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FROM THE RABBI - Rabbi Bryan Mann

מהי חנוכה? What is Chanukah?



The rabbis of the Talmud ask this question after lengthy debates about how to “properly” light the Chanukah candles, who should light the candles, how many candles for each night and so on. The rabbis of the Talmud seem to suggest, “We know Jews are lighting eight candles during this time, but why? What is this holiday all about?” Chanukah has no biblical basis. One way the rabbis of the Talmud and rabbis today establish opinion on Jewish law is by observing what Jews in their time and area are doing. Perhaps, Chanukah was started as ritual some were doing on their own, at home, that eventually got noticed and institutionalized.

However Chanukah got started, the rabbis of the Talmud explain,

On the twenty-fifth of Kislev, the days of Chanukah are eight. One may not eulogize on them and one may not fast on them. What is the reason? When the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the oils that were in the Sanctuary by touching them. And when the Hasmonean monarchy overcame them and emerged victorious over them, they searched and found only one cruse of oil that was placed with the seal of the High Priest undisturbed by the Greeks. And there was sufficient oil there to light the menorah for only one day. A miracle occurred and they lit the menorah from it for eight days. The next year the Sages instituted those days and made them holidays with recitation of hallel and special thanksgiving in prayer and blessings.¹

For the rabbis, this holiday is all about miracles. There is little mention of the oppression Jews faced under the Greek empire. There is no mention by name of Judah nor the Maccabees. There is no glorification of the military victory that occurred. That is all glossed over in order to talk about the miracle of being able to worship in sacred space. Their explanation alludes to a different explanation of Chanukah:

The sages taught when the First Human saw the days getting shorter, he said: “Woe to me! Perhaps it is on account of my sin that the world is becoming dark and it is returning to a state of void and chaos! This must be the death penalty that heaven decreed upon me.”

He sat for eight days of fasting and prayer. When he saw, after the solstice of the month of Tevet [the Hebrew month after Kislev], that the days were lengthening, he said, “This must be the way of the world.” He went and celebrated eight days of festival. The next year, he established eight days of festival for all.²

In the first explanation of Chanukah, the sages taught it is eight days where one cannot fast nor eulogize a person. They give no explanation for those laws. In this story, we are told how the first human spent eight days fasting. In some ways the cry of, “This must be the death penalty” is in a way eulogizing. Likely, the rabbis of the Talmud knew this story when they were creating the laws of Hanukkah. The reason for not fasting in eulogizing could be because that is what the first human did before instituting this festival.

These teachings come to tell us that Chanukah is about the miracle of this sacred oil that lasted enough for eight days, symbolic of the ability to worship freely and recognizing the cycles of the natural world. When we light our Chanukah candles this year, I invite you to take a moment to recognize the miracles in your life and ask, “How can I be more aware of the natural world around me?” Happy Chanukah!

¹ Talmud Bavli Shabbat 21b

² Talmud Bavli Avodah Zarah 8a

FROM THE PRESIDENT - Richie Bauman

I previously mentioned keveling last month in my column - and it's back. What a special weekend we had at Congregation Beth Shalom! Starting with Erev Shabbat, we had a beautiful service and installation ceremony for Rabbi Bryan Mann that I was so proud to be part of. Rabbi Sharon Cohen-Anisfeld's comments were so very personal, poignant and meaningful to all. Added to this was Sandy Santucci's beautiful voice and Joan Frankel's magical keyboard and the Rabbi Transition Team's "Oneg of Excellence!" It truly was a night not to be missed.

And the beauty continued into Shabbat morning with a masterful breakfast of lox, whitefish, bagels, babka and all - as well as our World Famous Chivas Kiddush with the extra option of a VSOP Hennessy Cognac. Although the food was tops, the text study was well above it, enticing comments and discussion over and above anything in recent years - it was actually exciting seeing our members, guests and rabbi's family members doing the real Jewish thing - laasok divrei Torah - wrestling or engaging with the words of Torah.

And back again did we come in the evening for our pot luck dinner and Havdalah! Starting with our wine and cheese and then into that marvelous buffet dinner - not one person left hungry! Ably assisted by Ella and Michael Barnett, and Seth Dugan of Doogie Entertainment, we had music and a camera booth. Of course, I had to get a photo with Rabbi Bryan - and, in the spirit of the night, we just decided to have some fun - as you can see here! But we all had fun, marveled in the simcha and so enjoyed this magical weekend with rabbi and his family! Yasher koach!



Rabbi Bryan Mann (left) and Richie Bauman at the "Welcome Havdalah Service" in November.

