

# Festival of Chanuka to Be Celebrated by Jews Friday

Friday evening Jews around the world will light one candle symbolizing the beginning of the Chanukah (Festival of Lights) holiday. This eight day celebration which occurs during the month of December celebrates the first battle for religious freedom in history.

In 1678, having gained dominion over the land of Judea and surrounding territory, the Greco-Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes decided to super-impose Greek religion on the Jewish people.

He set himself up as a God, and demanded that all people bow to him in worship. King Solomon's Holy Temple in Jerusalem was converted into a Greek sanctuary, and desecrated by orgies and gymnastic rites. The Eternal Light was quenched and thus, the symbol of the presence of God was obliterated from the Holy Sanctuary.

According to the Books of the Maccabees, which are not found in the Bible but in a post-canonical work en-

titled the Apocrypha, people were forced to bow before the Greek idols.

Because Judaism does not believe in bowing before any human, but only before God, many Jews refused to subvert themselves before idolatry, and were executed.

Mattathias, a priest in the small city of Modin, rallied his sons and other religious Jews to war against the unbelievers. His battle cry was "All who are for the Lord, follow me!"

The uprising for two years and ended successfully when the enemy armies withdrew from ancient Israel.

The Temple was rededicated on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev and the Eternal Light was relighted after the Holy Temple had been cleansed.

There was found in the Temple only enough oil to keep the Eternal Light burning for one day; yet it took eight days for new consecrated oil to be produced. By a miracle, the one cruse of oil lasted until additional oil could be made.

This miracle has been celebrated ever since that date by lighting eight candles, one each day and one in each succeeding day until finally on the eighth day there are eight candles burning.

The word Chanukah literally means dedication and commemorates the dedication of King Solomon's Temple. However symbolically

the holiday reminds observant Jews that they must rededicate themselves to their faith, and a preserving freedom of religion for all people everywhere.

Jewish homes are decorated with blue and white Stars of David, Chanukah menorahs (candelabra) and dreidles four sided-top. Gifts are presented each of the eight nights.

Services to be conducted at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Temple Menorah of the South Bay in Redondo Beach, the Temple Menorah Choir will present "Chanukah in Song."

Traditional melodies to be sung by the choir include "Rock of Ages," "For the Miracles," and "Who Can Retell."

The Junior Choir, made up of young people of the Temple Menorah Religious School, will present a choral reading entitled "The Eight Lights of Chanukah."

Fay Newman, organist, is choir director.

Following the service,

Rabbi Henri E. Front will conduct a question and answer session on Chanukah. The public is invited.

## Christmas Cantata To Be Heard

A Christmas antata will be presented by the choir of the Lomita Missionary church, 2031 Lomita Blvd., at 7 p.m. today at the Church.

Edwin Terui, assistant to the pastor, will direct the cantata.

Rev. Earl B. Leonard, pastor will speak at the 11 a.m. service on the subject "In The Fullness Of Time." This is third in a series of Christmas messages.

The Sunday School Christmas program and play will be presented, at 4:30 Sunday, Dec. 23, at the church.

## I'M NEW HERE

New citizens of Torrance who made their appearances at local hospitals recently include:

April Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Bailey of 22321 Meyler St., Torrance, born Dec. 6.

Charlotte Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Burgo of 20924 S. La Salle, Torrance, born Dec. 5.

Timothy LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sommers of 1000 W. 223rd St., Torrance, born Dec. 5.

Jeffrey Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Davis of 2798 El Dorado St., Torrance, born Dec. 5.

Carl James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Warner of 444 Double St., Torrance, born Dec. 4.

Linda Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Peterson of 4765 W. 191 St., Torrance, born Dec. 4.

Sally Renee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morgan Kinyon of 2425 1/2 Madison St., Torrance, born Nov. 30.

Robert Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Schneider of 3227 W. 188th St., Torrance born Dec. 2.

Stephanie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Calkin of 4032 Madison Ave., Culver City, born Dec. 3.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Smith of 5509 Towers St., born Nov. 28.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell E. Benson of 4770 W. 191 St., Torrance, born Nov. 28.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Bruce of 20022 Talisman St., born Nov. 28.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Clark of 23005 Carlow Rd., born Nov. 30.

## Chanuka Carnival To Be Held Today

The annual Temple Menorah Chanukah carnival will be held at noon today at the Temple, 1101 Camino Real, Redond Beach.

Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Sisterhood, featuring old fashioned potato latkes, as well as other traditional carnival fare.

An art sale and raffle will culminate the Sisterhood Art Show, held this week. Work of leading South Bay women artists will be on display and available for purchase.

For the youngsters there will be a carnival clown as well as game booths for all ages.

A country store will sell canned goods and other donated merchandise. There will be a special toy booth offering a variety of toys for the holiday season.

Chanukah, of the "Festival of Lights," is a joyous celebration of the recapture and rededication of the Temple in the second century B.C.E. The Jews, led by the Maccabees, defeated the Greeks and rekindled the eternal light within the temple.

The Menorah, or eight-branched candelabra lit by Jews during Chanukah, symbolizes the miraculous way in which one day's supply of oil burned for eight days until more oil could be obtained.

## Christmas Dinner

Torrance Camp of Royal Neighbors will hold its annual Christmas dinner party Tuesday evening at the Torrance Woman's Clubhouse.

