

Our Queen Offers Recipe for Delicious Latkes

Jewish Families Busy Preparing for Chanukah Feast

By FAITH GILLESPIE

This week, while Gentile mothers are busy making Christmas cookies and braving the crowds of shoppers, Jewish mothers are making special holiday preparations.

Tomorrow is the first of the eight days of Chanukah, the Feast of Lights. For eight days, candles held in a menorah are lighted, and prayers are sung by the members of the family.

Chanukah is the celebration of the victory that restored freedom of worship for the Jews who were ruled, in that long ago-time, by the King of Syria. It recalls the valiant Maccabees, and the miracle of the holy lamp that burned for eight days with one day's supply of oil.

The holiday is rich in custom. Though the tradition may vary from family to family, it is a time to visit family and friends, to share gifts and good wishes. The children play games, and everybody makes potato pancakes, called latkes.

The most popular game is played with the dreidel, a four-sided top, each side inscribed with a letter from the Hebrew alphabet.

Gifts are given all during the eight days, but they are most often small: fruits and nuts and candies, and coins, pennies or dimes, known as "Chanukah gelt."

One family I know makes out-cut cookies in traditional shapes, the six-pointed Star of David, the Chanukah candle, the dreidel, and the wonderful Lion of Judah, which creates some concern. "Are the tails going to fall off?" worry the children.

This family decorates the house with their own innovation, paper cut-outs called "laughing, dancing latkes," the pancake shapes with jolly faces adding to the gaiety.

The holiday meals include the things the family likes the most, and latkes, of course. There may be roast beef, or pot roast, with a spicy homemade apple sauce, and mounds of crusty, golden-brown potato pancakes. Are they good?

SYLVIA SCHWARTZ'S LATKES
Wash, peel, and grate 4 medium potatoes into a big bowl. Pour off the liquid as it collects.

"Drain off as much water as possible," Sylvia says. "And then you have to use your judgment—if it's too watery, you may want to add a little more flour than the recipe says."

Add to the potatoes one large beaten egg, one small grated onion, one teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, three tablespoons potato starch (or flour), and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder. If you want to, add one tablespoon of chicken fat for flavor and color.

Sylvia said, "You want a nice yellowy kind of pancakes—play it by ear—and drop by spoonfuls into hot fat and cook till brown and crusty before turning over. When the second side is brown and crusty, remove to paper toweling to absorb the fat. Latkes are best served at once, but they may be kept in a low oven, in a pot, for days in the Jewish year, for which I have been very grateful. It was in the Jewish Festival Cook Book that I found this little verse:

"If latkes you would make,
Salt and eggs and flour take.
With just and song and rhyme
At the festive Chanukah time."

Your star may have five points, and your candles may not be held in a menorah. Your cookies may be cut into reindeer instead of the Lion of Judah, and bells instead of dreidels.

But this is the time to enjoy potato pancakes.

Rotary Ann's Christmas Lunch Dec. 8

Livonia Florists, 3215 Plymouth Rd., will present their Holiday Floral Demonstration at the Livonia Rotary Ann's Christmas Luncheon. The commentator again this year will be Sylvia Barkley, remembered particularly for her "fest" dress and her Hawaiian Christmas greeting.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at Lofy's, 42380 Ann Arbor Rd., Dec. 8, 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$3.25 each and may be obtained from any Rotary Ann member or from ticket co-chairmen Rosealie Brashner (GA 5-7265) and Gladys Ryder (GA 1-1266).

General chairman Ruby McCoy reports that members of the Bentley High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Jerry Smith, will give a program of Christmas music. Holiday cookies and fudge will be available for purchase.

Let's Talk Fashion with June Simpson

It's rather a breathless feeling. Did you ever see a holiday season burst upon you with the suddenness of this one?

One moment we were enjoying Indian summer, and in the very next moment we were digging ourselves out of a snow bank, looking around, and seeing the bright gay trappings that are the forerunners of the Holiday.

It's almost late to think about making all those gifts we had thought were such a splendid idea, but there is, most certainly, time to make "something spectacular" for ourselves and other lady-type members of the family.

One very delighted creator of the Christmas Tree skirt used Soho glue. You can use any equally fine quality glue. The point is—when done with care, your work of art will survive dry cleaning, and live to brighten another season.

Everyone is doing it. Stretching the holiday break and no matter what remarks are made about crass commercialism it still seems like a lovely idea. There are lots of long grey days in winter. Why not lengthen the lovely holiday season, even as the days shorten.

Why not be so pretty you may find yourself, much to your surprise, gracing the honor spot in the hall of someone's Christmas tree.

How about a Christmas Tree Skirt? That makes sense. Come to think of it, why should those beautifully decorated live trees remain indoors. Why not blossom forth on you during the happy season? Simple to make. So simple that the younger members of the family can try their hand at the exclusive art of Fashion Designing.

The ingredients are simple and inexpensive. The results are lavish, exciting, and unbelievably rewarding to the feminine heart. And, expect applause from your own personal masculine audience.

Select a simple full skirted pattern—with the help of your trained expert in your pattern department. Choose a felt in any of the vibrant holiday shades which await you. Be an ice queen in white. Be a Christmas Doll in Poinsettia Red or Wreath Green.

Felt won't ravel, so you won't have to bother with hems. Use glue, gold braid, diamond dust glitter, bits of beads and scraps, pieces of old jewelry, sequins, of fabric or even contrasting shades of felt.

The fun part comes in making your own designs. Let your imagination run wild. If the children are in on the glue party, you might suggest a suitable motif from a child's coloring book. Cut out the design, and use for a pattern. Your chosen design can be just as off-beat modern or as romantic as you desire.

Local Student In College 'Who's Who'

Carol Mandeville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mandeville, Livonia, and a student at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" at Concordia's Annual Honors Convocation recently.

Selection to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership and co-operation in educational and extra-curricular activities, general character, and promise for future usefulness.

The nominating committee, selected by the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women, was asked to list in order of preference, the names of seniors whom they felt were worthy of honor. From this ballot, the committee selected Concordia's quota of 22 students to be listed in the "Who's Who" publication. "The annual directory of distinguished students selected from colleges and universities throughout America."

Carol is majoring in Music Education at Concordia and has shown leadership and service in the following positions and activities: piano tutor, Ambassadors for Christ, Fine Arts Festival, CU Electoral Committee, Church organization.

Upon graduation she will serve as teacher in an elementary or high school of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

For the most simple of motifs, glue on felt in the shape of candles, using glitter or jewels for the flame. Or, glue Christmas trees from green felt and trim with sequins and paillettes. Don't forget to glue on a hem edging of gold or silver bead for the finished look.

Pi Beta Phi's To Hold Christmas Party Dec. 12

The Detroit group of the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club will hold its Christmas meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. Thomas Etheridge, 15109 Fox Road, Redford Township. The Dearborn group will have its Christmas bridge on Dec. 19 at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. E. DeCarnada, 8648 Timber Ridge Drive, Birmingham.

Hostesses for the Dearborn party are Mrs. W. Ross Lytle, 14123 Arcola, Livonia, and Mrs. Clayton Armitage, 14929 Richfield, Livonia.

At these meetings, collection will begin of snacks to be included in boxes to be sent to the four Michigan active chapters early in 1967.

Emmanuel Church Has 10th Birthday

January 17, 1967 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Livonia. Plans are being made for a fitting observance of this date.

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