Congregation Beth Shalom provides a meaningful spiritual home for people of all ages and levels of knowledge, a place to learn and to question, a place to worship and to celebrate, and a place to find a community that cares.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, Dec. 2, 2 p.m.:** Chanukah book reading and special presentation at Barnes & Noble, 122 Brandon Town Center Drive, Brandon. More information on page 7.
- **Sunday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.:** Park Square Chanukah celebration with candle lighting, games, storytelling, and gifts for children. Snacks will be provided. The event is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the congregation food bank. Details on page 7.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 4:** "Woman of Distinction Awards" honoring Sandy Santucci. More information on page 6.
- **Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.:** Chanukah worship service led by religious school students. Don't forget your menorah and candles!!
- **Saturday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.:** Kolot Shalom Chanukah concert and potluck dinner. More information on page 7.
- **Sunday, Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m.:** 6th- and 7th-grade family program.

*Religious Education Calendar, page 7;
Full calendar, page 15*

CBS ON FACEBOOK

Our congregation has a few places to find us on Facebook! All three of the following groups require approval to join:

- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon**
- ✓ **Congregation Beth Shalom of Brandon Religious School Parent Association**
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December Oneg Schedule

*There can be no joy without food and drink. —
Talmud, Mo'ed Katan*

THANK YOU! to the following people who will host an oneg Shabbat in December.

Dec. 7: Janice Perelman will host the oneg as a temple mitzvah.

Dec. 14: Martie & Michael Spaier will host the oneg in honor of their new granddaughter, **Hollis Frances**, who was born Oct. 2.

Dec. 21: Maria Miranda is hosting the oneg as a temple mitzvah

Dec. 28: Gail & Michael Verlin will host the oneg in honor of their anniversary.

On behalf of the oneg committee, I want to express our appreciation and thanks to our December oneg hosts!

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an oneg, please contact us (Judith 856-816-2174, Anita 813-990-9498, and Anna 707-628-5399).

Anna Feldman, Judith Pliner, and Anita Hoffman

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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Special thanks to Peter Jacobson

A special Mazel Tov with great thanks to Peter Jacobson. It was with great regret that I accepted Peter's resignation as treasurer of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Peter served CBS for many years as a supporter, benefactor, board member and treasurer. We, as all of CBS, thank him for his many years of selfless service, his giving of his time, energy and passion to bring CBS to where it is today.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik. May you go from strength to strength.



Gerry Lawrence (center) is pictured with Steve Slavkin and Richie Bauman at the 8 Over Awards ceremony in November.

CONGREGATION WISH LIST

Financially supporting the synagogue is the responsibility of the entire Jewish community so that it can continue to exist and grow for everyone, both now and in the future. Items are often "wished" for to add to our spiritual home. Below are a few of our most frequently requested items that, while not deemed necessary, would certainly enhance our environment:



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While monetary donations are welcomed, encouraged, and needed and can be used where the temple needs it most, we know sometimes people prefer concrete gifts and look for opportunities to provide in other ways. We hope this list

is helpful. Before making an in-kind contribution, due to limited storage space, please contact the temple first to be sure the item is still on the list.

Interior Wish List:

Plain paper, fax machine for the CBS office
Large Print Copies of Mishkan HaNefesh
Commercial oven for kitchen
8—New floor length round tablecloths in white
6 - new black tablecloths
New laptop or pc for Education Office

Exterior Wish List:

Planters, soil and vines for pergola
Awnings for glass door and office entries
Bags of red mulch
Pavers to make a path to fire-pit

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Join with CBS in offering congratulations and recognition to the following members on their accomplishments:

MAZELS

- Mazel tov to **Martie and Michael Spaier** who welcomed a new granddaughter, **Hollis Frances**, born Oct. 2.
- Mazel Tov to **Josh Weber** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Nov. 3.

KUDOS

- Kudos to **Brady Garbett** for getting straight As on his report card from Roland Park IB Magnet School.
- Kudos to **Jacob Garbett** for getting straight As on his report card from Spoto High School.
- Kudos to **Aurora Oldman** for earning High Honor Roll at Newsome High School.
- Kudos to **Sheila Fishman** and the **Rabbinic Transition Team** for all their work on the Installation Weekend festivities.
- Kudos to the **Men's Club** for their support and effort during our Transition Weekend BBQ.
- Kudos to all those who helped welcome Rabbi Bryan into our CBS family by hosting a Meet & Greet event.



*Do you know a CBS member who should be congratulated for a special accomplishment?
If so, email the name and accomplishment to cbs-admin@hotmail.com.*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest congregants who joined Congregation Beth Shalom on Nov. 6 – **Carol Wagner** and **Petie Maguire**!

