



## Pardes Winter Break Learning Intensive

### Schedule

#### Wednesday, Dec 25

8:45-9:00 **Breakfast pastries**

9:00-9:45 **Opening Session**

A Fine Balance: The Tensions Inherent in Hanukkah and in Us / **Leon Morris**

10:00-12:00 **Text Session I (select class based on text study experience):**

Curious Elements of Hanukkah in Law and Tradition (intro) / **Howard Markose**

From Hanukkah to October 7: *Ba-yamim Ha-hem Ba-z'man Ha-zeh* (lower int) / **Judy Klitsner**

The Triumph of Hanukkah: by Sword or by Splendor? (upper int) / **Michael Hattin**

The Hanukkah Story: Historical Fiction or Spiritual Narrative? (adv) / **Nechama Goldman Barash**

12:00-13:15 **Lunch break - BYO / buy (optional falafel expedition) + Mincha**

13:15-14:30 **Electives:**

Creative Writing Workshop / **Yoni Hammer-Kossoy**

Coloring in the Light: Art Beit Midrash / **David Ratz**

History in the Eye of the Beholder: Talmudic Takes v. Sefer HaMakabim / **Rafael Polisuk**

14:45-16:15 **Text Session II (all levels - pick one):**

Pirsumei Nissa (Publicizing Miracles): What's our Obligation? / **Daniel Reifman**

The Power of the Candle / **Nechama Goldman Barash**

Bright Embers Among Ashes: Recovering the Temple Ideal / **Michael Hattin**

Beyond "Dreidel, Dreidel": Hanukkah Songs with a Contemporary Sound / **David Levin-Kruss**

16:30-17:30 **Candle Lighting + Music + Interactive Experience**

17:30-18:45 **Festive Dinner**

19:00-21:00 **Optional social outing:** shuk hop



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#### Thursday, Dec 26

9:00-11:00 **Class session I (select class based on text study experience):**

The Miracle of Sovereignty: Maimonides on Hanukkah (intro) / **Zvi Hirschfield**

Holy Wars and Religious Passion (lower int) / **Leah Rosenthal**

Nes Gadol: Did a Great Miracle Happen Here? (upper int) / **Tovah Leah Nachmani**

Holy Candles! Or Are They...? (adv) / **Daniel Reifman**

Bringing the Inside Out: Hanukkah in Tractate Shabbat (kollel) / **Rahel Berkovits**

11:15-12:15 **KEYNOTE CONVERSATION: Rekindling our Lights**

Reflections on our current reality and sparks for a brighter future with

**Meredith Rothbart**, *Amal-Tikva* & **Galit Sagie**, *Fourth Quarter (HaRivon HaRevi'i)*

Moderated by **Nechama Goldman Barash**

12:15-13:30 **Community Lunch + Mincha**

13:30-15:00 **Text Session II (all levels - pick one):**

Bringing the Inside Out: Hanukkah in Tractate Shabbat / **Rahel Berkovits**

In Praise of Darkness, Forgetfulness and Division: the Pahad Yitzhak on Hanukkah / **Meesh Hammer-Kossoy**

Menorah and Olive Branch: Zechariah's Vision and our National Symbols / **Amirit Rosen**

15:15-16:00 **Closing shiur + reflections** / Aviva Lauer

16:00-16:30 **Sufganiyot + Schmooze**

16:30-17:30 **Candle Lighting & Singing at Nursing Home**