A catered dinner will be served by Mrs. Lydia Meeks.

Reservations for members and guests are being accepted by Mrs. Mark Fox.

Officers elected at a recent meeting were: Mmes. Bertha Sharpe, orator; Marie Koshak, vice-orator; Mary Baker, recorder; Vertie Fox, receiver; Gail Quignon, chancellor; Dorothy Malloy, marshal, Anne Reed, sentinel; and Cora Hill, puter sentinel.

Managers will be Bert Tippin, first year; Jennie Tippin, second year; and Marge Baudin, third.

## Live Pageant Set by Church

South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., will present its sixth annual live Christmas pageant for seven nights beginning tomorrow.

A cast of approximately 25 characters plus a live sheep and "Sally" the donkey, will take their places on the front lawn of the church to bring a living portrayal of the Christ Child's birth to the community.

Nightly performances will be at 7 and 8 p.m.

After the 7 p.m. performance Dec. 23, the Sanctuary Choir of the church will present John W. Peterson's Christmas Cantata, "Born A King," under the direction of the Fred Shively, ministr of music. Soloists for the cantata will be Mrs. Cal Eubanks, Mrs. Robert Jonas, Mrs. Murrell Miller, Mrs. Verit Watson, Bruce French, David Goodwin, and Mrs. Robert Jonas.

## Del Amo Baptists To Feature Choir

Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, 2326 Cabrillo Ave., will present the sanctuary choir in their annual Christmas cantata at 7 p.m. today.

They will sing "Love

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Transcending" by John W. Peterson.

Soloists will be Mrs. Lois Shelton, Dr. Arnold Lee, Mrs. Mary Ellen McDermith, Paul Howes and Vivian Carter.

Accompanists will be Mrs. Arnold Lee, organist, and Mrs. Kenneth Earwood, pianist.

Ray Cullin, network news reporter, will be the reader for the cantata.

The public is invited to attend.

Morning worship service will center around the receiving of the Annual Christmas offering for foreign missions. Southern Baptist now have 1607 missionaries serving in 51 foreign countries. Convention goal for Christmas offering is \$10,700,000.

A brief mission pageant will be given by the young people of the church.

## Baptists To Present Cantata

The First Baptist Church choir of Lomita, under the direction of Richard Wallner, will present a Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. today in the main church auditorium located at 26366 Hillcrest Ave. at Western.

Mr. Wallner will be accompanied by Mrs. Martha Fluke at the organ and Mrs. Oscar Nichols at the piano. Tenor solos will be presented by Rev. John D. Hopper, former associate pastor and teacher in Hillcrest Christian School.

Rev. James W. Hardin, will discuss "The Roman Road to Ruin" at 11 a.m. services.

## Greek Motif Highlights Dinner

A Greek theme highlighted a recent dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. James Stadler of 22414 Warmside Ave. to honor the arrival of their brother-in-law, George Lambropoulos, from Greece.

Placecards bore Greek flags with information about the country to be used in an after-dinner game.

Greek dishes featured in the menu included lamb shishkabob, pilef, and Kakkava.

Guests were: Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Coppelman, Michael Callas, Thomas Stadler, Jack Muehleisen and Mrs. Lambropoulos.

## Lomita Pastor Honored

Sermon topic at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services at Narbonne Ave. Baptist Church of Lomita today will be "I Challenge You."

New members class will be conducted at 6:30 p.m.

Following evening services last Sunday, church members gave a surprise reception to note his twelfth anniversary in Lomita. A gift was presented by Melvin White, chairman of deacons.

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## Church Playground Construction Set

Richard Olson, president of the Holy Name society, presented a check for \$500 to the Rev. John P. Remins, pastor of Nativity Catholic Church of Torrance during the annual father and daughter breakfast held Sunday.

The society leader revealed that the check represented a down-payment on the organization's project to provide a lawn-covered playground for the Nativity grammar school on Carson street.

Work on the project will begin at the school grounds Saturday morning. Bernard Dougan will direct the volunteers participating in the

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program.

Paul McDonald, vice president of the Holy Name society, was chairman of the Sunday breakfast program. William McGuern presented a filmed review of the Nativity school athletic program immediately following the breakfast.

Rev. William P. O'Toole was celebrant of the monthly Holy Name corporate Communion Mass preceding the breakfast program.



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## Divine Protection To Be Topic of Talk

Availability of divine protection and safety will be explained today at Christian Science church services.

Highlighting the lesson-sermon entitled "God the Preserver of Man," is the Golden Text from the Bible (II Timothy): "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom."

One of the citation to be read from "Science and

Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy states (p. 151): "The divine Mind that made man maintains His own image and likeness."

These verses from Psalm 121 will also be read: "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

## Folk Songs, Carols Mix At Torrance

Traditional Christmas music of Bach, Saint-Saens and Christiansen mingled with carols and folk songs from many lands will be presented for the public by the music department of Torrance High School in the auditorium Monday.

The choristers, under direction of Leo Sandoval and Mrs. Bonnie Foster, musical directors and instructors of the Tartar Choir and Girls' Glee Club, will be featured in "A Feast of Lights." The customs of Christmas around the world will be given in songs, tableaux and murals by the students.

Patrons of Torrance High School and the general public are invited to attend the program.

The program starts at 7:30 p.m.

We can do more by being good than in any other way. —Rowland Hill

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