



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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February 18, 2017 – 22 Shevat 5777

Matan Torah—The Giving of the Torah

This week's Parasha is named after Moses' father-in-law Yitro—Jethro. He is given credit for giving Moses good advice in how to administer the people that were just liberated from slavery. Yitro noticed how everyone was coming to Moses to solve their problems. They kept Moses busy from morning to night. Yitro advised Moses to appoint qualified individuals who can serve as judges and bring to Moses only cases that they cannot solve.

In this portion we have the Giving of the Torah, when Moses was called upon to ascent Mount Sinai. He was told to mark for the people where they should stand when G-d will descend upon the mountain to give them the Torah. Only Moses and his brother Aaron were allowed on the mountain during this time. G-d then spoke the Ten Commandments. They are:

- 1) Belief in G-d.
- 2) Not to worship idols.
- 3) Not to take G-d's name in vain.
- 4) To keep the Shabbat.
- 5) To honor parents.
- 6) Not to murder.
- 7) Not to commit adultery.
- 8) Not to steal.
- 9) Not to bear false witness.
- 10) Not to covet another's property.

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Did You Know That ...

As we approach the holiday of Purim, you may not know that the town of Fossano, Italy was the site of another 'Purim' miracle in the year 1796. France was in the throes of its revolution, and Italy was the scene of battle between French and Austrian forces, with the French forces led by their new commander-in-chief, Napoleon Bonaparte.

Just before Passover in that year, the French laid siege to the town of Fossano, but the Jews of the town were determined to celebrate the festival in spite of the bombardment, as well as the hatred of their Christian neighbors who spread accusations of the terrible 'blood-libel' and conducted mob attacks against the community.

On the 4th night of Passover, the French bombardment was more deadly than ever, but hardly any bombs fell in the Jewish ghetto. This was all the excuse the Christian mob needed for an all-out attack against the Jews. They broke into homes and stores and pillaged what they could, finally reaching the synagogue where the Jews were huddled together awaiting the inevitable attack. Suddenly, a shell from a French cannon burst thru the synagogue wall directly in front of the attackers, who fled in terror, throwing away their spoil as they ran. Soon after, the French captured the city, and the Jews finally felt safe.

For many years afterward, the Jews of Fossano observed the 4th day of Passover as a day of celebration to G-d for their miraculous salvation.

(courtesy of 'chabad.org')



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—22 Shevat

Yahrtzeit of Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, Poland (1787-1859), the great chassidic leader known as the Kotzker Rebbe. He was said to be completely uncompromising in the quest for faith, honesty and truth. He abhorred rote piety, and taught his followers that they must renew their quest for self-knowledge and truth on a daily basis. He is known for his sharp wit and catchy phrases, for example: "Where is God? Wherever you let Him in."

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Sybille Aaron
- Bronya Bryants
- Bruce Cohen
- Bruce Colton
- Linda Ettedgui
- Gail Kenton

Happy Anniversary to:

- Nicole and Sean Colton

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

We hope you will stay with us for our regular Kiddush luncheon immediately following services today. Today's luncheon is sponsored by Julie and Bruce Cohen in honor of Bruce's birthday, and the anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. Mazal Tov!!

Twin Cities Masorti National Gala—Sunday April 2nd

Save the date - Sunday evening April 2nd at 5:30 P.M. - for the Twin Cities Masorti National Gala, to be held at Adath Jeshurun Congregation. The gala will honor Rabbi Harold Kravitz, Rabbi Michael Graetz, Louis Newman, and Rabbi Amy Eilberg. Dinner will be served, followed by the program.

'Masorti' represents the Conservative movement in Israel, and promotes egalitarianism, pluralism and freedom. Sharei Chesed is proud to be a part of the Masorti movement.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.shareichesed.org/happenings.html>

or contact Debra Krawetz at dkrawetz@mac.com



Masorti Foundation

Yahrzeits for week of February 18 - February 24, 2017

22 Shevat - 28 Shevat 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, February 18th (22 Shevat)

Israel Lipnik	Israel ben Nisan	Tony Lipnik
Fayge Malamudman	Fayge bat Usher	Alex Malamudman
Julius Polikoff	Yoel ben Eliyahu Mendel haLev	Steven Tillinger
Merram Zelman	Raiza bat Mechel Zelman	Alexandra Teplitsky
Shulem Zelman		Alexandra Teplitsky

Sunday, February 19th (23 Shevat)

Mollye Hyatt	Malka bat Yehuda v'Besay
Alex Weingarden	Eliahu ben Avraham Shepsel
Joe Wilensky	Yosef ben Shaul

Monday, February 20th (24 Shevat)

Eda Katsman	Eda bat Yosef	Tatyana Estrina
Anne Axelrod	Chana bat Jacob v'Sarah	Steve Zien
Marem Fishman	Miriam bat Eliezer	Stella and Simon Fishman
Abraham Miller	Avraham bar Eliezer	Bernie Miller

Tuesday, February 21st (25 Shevat)

Margaret Bass	Miriam bat Yehuda	Larry Bass & Shirley Politz
Bertha Bearmon	Bella bat Yitzchak	Lee Bearman
Sarah Blicher	Sarah Leah bat Shul Mendel	Zola Blicher
Phillip Gubman	Shraga ben Baruch Shlomo	
Becky Gubman	Golda Rivka bat Lev	
Frank Kobus		Mary Lutz
Jim Kobus		Mary Lutz

Wednesday, February 22nd (26 Shevat)

Anatoly Altmark	Anatoly ben Leib	
Zelda Fridland	Zelda bat Chaim v'Mara	Solomon Fridland
Rose Udell	Rachel bat Chaim Hanoch	

Thursday, February 23rd (27 Shevat)

Dora Rosen	Sara Dvora bat Yeshua Yechezkel	
Alex Plitman	Eliyahu ben Yitzchak v'Etel	Lee Reinharz
Tzivia Zilberman	Tzivia bat Avram	Rakhil Zilberman

Friday, February 24th (28 Shevat)

Moses Pisarenko	Moshe ben Avraham	Maria Pisarenko
Jerry Banwell		Maddie Banwell

May their memories always be for a blessing.