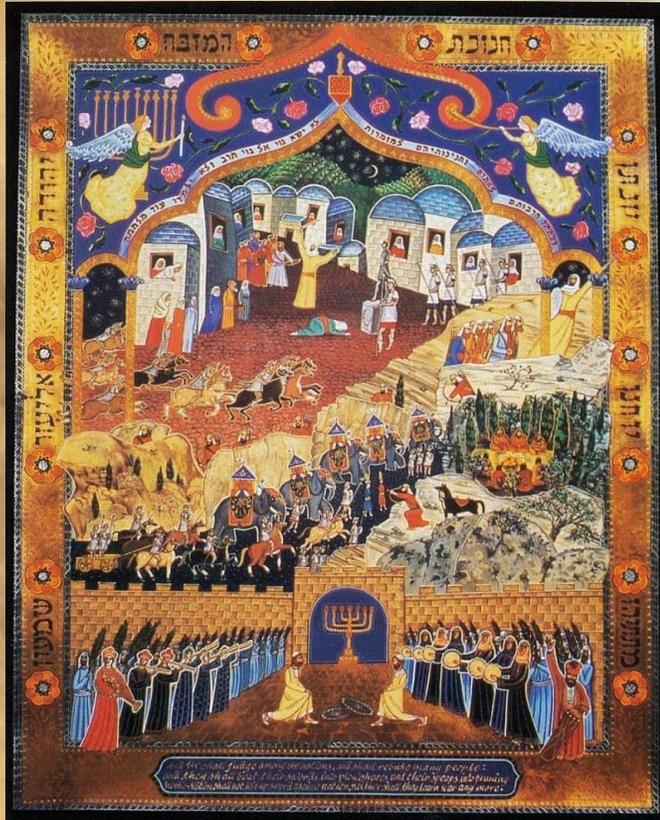


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The Story of Hannukah, by Ori Sherman (USA, 1985)
Credit: Magnes Collection of Jewish Art, UC Berkeley
<https://www.thetorah.com/article/the-original-meaning-of-chanukah>



Arch of Titus relief showing Roman soldiers carrying the items taken from the Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Photo by Ferrell Jenkins.
<https://ferrelljenkins.blog/2017/04/09/>

The Shoiel edition



Unto the Good (and Patient) People of the Kingdom of Gleann Abhann,

A review of the recently amended pandemic guidelines in member states continues to clear the way for local martial activities.

After reviewing the guidelines, groups in the State of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee are clear to begin promoting and holding official martial activities, of all types, effective immediately. At this time, a blanket moratorium on promoting or conducting a "regional" martial activity of any type is in effect. Application for exception can be made to the Earl Marshal. Attendees and spectators are required to wear a mask, but athletes participating in the athletic activity do not.

Please review the guidelines for your area, as you may have additional guidelines for your specific local geographic area. For the purposes of this letter, and after discussion, experience, and review by the Earl Marshal, masks are considered inhibitory to heavy fighting activities.

As a summary and with repetition, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee have very similar guidelines which distill to the following 2 points:

- 1) Practices can have no more than 50 people
- 2) masks and social distancing must be utilized while not actively fighting.

The hosting Marshal is responsible for seeing that the guidelines are enforced.

Source Documents:

Arkansas:

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/.../Face_Covering... Persons participating in athletic activities where a six feet distance is not achievable, but a mask is inhibitory to the activity or active exercise;

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/.../SportsTeamCommunityD...> For outdoor sports, face coverings must be worn when not actively participating in an outdoor sports activity and there is not ample space to maintain physical distancing of six (6) feet between persons. Face coverings must be worn while actively participating, if the face covering is not inhibitory to the activity

For indoor sports, face coverings must be worn at all times, except when a face covering is inhibitory while actively participating.

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/.../directive_large... The performers/players/contestants must be separated by at least 12 feet and must be limited in number to 50 or fewer.

Mississippi

<https://www.sos.ms.gov/.../execu.../ExecutiveOrders/1516.pdf> 1.A.VI - Persons engaged in exercising in fitness or exercise gyms or other sports activity are not required to wear masks.

