



# Sharei Chessed Congregation

## שערי חסד

**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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## Vayehi - ויחי

**January 14, 2017 – 16 Tevet 5777**

This is the last portion in Bereshit, the Book of Genesis.

Last week's Parasha described how Jacob and his entire family, because of the famine, went down to Egypt at Joseph and Pharaoh's invitation. This week, we learn that Jacob lived his final 17 years in Egypt. Before dying he made his son Joseph promise him by oath that he will be buried in Canaan, in the Cave of Machpela, where Abraham and Isaac are buried.

Jacob blesses Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephraim. He recognizes their great qualities and gives them the great honor that, in the future, parents will pray to God to make them like Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob then calls all his children and blesses his 12 sons, mentioning their strengths and failings. When Jacob dies there is a huge funeral procession involving his entire family and many Egyptians as they accompany Jacob to his resting place in Canaan.

The Torah reading ends with Joseph telling his brothers not to feel bad for selling him as a slave since this was God's plan for him to be in Egypt to save humanity during the years of famine. He also asks his brothers that, when the time comes for them to leave Egypt and go to the Promised Land, that they should take his remains with them and bury him in the Promised Land.

We complete the Book of Genesis by saying "Hazak, Hazak, Venithazek".

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## "Mr. Gaga" - Tuesday Evening January 17th

Enter the world of Ohad Naharin, renowned choreographer and artistic director of Batsheva Dance Company. "Mr. Gaga", a film eight years in the making, captures the elusive beauty of contemporary dance and immerses the audience in the creative process behind Batsheva's unique performances. Using intimate rehearsal footage, extensive unseen archive materials, and stunning dance sequences, acclaimed director Tomer Heymann (*Paper Dolls*, *I Shot My Love*) tells the fascinating story of an artistic genius who redefined the language of modern dance. It is a documentary which is earning awards in many countries.

By the way, Ohad Naharin was a student of our own Judith Ingber when he was starting out. Judith even has a cameo in the film!!

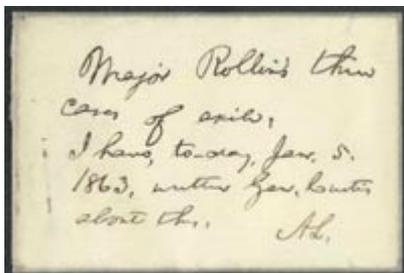
The film will be shown at Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, at 6:30 P.M. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information on the event, call Northrop at 612-624-2345.

For more information on the film, go to [www.mrgagathefilm.com](http://www.mrgagathefilm.com)



## This Day in Jewish History—16 Tevet



In 1863, General Ulysses S. Grant was instructed to revoke Order No. 11, which had called for the expulsion of all Jews from Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi. During the Civil War, smugglers were illegally selling southern cotton to the northern textile factories. Grant, commander of U.S. Army forces, believed that Jews were primarily behind this illegal cotton trade, and he decided to expel all Jews from southern

territory. Grant wrote: "No Jews are to be permitted to travel on the railroad southward from any point... The [region] must be purged of them." Based on Grant's orders, Jews were expelled from their homes, including 20 families from the town of Paducah alone. Some Jews were denied rail transportation and had to flee northward on foot. Those who did not cooperate were thrown into prison. Jewish community leaders immediately arranged a meeting at the White House with President Lincoln, who cancelled the expulsion order. Grant, who would later become U.S. president, never offered any explanation or apology and Grant deliberately omitted the episode from his autobiography. He did, however, show some "remorse" by appointing many Jews to public office, speaking out against anti-Semitism in Europe, and becoming the first president to visit the land of Israel.

(courtesy of Aish.com—"Day in Jewish History")

## Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Leonid Zabezhinsky

Happy Anniversary to:

- Amanda and Berek Awend

## Condolences to:

Gail and Greg Kenton and their family on the passing of Greg's father Phillip, who passed away on Friday January 6th. The funeral was held this past week in Las Vegas.

May the memory of Phillip Kenton always be for a blessing:

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים.

“May God comfort you together with all the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.”

## The Battle for Israel's Soul—Thursday January 19th

All too often in the Jewish Community, we are not able to model how to speak with one another about Israel from polar opposite perspectives. Join us in Mendota Heights Thursday evening January 19th at 7:00 P.M. as Beth Jacob Congregation hosts J.J. Goldberg from the Forward and Jonathan Tobin from Commentary Magazine, exploring how to "debate in a respectful manner" the battle for Israel's soul moving forward.

There is no charge for this event. The program is being underwritten by the Beth Jacob Pertzik Special Programming Endowment Fund, Mt. Zion Congregation and the JCRC, and is co-sponsored by Temple of Aaron and By The Rivers.

Beth Jacob, Mount Zion Congregation & the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas  
Present

### The Battle for Israel's Soul: From Left to Right

7 pm Thursday, January 19 • Beth Jacob Congregation

Co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, Temple of Aaron, and By The Rivers



Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples sharing the same land – or in a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamist terrorism? Is partition into two states the only way to ensure Israel's survival – or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel's survival? Join us as American Jewish thought leaders J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of the Forward & post U.S. bureau chief of Jerusalem Report, and Jonathan Tobin, senior online editor of Commentary Magazine, debate these and other crucial suppositions about the State of Israel.

Significant support for this program comes from Beth Jacob's Pertzik Special Programming Endowment Fund.

# Yahrzeits for week of January 14 - January 20, 2017

## 16 Tevet - 22 Tevet 5777

### Please help with the daily Minyan

#### Yahrzeit of

#### Remembered by

#### Saturday, January 14th (16 Tevet)

Batya Gutzuskaya	Batya Tova bat Bentzion	Rita Grinberg
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#### Sunday, January 15th (17 Tevet)

Nathan Bolnick	Nisson ben Barel	
Rachel Murachavska	Rachel bat Avrum	Boris Gerber

#### Monday, January 16th (18 Tevet)

Jack Tanick	Yakov ben Avraham	Paul Tanick
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#### Tuesday, January 17th (19 Tevet)

Frank Grater	Ephraim ben Eliahu v'Faiga	Sylvia Burnstein
Yevgenya Peskin	Shayndel bat Simcha	Yevgenya Peskin

#### Wednesday, January 18th (20 Tevet)

Alexander Budilovskiy		Yefim Budilovskiy
Esther Peysman	Esther bat Moshe	Avrum Peysman & Emiliya Pogorelsky
Rebecca Peysman	Rivka bat Moshe	Avrum Peysman & Emiliya Pogorelsky
Zipporah Peysman	Zipporah bat Yakov	Avrum Peysman & Emiliya Pogorelsky
Michael Sakalovich	Michael ben Chaim	Luba Zevelev

#### Thursday, January 19th (21 Tevet)

Minnie Beugen	Mina bat Mordechai	Corrine & Morris Toretzky
Arthur Wise	Anshel ben Pinchas	Gertrude Alch

#### Friday, January 20th (22 Tevet)

Liba Feigina	Liba bat Moshe	Marat Feygin
Jack Garelick		Jaymee Chanen
Ralph Singer	Rachmael ben Ahron	Adrienne Tanick

**May their memories always be for a blessing.**