Carol Wagner is an associate member at CBS plus is a long-time member of Bais David Synagogue in Tampa. She does work in retail sales, teaches intermediate piano lessons, enjoys cooking and baking as well as life-long learning.

Petie Maguire is an aromatherapist and enjoys cooking/baking, fundraising, and arts & crafts.

We look forward to everyone meeting Carol and Petie at temple events and want to wish all of Congregation Beth Shalom a very Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

*Judith Pliner and Gail Verlin
Membership Co-Chairmen*



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Sandy Santucci To Be Honored As "Woman of Distinction"

Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., our own Sandy Santucci will be honored as a 2018 Bobbe Karpay Woman of Distinction. The event will be at Congregation Schaarai Zedek, 3303 W. Swann Ave., Tampa.



Sandra "Sandy" (nee Sandberg) Santucci has been with Congregation Beth Shalom faithfully from Day 1 - 28 years ago.

Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, she also lived in Everett and then Taunton, living on an 8-acre farm that raised 10,000 chickens for the eggs with her brother Allen. Sandy's parents Rose and Eli were both Holocaust and concentration camp survivors. They were in Dachau,

Auschwitz, and Bergen-Belsen. Her dad managed to escape to Belgium and went to Brussels. Sadly, he was recaptured there and sent back to the camps. Amazingly, he wasn't executed as they didn't know he was an escapee as he didn't have the tattooed number.

Sandy attended and graduated from Taunton High School and attended the renowned Boston Conservatory of Music for voice. She wanted to be a music teacher but as programs were cut, she went to a different route in life. She worked for LG Balfour in accounting and clerical positions before moving to Florida.

She met her future husband George on a blind date. After a 2-year courtship, they married in 1976. Later, they had 2 children, Elisha and Ben; she also has a stepson Nick from George's previous marriage. Sandy has been blessed with 5 grandchildren in age order; Madisyn, Nick, Nina, Lily and Sadie.

The happy couple visited Disney World in 1986 and enjoyed Florida enough to decide to make the move south, arriving in 1987. They lived in Bloomingdale East, Valrico and became involved in the community. Sandy became involved in the Alafia Elementary School PTA and was a volunteer music teacher at Alafia Elementary for more than 2 years. Later she was similarly involved at Progress Village Middle School and became the president of the Progress Village Middle School PTA for two years. She continued volunteering as a music teacher here at CBS and is now the teacher of the 2nd and 3rd grades, clearly enjoying every minute of it!

As a founding member of CBS, Sandy really has done it all! She was first treasurer, Sunday school teacher, cooking instructor, publicity chair and our 28-year soloist.

With her accounting and administrative background, she entered the medical field at Moffit Cancer Center, as a front-end registrar and financial counselor respectively. She then went to work for Gary Ronay as the insurance

manager. Sandy currently works for Johns Hopkins - All Children's Hospital, working with doctor clinics and rehab units.

Sadly, her husband George, of blessed memory, passed away Nov. 13, 2012, after 37 years of marriage. But despite this great sorrow, Sandy always has a ready smile and a hug every Shabbat as our unofficial welcomer and Cantorial Soloist. Her beautiful voice graces our Erev Shabbat as well as other lifecycle and festival services as well as the choir. For her 28 years of dedicated service to Congregation Beth Shalom, she is truly our Woman of Distinction for 2018.

Thank you Sandy for all that you have done and all that you continue to do for your congregational family.

For more information about the event, contact Loni Lindsay at loni.lindsay@jewishtampa.com or 813.769.2802. Or purchase tickets at <https://secure3.convio.net/jfna/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=108221>

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Community Events

We are so excited about Chanukah this year. We are planning so many wonderful events.

- Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m., Rabbi Bryan Mann will provide a book reading and special presentation to celebrate Chanukah at the Barnes & Noble located at 122 Brandon Town Center Drive, Brandon. That afternoon we will also be offering a book fair at that location. Our congregation will receive a portion of any in-store and online sales.

- Also, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Park Square in the FishHawk community, 16132 Churchview Drive, Lithia. CBS will be offering a Chanukah celebration with candle lighting, games, storytelling, and gifts for children. Snacks will be provided. The event is free to all attendees. Attendees are encouraged to bring their chanukiah (menorah) to light with Rabbi Bryan. As this will be the first night of Chanukah, we will only be lighting two candles. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the congregation food bank.

- Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., we will be celebrating Chanukah as a community while welcoming Shabbat. On this evening, Rabbi Bryan and our religious school students will be leading the service. We invite all worshipers to bring their Chanukiah (menorah) and 7 candles. As a community, we will light our candles and illuminate the night. An oneg of latkes and sufganiyah (jelly donuts) will be offered.