<https://www.sos.ms.gov/.../execu.../ExecutiveOrders/1522.pdf> Group Gathering (Social Distancing is NOT Possible)
1.B.c - Public and Private Social Gatherings shall be limited to no more than 10 people in a single indoor space or groups of 50 people in an outdoor space where individuals not in the same household are in close proximity to each other.

Tennessee

<https://www.tn.gov/.../covi.../economic-recovery/sports.html> wearing a cloth face covering may not be possible while actively participating in a certain athletic activity (e.g., swimming, distance running, high-intensity aerobic activity), but participants should wear a face covering when not actively engaged in physical activity (e.g., on the bench or in the dug-out or team room).

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/.../exec-orders-lee38...> Gathering of no more than 50.

Once again, everyone is encouraged to read and apply these guidelines.

Please direct any questions to the Earl Marshal.

Thank you all for the tremendous patience during the Pax Covida.

Lay on!

Caillin & Danielle, King & Queen, Gleann Abhann

Addison, Kingdom Seneschal

Drogo, Earl Marshal



Credit Maccabees for planting Rome's Jewish roots and the Romans for memorializing the menorah

By J. Correspondent | December 7, 2001

ROME — The election of Riccardo Di Segni as the new chief rabbi of Rome opens the latest chapter in the tumultuous life of a Jewish community that traces its history back to the days of the Maccabees.

Di Segni was elected earlier this month to replace Elio Toaff, who is retiring at age 86 after 50 years in Italy's most prominent Jewish religious post.

The new chief rabbi stressed his sense of duty in becoming the religious leader of what is considered the oldest continuous Jewish community in Europe.

"I will be the guardian of the memory of this community, which has never moved from here for more than 2,000 years," he said. "We have resisted everything, including infamy. We are faithful and proud of these places."

While Jews may have settled in Rome in the third century BCE, it was the Maccabees' successful revolt against the Syrian king Antiochus in the second century BCE that put the community on the map.

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The festival of Chanukah was established on the 25th of Kislev, 165 BCE, when Judah Maccabee, his brothers and his volunteer army held a ceremony to rededicate the Temple after their victory.

Only four years later, in 161 BCE, Judah sent a diplomatic mission to Rome in an attempt to forge an alliance against the Syrians and preserve the Jews' precarious independence.

"It was natural to solicit the sympathy and support of the great new power in the west," the scholar Cecil Roth wrote in his "History of the Jews in Italy."

The names of the Maccabees' Jewish ambassadors are known: Jason ben Eleazar and Eupolemos ben Johanan.

Written accounts tell how they appeared before the Roman Senate and received pledges of friendship and protection.

"These details are by no means insignificant," Roth wrote. "These are the first Jews to be in Italy, or to visit Europe, who are known to us by name," and are "the spiritual ancestors of Western Jewry as a whole."

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Further diplomatic missions were dispatched in coming years by Judah's brothers Jonathan and Simon, who succeeded him.

In 139 BCE, Simon sent envoys to Rome "with a great shield of gold of a thousand pound weight to confirm the [alliance] with them," Roth wrote.

From that time on, the Jewish presence in Rome has been constant. Today, Rome's 15,000 Jews make up the largest Jewish community in Italy, which has about 35,000 Jews in all.

The Rome community was much bigger in ancient times.

It swelled to some 50,000, or 10 percent of the population, after the arrival of Jewish slaves and prisoners brought back after the Romans — led by the Emperor Vespasian and his son Titus — conquered Jerusalem and, in 70 C.E., destroyed the Second Temple.

The Roman Forum's Arch of Titus, which commemorates the sack of Jerusalem, has become one of the most powerful symbols of the diaspora. Its carvings depict the emperor's triumphant procession carrying loot from the Temple, including a large, seven-branched menorah.

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The arch became such a powerful symbol that Roman Jews refused to walk under it. It was only in 1948, with the founding of the state of Israel, that they passed through it in a solemn procession — in the direction opposite to that taken by the triumphant ancient processions.

The menorah on the arch served as the model for the menorah symbol used on the emblem of the state of Israel.

Other archaeological remains, including a synagogue and Jewish catacombs, also bear testimony to the antiquity of Rome's Jewish community.

