced to Chanale's terrific music.

Heartfelt thanks to Tseza Wieand for catering this event, to Carolyn & Mindy Weinberger, Colleen Shapiro, Freya Cohen, and Sandie Ivers for sponsoring this event, to Josh Weinstein for donating and setting up the fabulous cabaret décor, and to all the dedicated volunteers who helped pull this event off.



## DOUGHNUTS AND LATKES AT CHS

Smells of frying foods wafted through the air on Sunday, December 18 during Chabad Hebrew School of Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch's second Family Fun Day of the Year: "The Doughnut and Latke Bake-Off."

Deep fryers, loads of oil, frying pans, and a skillet along with a variety of frostings, jelly, sprinkles, and confectioners sugar greeted students and their families as they prepared to join CHS for

its fabulous pre-Chanukah celebration. Participants decorated doughnuts, traditionally eaten during the holiday of Chanukah and mixed latke batters which were then fried at the

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## CHANUKAH ON MAIN STREET

Jewish pride abounded on the evening of December 21, as hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the second night of Chanukah at Chabad of Bradenton and Lakewood Ranch's fifth annual public Menorah lighting on Main Street. Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee representative, Marty Haberer and County Commissioner Donna Hayes addressed the crowd before the candle lighting ceremony. Hundreds of people chanted the age-old blessings in keeping with the beautiful, stirring traditions of our ancestors.

Highlighting the event was live music and the

Hip Hop Dance Group, *latkes*, doughnut frying and decorating, Falafel with Yoav, Kosher food by "Delicious Creations," cotton candy, face painting, and more. Dreidels, Menorahs, and Chanukah candles were distributed as well.

The fabulous-dreidel house, built by Jay Kelley, was open to children to go in and pose with Judah the Macabee (aka Landon Heitner) and receive some dreidels and chocolate coins. A raffle for a video phone concluded this wonderful program.

Young and old danced, ate, and enjoyed the joyous Chanukah festivities. This event truly drove

home Chabad's message of making Judaism a positive experience for young and old alike. It was inspiring and heartwarming to see Jews from all walks of life come out in such large numbers to celebrate Chanukah as a community.

Special gratitude goes to the Jewish Federation of Sarasota Manatee, Jerry & Judy Zivic, and Anonymous for sponsoring this event. Thank you to Main Street on Lakewood Ranch for hosting this exciting Menorah lighting celebration and to the team of dedicated volunteers who made this program the success it was.



## CAMP GAN ISRAEL NEWS

After a smashing success last year, Camp Gan Israel is back for its second season and promises to be better than ever! Due to popular demand, Chabad is offering four weeks of camp this year from Monday, June 25 to Friday, July 20. CGI will be featuring fun shops, hot lunch option, trips, swimming,

and aftercare again this year. Most importantly, CGI will employ terrific counselors to provide campers with an exciting and meaningful summer. The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee County is offering incentive grants for Jewish children planning to attend not-for-profit Jewish

overnight camps and Jewish day camps for the summer of 2012.

**Application deadline is January 20, 2012.**

Contact Len Steinberg 371-4546, extension 106 for more information on the grants and Chabad for more information about Camp Gan Israel at 752-3030.



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE IS BACK

Teen Friday Night Live is back! On the third Friday of the month, the teens will gather at the home of Rabbi Mendy & Chanie Bukiet for a delicious Shabbat dinner. Friday Night Live last year was terrific and the teens had a great time with lively songs,

fascinating discussions and delicious foods. Friday Night Live will take place on Friday, January 20. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 18 to 752-3030.

## KOMBAT MARTIAL ARTS AT CHABAD

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#### Arts & Healing Class

Tuesday, January 10 at 1 pm

#### Meditative Arts & Healing Class.

Tuesdays, January 17 and 31 at 12 pm. Snacks provided. at the Chabad Jewish Center

**Free! Donations Appreciated. Call 748-8522 for more information.**

## DOUGHNUTS AND LATKES AT CHS

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Chabad Center. This is in keeping with the custom of eating oily foods on Chanukah to commemorate the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days to light the Temple Menorah in ancient times.

Families were thrilled to take home platters of *latkes* for their Chanukah parties.

This exciting and tasty event was the second of four such family events that CHS holds annually. This strengthens Chabad Hebrew School's vision of fostering a strong home-school connection for its students. Upcoming Family Fun Days include the, The Hamentaschen Bakery and The Cheesecake Factory.

For more information about Chabad's thriving

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**Torah Studies**

Saturday, 9:00-9:30 am

Participate in a fascinating class on the Torah portion of the week. Discover the mystical meanings and lessons behind ancient stories. Admission is free.

**Weekly Shabbat Services**

Friday nights, 7:00, Saturday mornings, 9:30

Enjoy warm, family friendly services at the Chabad Jewish Center. Saturday services are followed by a delicious buffet Kiddush.