- Saturday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., we will continue our celebration of Chanukah with a concert by Kolot Shalom (choir) and potluck dinner. As we watch our Shabbat draw to a close, we will come together for Havdalah. Our evening will end with dessert and coffee.

Religious School Events

- Sunday, Dec. 2, our students will be learning about Chanukah in the classrooms with their teachers.

- Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., our religious school students will be leading our worship service with Rabbi Bryan. The parents of our religious school students will be sponsoring the oneg Shabbat. During the service, we will be celebrating Chanukah with a candle lighting, special programming by our students, and foods associated with Chanukah. We encourage each family to bring their Chanukiah and seven candles so that we may come together as a community to light our Chanukiah.

- Sunday, Dec. 9, we will wrap up the Chanukah holiday with a special assembly and games and treats with Rabbi Bryan from 11 a.m. until noon. Our youngest children will once again be attending class this morning and participating in rabbi's programming.

- Sunday, Dec. 16, our worship service is being moved to 11:30 a.m. and will be led by religious school staff. Rabbi Bryan will be meeting with our 6th- and 7th-graders to discuss their journey to bar or bat mitzvah from 9:30a.m. until 10:30a.m. Parents are invited to attend this discussion.

- Report cards will be issued at the close of class Sunday, Dec. 16.

- Children return to classes Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

BESTY BEAT

A good way for teens to be connected to the temple is to be involved in youth group. Join now, and you can combine both friendship, fun, and Jewish study into your lives. Anyone who has had their bar or bat mitzvah and is between the ages of 13-18 can be a part of our BESTY youth group family today. Email wannabemybesty@gmail.com for more information.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Listings

If you would like to have information on your child's upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah listed in *The Kibbitzer*, please submit an article and picture (digital if possible) to thekibbitzer@hotmail.com by the second Friday of the month prior to your service.



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KOLOT SHALOM NOTES

Kolot Shalom has been very active this fall; from the High Holy Days singing, to Shabbat Alive in October and our Choir Shabbat in November.

In November, the Choir Shabbat featured music by three female cantor composers: Julie Silver, Rachelle Nelson, and Debbie Friedman.

First up was Julie Silver whose music we have been singing for years. In November, we sang two of our favorite songs by Julie, *Shir Chadash* and *O Guide Our Steps*. Born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts, Julie rose from a career of song-leading, spinning records as a DJ for WMJX, Magic in Boston, to a fulfilling life of performing, and composing. She has a number of inspiring original Jewish albums to her credit and she is highly sought after as a performer and teacher. As a songwriter, she writes and sings her story and hopes it resonates with people. She offers these words: "Our tradition compels us to express ourselves ... our joys, our hopes, our faith and our fears. The only path to healing is through sharing our stories with one another."

Next, we presented a jazzy version of *Shalom Aleichem* by Rachelle Nelson. Rachelle was the first female reform cantor in South Florida, her home state. She is skilled in several instruments: voice, piano, flute and guitar. Performing in concerts and workshops throughout the United States and Europe, she has also taught Jewish Music History at the University of Miami. In 2005, The

Weizmann Institute of Science honored Cantor Nelson as a Woman of Valor. Most recently, Cantor Nelson created the Intrafaith Choir of South Dade, which consists of 35 singers from area synagogues throughout Miami.

And lastly, we celebrate the very popular music of Debbie Friedman. She is best known for her setting of *Mi Shebeirach*, the prayer for healing, which is used by hundreds of congregations across America. Cantor Friedman's music was not composed according to historical Jewish modes, but rather was often influenced by singers of contemporary music of the 60's and 70's. As a singer, song-leader and composer, Debbie has influenced all reform congregations as well as the training of cantorial students. Recently, the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College has been named in her honor.

During our Choir Shabbat we sang Debbie's settings of the following songs: *Ahavat Olam*, *Shema/V'ahavta*, *Mi Chamocha*, *Oseh Shalom*, *L'chi Lach*, and *Miriam's Song*.

And Kolot Shalom is not finished yet. Please come to the temple on Saturday, Dec. 8, and join our singers for a Chanukah night of fun, songs, food, candles and fellowship. It'll be a great time to socialize with friends and family.

Shalom, Joan E. Frankel

CBS LIBRARY UPDATE

Calling all bookworms! The CBS Library still needs bookends in the library and any books with any references to Judaism. All donations are appreciated!

