

Chabad at La Costa Times
Kislev/Teves 5778 – December '17

A Heart-Felt Request from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the year it is time to take stock. Just as we are meant to examine ourselves on the Jewish New Year, particularly regarding our spiritual situation, so too we should use the end of the secular year to examine our material situation.

Thank G-d, we live in a place and time of unprecedented wealth and plenty. In all human history there has never been a time of such riches finding their way into the hands of so many. Yet unfortunately, many do not feel rich. Some people choose to focus on that which they do not have instead of that which they do have. For instance, I bet that nobody reading this article is worried about where his next meal is coming from or if he will have a roof over his head next week. These are the types of worries that previous generations had.

Every one of us should feel rich! While it may be true that we would like more (money, clothes, vacations etc.) it would probably be hard to argue that we need more. In the Ethics of Our Fathers (the ethical teachings in Judaism) we are taught; "Who is rich? He who is satisfied with what he has." He who trains himself to be happy with his lot will be as happy as the richest person on the planet, in fact it can be argued that he is the richest person on the planet.

It is with this in mind that I am asking for your help at this time. Many are thinking ahead to April 15th, Tax Day. Many are now making their decision about how much they want to contribute to a worthy cause and to therefore be able to maximize their tax deductions. I am asking that you include Chabad in your plans.

Your tax-deductible contribution does so much! It enables us to do something as simple as keep the lights on or bring chicken soup to someone who is not well, and it also helps us do something as sublime as teach a child the beauty of his/her

heritage or hold inspirational services every Shabbat. Your generous contributions help us do all that we do, which makes you our partner in everything we accomplish. Indeed you are being offered the opportunity of 'getting in on the ground level' of the best investment possible; an investment with guaranteed results!

Please take a moment to share your gratitude for all that you have been blessed with by sharing with others. Please take a moment to log onto our secure website www.chabadatlacosta.com/donate, and make a profound difference in the life of all those whom we touch. You can also make your donation via check if that is more convenient.

G-d has given you the ultimate privilege, and that is to be His partner in perfecting this physical and mundane physical world and transforming it into something G-dly and beautiful!

G-d bless you for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Eilfort

Chanukah Fun!
Grand Chanukah Party @ The Forum

Our Annual Chanukah Festival at the Forum Shops in Carlsbad is scheduled for Monday, December 13th from 4-6pm. We will light a giant Menorah, have all sorts of arts-n-crafts projects, and we will have great live entertainment featuring world famous accordion player Shalom Sherman. There will be tons of delicious Chanukah treats like jelly doughnuts, homemade latkes with apple sauce, and lots more. Prizes for all the children will be given out and there will be raffles as well. Make your plans now to join us for this wonderful event perfect for the whole family and be sure to invite your family and friends! There is no charge to attend.

Chanukah Fried Friday Night Dinner

Everyone knows of the ancient Jewish Tradition of eating fried foods on Chanukah to remind us of the miracle of the oil. This year December 15th is Friday Chanukah. Candle lighting is at 4:26pm, followed by a family-friendly Friday night service. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Following dinner we will have board games available to play together. The cost to attend is \$18 per adult and \$10 per child – not to exceed \$54 per family. Reservations are necessary to attend by calling 760-943-8891.

Annual Chanukah 'Fun-Raiser' @ The Alter's

Aaron and Naomi Alter have established a beautiful annual tradition for our community as they host a Chanukah Party of epic proportions. Lots of 'Vegas-style' games (all for fun) will be available. Prizes for the biggest winners. The entrance fee is \$25, which includes all the (strictly Kosher) food and fun you can manage in one night. All proceeds benefit the shul. This lively and enjoyable party will take place on Tuesday, December 19th beginning at 7pm. We will light the Menorah and then the fun begins! This party is for those 13 and older. To make your reservations or for directions to the Alter's house please call 760-943-8891 or email RabbiE@ChabadatLaCosta.com.

Happy Birthday Club

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to all of those celebrating their birthday this month and each subsequent month. For the Month of December we honor Sam Alter, Jean Rack, Muka Eilfort, Julia Horowitz, Howard Zinman, Seth Golub, Michelle Rozansky, Neal Rabin, Nicolas Tubis, Tammi Belfer, Frank Gibson, Noah Coplan, Mike Reid, Jeremiah Fogel, Sylvia Rabin, Anna Mintz, and Danielle Ahlzadeh. May G-d bless each and every one of you with a happy, healthy, and successful year!

Build-Your-Own Menorah @ The Home Depot, Encinitas

Last year was a smashing success so we are going for seconds! Sunday, December 3rd from 11am – 1pm, we are having a program designed for the enjoyment of the whole family. The Home Depot in Encinitas (1001 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas) is

again sponsoring this creative hands-on activity that children of all ages love. We will meet in the Home Depot parking lot, in the designated area. All of the materials, including paint, wood, tools etc., will be provided. All you need to bring is a smile, and perhaps some clothes that you don't mind getting paint on.

Giant Menorahs

There is a Mitzvah to 'advertise' the Chanukah miracle to the whole world. That is why the Mitzvah is to light the Menorah by the door or window facing outside. Just like the Menorah in the times of the Holy Temple lit up the world, so too do the Menorahs that each of us light illuminate the world. With this in mind Chabads at La Costa and Encinitas will be placing numerous giant Menorahs around town. Remember, the message of Chanukah is that of 'right makes might' and religious freedom!

