



## The Or Emet Jewish Cultural School

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### CHANUKAH 2005-06

Chanukah extends from the old year into the new year—it will be 2006 when we light the eighth candle, but the JCS Chanukah party was held in mid-December. What a wonderful day it was! Approximately 75 people attended, latkes were consumed along with meatballs, cookies, and Chanukah gelt, and the children entertained us with a play directed by pre-school teacher Faith Oremland. The following people also worked hard to make this event such a success, and we extend thanks to: Susanna Gorodisher, Ruth Oremland, Sara Langer-Monson, and Rachel Orman.

Two small apologies—the Friends School was not open yet when the early birds arrived. The message of our schedule had not gotten to the lady with the key. We will make sure that never happens again. Secondly, the sign on the table should have said “suggested donation,” as the JCS never charges admission, but just requests support.

#### JANUARY 8 JCS SESSION

The Youth class is scheduled to begin their study of the Holocaust in January. Teacher Mona Fenichel has extensive education and experience in this subject area, and there may be special speakers as well. The Middles class will continue their studies in significant early Jewish history. These students may also ask for tzedaka, as their commitment to social responsibility is part of their learning. At the Chanukah party they collected over \$100 for this purpose! Thanks for your generosity.

Pre-schoolers will continue their regular format that includes stories, music and dance (we're learning the hora), craft work and learning Jewish symbols. The students will share their Chanukah experiences and we will discuss the four Hebrew letters on the dreidle (our January class comes close to the end of the holiday).

**On-site coordinator Jan 8—Stefanie Moss**

**Hospitality—the Share family**

**Adult Session** – Inreach: Survey results: member interests and social service possibilities. Presenter: Allan Malkis, Social Action Committee Chair

#### Other Upcoming Events

January 20, 2006 Friday, 7:30, Mpls JCC Shabbat Service: Muriel Sterne (extended service) Program: My Life in Two Worlds – A talk by Ghana and Ewe tribe native with a Jewish connection. Presenter: Kojo Amegashie

**February 4, 1:00pm, home of Amy Stubenhaus, 1191 Ashland Ave., St. Paul, EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING.** The education committee is composed of the teachers, the school administrator, and any interested parents who want to attend. This is where decisions are made about all aspects of the JCS, and plans made for next year. Please come if possible, or if you have ideas, feelings, or problems to express and cannot attend, call Susanna 651-430-3208 or email Nancy at [d.n.holden@comcast.net](mailto:d.n.holden@comcast.net).