**Havdallah Ceremony & Video Showing**

Saturday nights, one half hour after Shabbat's conclusion

Join Chabad for a weekly Havdallah Ceremony and Video demonstration featuring "Living Torah," clips of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's talks, timeless moments, and encounters.

**Friday Night Live**

Friday, January 20, 7:45 pm

Teens (13-18) are invited to Rabbi Mendy & Chanie's home for a delicious Shabbat meal in a fun and lively atmosphere. No charge. Reserve by Wednesday, January 18.

**Women & Wisdom**

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30-9:00 pm.

This course creates a community of women over two semesters of six weeks each to delve into the various prayers and Ethics of Our Fathers. Cost of the course is \$85 including course materials.

**Chabad Hebrew School**

Sunday mornings, 9:30 am-noon

Give your child for the experience of a lifetime at Chabad Hebrew School featuring an outstanding curriculum, professional and warm teachers, hands-on lessons, an innovative Hebrew reading Aleph Champ program, motivational systems, and more. Learn it. Live it. Love it!

**Falafel Lunch**Sunday, January 8, noon-1:00 pm *(This month's falafel was pushed off due to New Year's.)*

Come and enjoy a terrific kosher falafel lunch prepared by Yoav Cohen on the first Sunday of every month at noon. Cost: \$4 a falafel.

**Jewish Learning Institute**

Wednesdays, January 25 &amp; February 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30-8:45 pm

Join Chabad for JLI's new course, "Money Matters: Jewish Business Ethics." This course applies timeless Talmudic wisdom to real-world ethical quandaries. Course fee: \$75. Couple's fee: \$135. This course is sponsored by the Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation.

**Ladies Lunch & Learn**

Tuesday, January 10, noon-1:00 pm

Join Chanie Bukiet for a monthly Lunch & Learn. Feast on a delicious lunch and sample from a variety of Jewish topics. Free. Sponsor: \$100

For more information on any of the above ongoing events, call Chabad at 941-752-3030 or e-mail [info@chabadofbradenton.com](mailto:info@chabadofbradenton.com).

**CHABAD DONOR CARDS**

If there is a special occasion or someone to remember, consider using the Chabad Donor Cards for these passages in time. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested for each card.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Friday, January 14: Shabbaton Featuring Rabbi Daniel Schonbuch, MA

A first at Chabad, join Dr. Daniel Schonbuch, noted lecturer, author, and family therapist, for a Friday night dinner at 7:00 pm, catered by Tzsea Wieand from "Delicious Creations" and explore the "Five Languages of Love." A special children's program will take place during the dinner. Join Rabbi Schonbuch for a delicious Kiddush and talk following Shabbat morning services and then again at 7:30 pm on Saturday night for a workshop entitled "Making Good Marriages Great" (adults only). All this will take place at the Chabad Jewish Center. Total cost for all programs is \$15 per adult and \$10 per child before January 1. Prices are \$20 per adult and \$15 per child afterwards. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Special thanks to Larry Cohen for organizing this event and to all the generous sponsors. RSVP by Monday, January 10.

### Sunday, February 12: JWC Game Night

Join this ever growing and energetic group and enjoy a night out just for women. Meet new friends, socialize, and truly discover the power of the Jewish Woman. **Game Night:** Compete and get in the joyous Purim spirit with famous Game Shows complete with fabulous prizes at the home of Chanie Bukiet at 7:30 pm. Cost: JWC members: \$5 / non-members: \$10. Sponsor this fabulous event for \$180.

### Wednesday, February 29: Gala Cocktail Party & Auction

Celebrate with Chabad and help them continue to grow at this upscale cocktail evening and auction taking place at the Fete Catering and Ballroom at the Polo Grill at 6:30 pm. Enjoy delicious food, music, and special video performance. Try your hand at the "Split the Pot" and "Treasure Box" raffles in addition to over 70 live and silent auctions for your chance to win fabulous prizes of art, jewelry, sports, culture, electronics, trips, and more. Tickets cost \$50 and include complimentary mystery raffle tickets. Sponsorships range from \$360-\$5000.

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**Friday Night**  
January 13, 7:00 pm  
"The Five Languages of Love"

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January 14, 12:00 pm  
"How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk"

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**Saturday Night**  
January 14, 7:30 pm  
"Building Successful Relationships"

A workshop to develop effective communication skills with your partner. Adults only.

**Location:** Chabad Jewish Center, 11534 Palmbrush Trail.

**Cost:** \$15 adult, \$10 child (3-10) before January 1 / \$20 adult, \$15 child thereafter.

For more information or to reserve, please contact Chabad at 941/752.3030, [info@chabadofbradenton.com](mailto:info@chabadofbradenton.com) or [www.chabadofbradenton.com](http://www.chabadofbradenton.com).

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