Richie Bauman,
Congregation Beth Shalom Librarian

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- **Bricklets:** For as little as \$9 you can send a Bricklet Card instead of buying a card for birthdays, condolences, etc. A Bricklet Card in your name will be sent to the person you wish stating that a donation has been made in his or her name to Beth Shalom to honor the occasion.
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12/21	Larry & Lynn	Kaler
12/21	Donny & Kimberly	Smoak
12/27	Michael & Gail	Verlin
12/28	Milton & Phyllis	Newman
12/31	Randy & Danita	Freedman



Yahrzeits

12/1	Berne	Lubonne	Father	of	Carole	Plesur
12/2	Elaine	Freedman	Mother	of	Randy	Freedman
12/3	Jenny	Siegel	Grandmother	of	Eric	Miller
12/4	Helene	Barnett	Grandmother	of	Jason	Blanchard
12/4	Kevin	Frye	Husband	of	Christina	Frye
12/5	Joel	Zazulia	Brother	of	Iylene	Miller
12/5	Seymour	Ponemon	Father	of	Arthur	Ponemon
12/5	Rose	Levine	Mother	of	Sara	Goodman
12/9	Rita	Weiss	Mother	of	Alan	Weiss
12/9	Robert	Greenfield	Father	of	Andrew	Greenfield
12/9	Lara	Enszer	Sister	of	Julie	Enszer
12/11	Jim	Stillman	Father	of	Amy	Weinstein
12/11	Charles	Hoffman	Husband	of	Anita	Hoffman
12/12	Harry	May	Uncle	of	David	Richter
12/15	Gloria	Bolnick	Mother	of	Jay	Bolnick
12/16	Rose	Frye	Relative	of	Christina	Frye
12/16	Ann	Edelson	Grandmother	of	Joel	Edelson
12/18	Milton	Bauman	Father	of	Richard	Bauman
12/19	Miriam	Vogel	Grandmother	of	Bonnie	Jacob
12/19	Florence	Plesur	Mother	of	Joe	Plesur
12/19	Morton	Rabinowitz	Father	of	Mark	Rabinowitz
12/22	Schura	Dimant	Mother	of	Murray	Dimant
12/22	Lena Ruth	Richter	Mother	of	David	Richter
12/22	Pat	Bricklin	Cousin	of	Steve	Feldman
12/22	Lillian	Shames	Aunt	of	Sheila	Slavkin
12/25	Harold	Ohman	Uncle	of	Cynthia	Goldstein
12/27	Anna	Pearlstein	Relative	of	Christina	Frye
12/27	Chava Leah	Bauman	Grandmother	of	Richie	Bauman
12/28	David	Sanders	Step Father	of	Sheila	Slavkin
12/28	Tatyana	Gudz	Grandmother	of	Lana	Goldfarb
12/30	Seth	Weiner	Friend	of	Errol	Fishman
12/31	Margot	Boraks	Mother	of	Renate	Greenfield
12/31	Marilyn	Stockelman	Mother in Law	of	Christine	Stockelman
12/31	Virginia	Finke	Mother	of	Mark	Finke



Birthdays

12/2	Mindy	Gale
12/5	Joshua	Freedman
12/11	Judith	Pliner
12/14	Bonnie	Jacob
12/15	Shane	Zweibach
12/17	Alexa	Cohen
12/18	Luis	Carmona
12/18	Mordecai	Elazer
12/26	Denise	Weber
12/29	Milton	Newman
12/29	Mark	Finke
12/30	Kristan	Birnholtz
12/30	Peter	Jacobson

Simchat Shabbat!

Come celebrate your birthday or anniversary with us! A special Shabbat service is held every month to honor all our joys for that month. For this month it will be:

December 21

The dates listed for the Yahrzeits are adjusted yearly according to the Jewish Calendar and may not necessarily coincide with the common date of death. Names are read for Kaddish at the Shabbat before the actual date. If you would like to have the common date listed, please contact the temple office.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 AM Religious School 11 AM Conf. Class 2 PM Barnes & Noble Book reading 6:30 PM Chanukah Celebration @ Park Sq. 1st Candle	3 2nd Candle	4 7:00 Women of Distinction 3rd Candle	5 4th Candle	6 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 5th Candle	7 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service Lead by RS Students 6th Candle	8 6:00 PM Kolot Shalom Concert & Potluck Dinner 7th Candle
9 9:30AM Religious School 8th Candle	10	11 6:30PM Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM Board Meeting	12 6:30 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	13	14 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service	15
16 9:30 AM Religious School 11 AM Conf. Class	17	18	19	20	21 7:00PM Erev Simcha Shabbat Service	22
23	24 Hillborough County Schools Closed	25 Hillborough County Schools Closed	26 NFTY Hillborough County Schools Closed	27 Hillborough County Schools Closed	28 7:00pm Erev Shabbat Service Hillborough County Schools Closed	29
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