

*Don't give up!  
Moses was once a basket case.*

# *The Temple Or Olam Shmoozeletter*

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## **The Kindness of Light**

### **A Note from Reb Barbara**



Every year, we light our chanukiahs for eight precious days. Each week, we kindle Sabbath candles. Yet, according to the Book of Legends, the children of Israel once asked God a salient question:

Source of Life, are You asking us to give You light? You are the light of the world, light dwells with You, and You ask us to provide light? The Holy One replied: It is not that I need your help. Still, I want you to give Me light, even as I have given you light.

For a good part of this past fall, our children have been working to raise money to help pay someone's electricity bills this winter. We hope to buy light for eight days for as many families as possible.

In these difficult times, we hope to bring the world – and God – the kindness of our light.

*Shalom,*

*Reb Barbara*

## **Shabbat Morning Singalong**

***December 13, 2008***

During Succot, we held a Shabbat morning singalong in our very own succah. Out came the musical instruments, the folding chairs, and a whole lot of enthusiasm. So we're doing it again.

We admit it: It's a little cold for warbling in the outdoors. So we've chosen to take this month's Shabbat singalong inside. Please join us on December 13, when we will learning some sweet and wonderful Shabbat prayers featuring everything from a Sufi melody to a Caribbean beat.

Children are welcome to join us for the service singalong beginning at 10 a.m. We'll end our morning with a lox and bagels brunch. Please bring something wonderful of your own to add to the oneg!

If you plan on attending, please <RSVP>. to Temple Or Olam's vice president Ginger Jensen and directions will be issued... directly.

**Event:** Shabbat Morning Singalong  
**Date:** December 13, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** <RSVP> only



## Hanukah Party and Talent Show

*December 21, 2008*

You should have already received an e-vite for the Temple Or Olam Mother of All Hanukkah Parties on December 21. We'll start with lighting our menorahs (everyone remember to bring at least one, please). There will be lotsa latkes and in wild and wonderful Israeli dancing.

The evening's festivities will also feature "Chulda and the Chanukah Goblins." Temple Or Olam is proud to be the location of the world premier performance of the play, adapted from the book by Eric Kimmel by our own synagogue humorist and writer extraordinaire Jody Mace and performed for the first time ever by our extraordinarily talented TOO children.

And there's the talent show. Come and see what our temple has to offer, including (potentially) magic tricks, storytelling, jokes, caricatures, hypnotizing, dancing, music, miming, juggling, recitation of the state capitals, and/or contortions. We can guarantee a forgiving and tolerant audience (no tomatoes will be thrown, or at least not very accurately).

Let us know if you'd like to attend by answering our evite or responding to this email. We'd be glad to have you!

**Event:** Temple Or Olam's Mother of All Hanukkah Parties  
**Date:** December 21, 2008  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** McGill Baptist Church  
 5300 Poplar Tent Rd.  
 Concord NC 28027 -9757 [map](#) [directions](#)



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## Yahrzeits for December

*Kislev 5769*

If you would like to make donations in the memory or in honor of someone you love, please send them to:

**Gertrude Resnick (mother  
of Phyllis Herschenfeld)**  
**Robert Lawrence Holzapfel  
(father of Madeline  
Holzapfel Horowitz)**

Temple Or Olam  
c/o 570 Wilhelm Place  
NE  
Concord, NC 28025-2530



**John Jensen (father of  
Tom Jensen)  
Pat Notarius (mother of  
Amy Notarius)**

## November Birthdays

December 01	Amy Notarius
December 08	Ralf Thiede
December 08	Kyla Mace
December 14	Jinmey Jacobson
December 22	Sarasota Serulneck

Where to click

to attend the Dec. 13 singalong: [RSVP](#)  
to learn more about our New School For All Things Jewish: [Jody Mace](#), [Reb Barbara](#)  
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