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**“HANUKKAH ILLUMINATED: A BOOK OF DAYS”
with Celebrated Guests Ellen Frank and Everett Fox**

[East Hampton, New York . . .] The **Jewish Center of the Hamptons, 44 Woods Lane**, in **East Hampton**, announces a special **Hanukkah Program** with artist **Ellen Frank** and Hebrew scholar **Everett Fox** on **Sunday, December 10th** at **10:00 am**. They will give back-and-forth dramatic readings from **Hanukkah Illuminated: A Book of Days**, using Ms. Frank's gold leaf illuminated art and Professor Fox's texts. Professor Fox will focus on significant transformations of Jewish holidays, and on how **Hanukkah Illuminated: A Book of Days** can contribute to a startling revival as holiday and art move from darkness to light, from war to peace. This is the first time an illuminated manuscript in the tradition of the great Hebrew manuscripts has been written in English, and the first time the holiday of Hanukkah has been honored with art and text.

Ellen Frank's careers as painter, writer, and scholar are interwoven into her beautifully illuminated paintings. Her many awards in painting, book design and scholarship include a Fulbright Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts, Ford Foundation grant, Pollock-Krasner Award in Painting, and the New York Foundation for the Arts. For the past decade Ms. Frank has been creating and exhibiting her illuminated manuscripts, murals and scrolls that incorporate 22-karat gold leaf and other precious metals. She is founder and Artistic Director of the non-profit foundation Ellen Frank Illumination Arts Foundation, Inc.,

devoted to reviving the art of illumination while using art as a tool for peace and understanding.

Everett Fox is Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at Clark University. Professor Fox is the translator of *The Five Books of Moses: A New Translation with Introductions, Commentary, and Notes* (called The Schocken Bible) which was published by Schocken Books in 1995. and *Give Us a King A New Translation of the Book of Samuel* which appeared in 1999. In addition to his academic duties and wide publications, Prof. Fox served as a religious consultant to DreamWorks on the animated film *The Prince of Egypt*, and also introduced an exhibit of paintings and drawings on the David story by American-Israeli artist Schwebel at the Yeshiva University Museum.

Bagels and coffee will be served at 9:30 am. This event is free of charge and open to the community. For further information, please call Cathie Gandel, 324-9858, Ext. 311.