

# Sharei Chesed Congregation שערי חסד

#### Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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# Eeshalah - בשלח February 11, 2017 – 15 Shevat 5777 Tu B'Shvat—טייו בשבט

This Shabbat we read the portion of Beshalah. This Shabbat is also known as Shabbat Shirah, the Shabbat of the song, because this Parasha contains the Song that Moses and the Children of Israel sang upon crossing the Sea of Reeds.

In addition to the description of the parting of the sea, this Parasha also includes the story of the Manna that will be their food for the next forty years. One of the qualities of the Manna is that you could prepare it in any way you wish. For some it was wonderful as you could pretend that it is one of your favorite foods, and it would feel and taste like that food. For others it was too boring having the same thing, day after day. In the course of their journey, they will complain that it is dry and rotten. Like everything in life, some people think they got a lemon, while others make lemonade and are very happy with it.

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#### Did You Know That ...

Today is 'Scout Shabbat', a program of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting—part of the Boy Scouts of America. The mission of NJCOS is to prepare young Jews to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of Judaism as expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Sharei Chesed salutes our own Rafi Bryant-Strauss who has been a Scout for many years and who proudly wears the Boy Scouts uniform. Yishar Koach, Rafi!!

#### **Purim is Coming!!**

Mark your calendars:

Saturday Evening March 11th:

- Purim Services at 6:30 P.M. Sunday Morning March 12th:
- Reading of the Megillah at 8:30 A.M. Sunday Evening March 12th:
- Annual Purim Party at 5:30 P.M.



## This Day in Jewish History—15 Shevat



On this date in 1925, the Technion opened in Haifa, becoming Israel's first modern university. Albert Einstein served as president of the first Technion Society. Today, Technion graduates comprise the majority of Israeli-educated scientists and engineers, and Israel is now home to the greatest concentration of high-tech start up companies anywhere outside of the Silicon Valley. High-tech industry accounts for more than 54% of Israel's industrial exports. In Israel, nine out of every 1,000 workers are engaged in R&D, nearly double the rate of the U.S. and Japan. More

achievements: The Technion is credited with the birth of fiber-optics. In 1998, the Technion became the fifth university worldwide to successfully design, build, and launch its own satellite. In 2004, two Technion professors received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their research in the protein breakdown in cells.

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

### **Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### Happy Birthday to:

- Arnie Burton
- Ragna Colton
- Henni Ettedgui
- Aaron Geller
- Ida Grinberg
- Raisa Gringauz
- David Kaganovich
- Greg Kenton
- Miles (Sonny) Snyder

#### **Happy Anniversary to:**

- Phyllis and Berle Richman
- Lyudmila and Gregory Gittsovich
- Angelika and Leonard Kats

### **Today's Special Kiddush Luncheon**

We hope you will stay with us after services today as we celebrate Tu B'Shvat with our annual Tu B'Shvat seder during our regular Kiddush luncheon. We'll enjoy the 'Seven Species', taste wine from Israel and sing songs—all in commemoration of the 'New Year of Trees'. Today's seder is sponsored by Richard Woldorsky and Diane Aronson—thank you!!

# Jewish Agency Mission to Greece—June 21-25, 2017

The Jewish Agency for Israel is sponsoring a Mission to Greece which will take place from June 21 thru June 25, 2017. Our friend and Sharei Chesed member Mort Naiman, formerly of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, is now Senior Vice-President for Global Philanthropy for The Jewish Agency, and he is working with his partners at the Agency to help promote this trip.

Titled "Mission to Greece: A Jewish Community Past, Present and Future", this trip will be a chance to show solidarity with members of this special Jewish community in both Athens and Thessaloniki. The trip will include tours of historic sites, visits to the Jewish Day School in Athens, the Jewish Museum and a Jewish summer camp. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy Shabbat Services at the Beit Shalom Synagogue followed by home hospitality and participation in a remembrance ceremony paying tribute to the thousands of Greek Jews that perished in the Holocaust.

If you would like further information, you can go to http://www.shareichesed.org/happenings.html, or you can contact Mort directly at 612-968-9102, or by E-mail at mortonn@jafi.org



#### Yahrzeits for week of February 11 - February 17, 2017 15 Shevat - 21 Shevat 5777 Please help with the daily Minyan

<u>Yahrzeit of</u> <u>Remembered by</u>

Saturday, February 11th (15 Shevat)

Musya Barchiy Musya bat Moshe v'Rachel Angelika Kats Hilda Libson Hinda bat Yosef Barry Libson

Josif Mishelevich Yosef ben Feivel

Toba Fuf Toba bat Avraham Esther and Eddy Rubinstein

Ella Weiss Eva Gross

Sunday, February 12th (16 Shevat)

Myron Burton Myron ben Benyamin v'Dora Arnold Burton

Carol Kowitz Cantor Mitchell Kowitz

Burnelle Kobus Jeppesen Mary Lutz

Monday, February 13th (17 Shevat)

Fred Noah Gordon Joy Gordon Iames Gottlieb Maddie Braufman

Avraham Grinberg Avraham ben Chaim Shlomo Chezar Grinberg and Ita Teyvel

Ruth Tanick Rifka bat Nahum Fran Rhodes

Vera Wilensky Vera bat Yehoshua Yecheskel

Milton Zien Steve Zien

Tuesday, February 14th (18 Shevat)

Froim Averboch Froim ben Mendel Mina Grinberg
Myra Schafer Gennady Geyfman

Wednesday, February 15th (19 Shevat)

Basia Averboch Basia bat Salman Mina Grinberg

Sara Melamed Sara bat Elek

Thursday, February 16th (20 Shevat)

Victor Bartnof Avigdor ben Moshe Ruth Bartnof

Liya Galkina Liya bat Lev Natalie Zabezhinsky

& Marina Bershadsky

Helen Kobus Mary Lutz

Reva Bayla Sapozhnikova Rakhil & Arkady Neydelman

Friday, February 17th (21 Shevat)

Vladimir Gendel Vladimir ben Israel Galena Mazelev & Julia Kravchenko

Dvoira Gershman Dvoira bat Srul Liya and Emma Shapiro

May their memories always be for a blessing.