The synagogue, located at the site of Rome's ancient port, Ostia Antica, was discovered in 1961. It is believed to date from the latter part of the first century C.E., and was remodeled at the end of the third century.

In ancient times, Ostia was a bustling port at the mouth of the Tiber, but its site today is inland because of the changing coastline. The remains on the ancient port form an archaeological zone reminiscent of a mini Pompeii.

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The ruined synagogue has a clearly visible ark decorated with carvings of a menorah, lulav and shofar. There also is a room with an oven that may have been used to bake matzah.

Oil lamps decorated with menorah also were found. One of the most interesting finds was a Greek inscription on a tablet, in which a local Jew named Mithridates praises himself for having donated the ark.

The menorah, lulav (palm branch) and shofar were the three symbols most representative of Jews in ancient times, and they appear frequently on ancient Jewish tombs.

Five Jewish catacombs have survived from Roman times, mainly from the third and fourth centuries C.E.

In addition to Jewish symbols, they are decorated with vivid paintings showing animals, plants, geometric forms and even human figures.

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The Vatican Museum has the largest collection of Hebrew inscriptions and epitaphs from the Jewish catacombs. Nearly 200 are on display, some showing exceptionally detailed relief carvings.

Many are decorated with representations of ritual objects, including the menorah plundered by the Romans from the Temple in Jerusalem.

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<https://www.jweekly.com/2001/12/07/credit-maccabees-for-planting-rome-s-jewish-roots-and-the-romans-for-memori/>



From the Coronet

From the Baron & Baroness:

Nothing new to report, stay safe.

Baron Dafydd, OP
Baroness Tegan, OP
Axemoor



From the Seneschal

I have a new deputy Katie McCloud and will introduce her in the next meeting.

All reports are up to date.

Projects for our COVID down time are to review policies and procedures, do our annual inventory, and make an updated info list on potential sites for the future.



From the Exchequer

I put in all the paperwork to change bank signatures.

Third quarter report was submitted on time



From the Arts and Science Minister

People are making stuff.



From the Knight's Marshal



Fighter Practice: To be determined.



From the Chatelaine

Lady Kittah would still like a deputy.



From the Historian

Nothing to report.



From the Web Mistress

If you notice any changes or updates that need to be done, please get with her.



From the Chronicler

I would like any type of info for the newsletter – ie, a newbie series, how to articles, class handouts, officer reports – Any type of info is welcomed!

- Thank you Shoiel for helping with (doing) the newsletter.



From the Herald

Nothing new to report.

If you would like help with your device, badge or any heraldry type thing, please get with him. He has worked on scrolls for both Kingdom and Baronial. **Side Note – Floki has volunteered to digitize your arms for you.



From the Quartermaster

Stuff is in the trailer, trailer is in its storage yard.

We have a new pavilion top.



From the Constable

The few items we have haven't gone anywhere. All is calm within the Barony.

From the Demo Coordinator

All demos are cancelled until further notice.



*Social Distancing by Niccolleto Giganti.
(1606)*

Upcoming Events

Calendar kingdom

**NONE due to COVID-19
RESTRICTIONS**

Axemoor Calendar

Regular events	Date	Time	Location
Populace meetings	Second Tuesday of each month	7 pm	Meetings are currently virtual. Link on next page
Fighter Practice	Wednesday night	7 pm	Heritage Park, Slidell
	Sunday afternoon	1 pm	On hold.
Sewing circle			

Axemoor Populace Meeting link and other info

Time: Nov 10, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Tue, until Apr 13, 2021, 6 occurrence(s)

~~Nov 10, 2020 07:00 PM~~

Dec 8, 2020 07:00 PM

Jan 12, 2021 07:00 PM

Feb 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 13, 2021 07:00 PM

Monthly:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83612166643?pwd=Ym4yVU5BK3hwSEY0VGJXMEVGYkY3UT09&fbclid=IwAR3NjlRxDJquzutDL6s70t-Krf25kHzzvWf49VAmv8T8p1498BS9-2S3atg>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83612166643...>

Meeting ID: 836 1216 6643

Passcode: 778121



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