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Celebrate Chanukah at the JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh is the place to be for Chanukah, with activities for all ages at the JCC in Squirrel Hill and the South Hills. The eight-day holiday, commemorating the re-dedication of the Jerusalem Temple by Judah the Maccabee around 164 B.C.E., begins at sundown on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Special activities include:

JCC Squirrel Hill, 5738 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill

Mitzvah Menorah

Visit our Mitzvah Menorah located near the front desk in the Kaufmann Building and help bring holiday joy to a child in our community. Take a tag, purchase a small gift—PLEASE DO NOT WRAP—and bring it with the tag to Josh Lobelsohn downstairs in the Robinson Building. Gifts will be accepted through December 6. For more information: Josh Lobelsohn, (412) 521-8011, ext. 228, or jlobelsohn@jccpgh.org

J Cafe Chanukah Celebrations

Daily at 11 am in the cafe in Levinson.

Wednesday, December 1, 4:45 pm

Join Miriam from JCC's My Baby and Me, JCC Jewish Educator Rabbi Donni Aaron and Community Shlichah Leehee Kanne as we welcome in the Festival of Lights. Meet on Forbes Avenue in front of the Chanukiah. We'll light the first candle, sing lots of songs, and come inside to warm up with hot chocolate, sufganiyot (jelly donuts) and storytelling in the Ostrow Palm Court.

Thursday, December 2, 4:45 pm

Have you ever heard the J&R Day Camp and Emma Kaufmann Camp staff join together in song? Meet in the Ostrow Palm Court and sing along as they perform Chanukah favorites. Afterwards join us for the Family Chanukah Celebration from 5-7 pm in the Kaufmann Gym for games, jelly donuts, Mike the Balloon Guy and more!

Friday, December 3, 4 pm

Before lighting your Shabbat candles, light the third-night candle with us and listen to a story by JCC Clubhouse children.

Saturday, December 4, 4:45 pm

Team up with the JCC Basketball Clinic athletes and light the fourth-night candle.

Sunday, December 5, 4:45 pm

The fifth night is for the musically inclined—join the cast of the JCC Middle School Musical, Disney's Mulan, for candle lighting and Chanukah songs.

Monday, December 6, 4:45 pm

Spend time with Michal Schachter and the JCC Early Childhood Development Center as she leads a sufganiyot-making demonstration. Enjoy games for the little ones with ECDC Director Kelly Gable Labelle.

Tuesday, December 7, 4:45 pm

How many JCC Clubhouse After-School Program children can fit in the Ostrow Palm Court? Join us for candle lighting to find out and watch the Clubhouse Chanukah Players perform a special Chanukah shtick! Rabbi Shmuly Rothman will be on hand for a very special olive oil press demonstration.

Wednesday, December 8, 4:45 pm

It's the final night of Chanukah and to say good-bye properly to the Festival of Lights, please join us for a JCC Staff performance after the candle lighting and song session. You won't want to miss this special treat!

JCC-South Hills, 345 Kane Boulevard, Scott Township

Annual Mitzvah Menorah

Mitzvah: A commandment to do something good for someone else.

Help us make a child's holiday brighter, happier and more hopeful by donating an age-appropriate new and unwrapped gift and placing it in the designated box in our lobby. Gifts will be accepted through November 30 and will be taken to The Squirrel Hill Food Pantry (a program of Jewish Family & Children's Services) on December 1 in time for Chanukah distribution. Suggested Gift Items: Toys, Clothing, Books, Dolls, Art Supplies, Small Electronics, Rattles.

For more information: Ann Haalman, (412) 278-1975, ext. 204, or ahaalman@jccpgh.org

Candle lighting: Join us in the lobby of the JCC-South Hills at 5:15 PM on the following dates:

- Wednesday December 1
- Thursday December 2
- Tuesday December 7
- Wednesday December 8

Community-Wide Chanukah Celebration

Monday, December 6, 5:30-7 pm

Chanukah candle-lighting, songs, supper, contests, crafts and lots of fun for the entire family! Join with your South Hills friends from the JCC, Beth El Congregation of the South Hills, Temple Emanuel of South Hills, Chabad of the South Hills, Beth Israel Center (Pleasant Hills), Beth Israel Congregation (Washington PA) and Congregation Ahavath Achim (the Carnegie Shul) for our annual Community Chanukah Celebration.

- Chanukah Candle-lighting with Rabbi Mark Mahler and Rabbi Alex Greenbaum
- Songs
- Light supper of pizza, potato latkes and donuts
- Lego menorah building contest
- Crafts
- Dreidle spinning contest
- Lots of fun for the entire family!

Open to the Entire Community. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the holiday!

No Charge.

Seniors Chanukah Luncheon Program

Wednesday, December 8, 12:30-2:30 pm

Hosted by Chabad and the JCC-South Hills in the JCC-South Hills Social Hall

Open to Members and Non-Members. Pre-registration required by Friday, December 3

\$5 suggested donation.

For more information or to register, please contact Ann Haalman at (412) 278-1975, ext. 204, or email ahaalman@jccpgh.org

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