Kids Chocolate Gelt Factory

Sunday December 17, 10 AM - Noon

7740-E El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92009
Geared for ages 5-13

Kids can get messy at this Chocolate Gelt Factory that goes from cacao bean to chocolate coin. While the chocolate hardens, learn engineering techniques to wire their own electric Menorah!

www.JewishEncinitas.com/CKids

Services with Joy & Meaning

Those who attend our Shabbat services always feel better than when they came. Some feel better because they enjoy the beautiful melodies we sing together, while others do because of feelings of closeness with G-d that they experience, while still others enjoy the Rabbi's sermon. The delicious Kiddush served at the end is a perfect way to bring the entire experience to a successful conclusion as we enjoy each other's company and wonderful food. Whatever it is you may be seeking in your spiritual life there is a good chance you will find it here every Saturday from 10am – 12:30pm. You don't have to be an expert in Jewish practice to benefit – you just have to be willing to give it a try. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am-12pm ↓	Services 8am <i>Game Night in Encinitas</i> 6:30 – 9:30pm ↓	Services 8am JLI Great Debates in Jewish History 7pm ↓	Services 8am Torah Portion Class 7:30pm ↓	Services 8am Chanukah Story Time in Barnes & Nobles Encinitas 10:30-11:30am Bat Mitzvah Club in Encinitas 3:30-4:30pm ↓	1 Services 8am Light Candles 4:24pm <i>Family Friday in Encinitas</i>	2 Shabbat Services 10am Parshat VaYishlach Shabbat Ends 5:22pm
3 Morning Services 8:30am <i>Build Your Own Menorah @ the Home Depot, Encinitas!!! 11am-1pm</i>	4 Services 8am <i>Game Night in Encinitas</i> 6:30 – 9:30pm	5 Services 8am JLI Great Debates in Jewish History 7pm	6 Services 8am Torah Portion Class 7:30pm	7 Services 8am Chanukah Story Time in Barnes & Nobles Encinitas 10:30-11:30am Bat Mitzvah Club in Encinitas 3:30-4:30pm	8 Services 8am Light Candles 4:24pm	9 Shabbat Services 10am Parshat VaYeishev Shabbat Ends 5:23pm
10 Morning Services 8:30am Hebrew School 9:30am-12pm	11 Services 8am <i>Game Night in Encinitas</i> 6:30 – 9:30pm	12 Services 8am 1st Light of Chanukah @ Night Chasidic Philosophy 7:30pm	13 Chanukah Services 8am <i>Grand Chanukah Party @ Forum Shoppes 4-6pm</i>	14 Chanukah <i>Chanukah Story Time in Barnes & Nobles Encinitas 10:30-11:30am</i> Lights & Latkes in Encinitas 5-8pm	15 Chanukah Services 8am Light Candles 4:26pm <i>Family Friday Night Services & Dinner</i>	16 Shabbat Chanukah Services 10am Parshat Mikeitz Shabbat Ends 5:25pm
17 Chanukah Morning Services 8:30am Chanukah Chocolate Factory 10am	18 Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Teves Services 8am <i>Game Night in Encinitas</i> 6:30 – 9:30pm	19 Chanukah Rosh Chodesh Teves Services 8am <i>Game Night @ the Alters! 7pm</i>	20 Chanukah Services 8am Code of Jewish Law Torah Portion Class 7:30pm	21 Services 8am <i>Chanukah Story Time in Barnes & Nobles Encinitas 10:30-11:30am</i> Bat Mitzvah Club in Encinitas 3:30-4:30pm	22 Services 8am Light Candles 4:29pm	23 Shabbat Services 10am Parshat VaYigash Shabbat Ends 5:28pm
24 Morning Services 8:30am <u>Hebrew School</u> 31 Morning Services 8:30am NO Hebrew School	25 Services 8am <i>Game Night in Encinitas</i> 6:30 – 9:30pm	26 Services 8am Chassidic Philosophy 7:30pm	27 Services 8am Torah Portion Class 7:30pm	28 Services 8am <i>Chanukah Story Time in Barnes & Nobles Encinitas 10:30-11:30am</i> Bat Mitzvah Club in Encinitas 3:30-4:30pm	29 Services 8am Light Candles at 4:34pm	30 Shabbat Parshat VaYechi Shabbat Ends 5:33

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Family Fun in Encinitas

Rabbi Elia and Rebbetzin Chaya (and Dovey) are doing an outstanding job bringing much-needed programming to Encinitas! Please note these wonderful programs offered. If you are reading this – you are welcome to join in the fun and learning!
Chaya@ChabadatLaCosta.com

Lights and Latkes with Jewish Encinitas

Thursday December 14, 5-8 PM, 1744 Knollfield Way, Encinitas, CA 92024. All ages welcome.

Chanukah Party hosted by our dear friends the Metzkers. Lighting the Menorah night #3, Latkes, Doughnuts, Dreidels, Gelt, and lots of Chanukah Family Fun.

Chanukah Storytime at Barnes and Noble

Thursdays from 10:30am-11:30 Morah Chaya will be reading Chanukah stories for all ages. Following the reading there will be a Chanukah related activity and treat to enjoy. No cost to attend.

Bat Mitzvah Club, Girls age 11-13

Thursdays beginning December 7, 3:30-4:30 PM

2059 Village Park Way (RSVP for apt #) Encinitas, CA 92024

If you're a Jewish girl aged 11-13, join us at the Bat Mitzvah Club. We're sharing fun crafts and deep conversation plus tips and tricks that can make your Bat Mitzvah power last a lifetime.

www.JewishEncinitas.com/BMC

Family Friday Night with Jewish Encinitas

Friday, December 1st at 4:15pm. A Community Friday Night Dinner where are all welcome (even babies and toddlers). 2059 Village Park Way (RSVP for apartment number). www.JewishEncinitas.com/RSVP