



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Toldot - תולדות

December 3, 2016 – 3 Kislev 5777

This weeks parasha begins with Rebecca and Isaac wanting a child. They have been married for twenty years and are still childless. Isaac prays for Rebecca and his prayer is answered. They don't get just one child but a set of twins, two boys who are different in their physical appearance as well as in their character and the path they will chose in life. We read that Esau came out first, but his brother Jacob was holding to his brother's heel, as if to say, I want to be first. The struggle, as to who of the twins will inherit the birthright and continue the family's traditions, will last throughout their lives.

Isaac likes Esau but Rebecca likes Jacob. The first story tells of Jacob buying the birthright from Esau for a meal of bread and a stew of lentils.

There is a famine in the land of Canaan just like it happened during the days of Abraham. Isaac considers going down to Egypt, just like Abraham did; however, God appears to Isaac and instructs him not to go to Egypt but to remain in the land. God renews the promises made to Abraham and that they will bestowed on Isaac and his descendants.

Isaac goes to Gerar in the land of the Philistines, where he prospers tremendously. The Philistines envy him and fill his wells with dirt. Isaac moves on towards Beer Sheva. (cont.)

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Parashat Toldot (cont.)

When Isaac is old and almost blind, he asks his son Esau to prepare for him some game, so that he can bless him before he dies. Rebecca instructs Jacob to pretend that he is Esau so that he can get the blessings. This story of deceit will haunt Jacob and his descendants for years to come. It will force Jacob to flee to Haran in Mesopotamia.

LIFE & LEGACY™ Campaign at Sharei Chesed

Sharei Chesed is proud to be participating in the LIFE & LEGACY™ campaign, a 4-year partnership program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation (HGF) that assists communities across North



America, through partnerships with Jewish Federations and Foundations, to promote after-lifetime giving to benefit Jewish day schools, synagogues, social service organizations and other Jewish entities. Our Vice-President David Feldshon is the chairman of Sharei Chesed's LIFE & LEGACY committee. He and his team will be reaching out to our members and friends in the very near future to begin a conversation about legacy giving, starting with the question, "What will your legacy be?"

For more information, see our current newsletter, or go to 'shareichesed.org' and click on the LIFE & LEGACY banner.



A program of the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul and the Minneapolis Jewish Federation, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

This Day in Jewish History—3 Kislev



Yahrzeit of Emma Lazarus (1849-1887), the American poet whose words are engraved on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Michael Aaron
- Gina Budman
- Mitchell Kaye
- Eli Sirotin
- Erik Sosunov
- Lauren Zabeshinsky

Happy Anniversary to:

- Sue and Ronald Bearman

Countdown to Hanukkah

22 Days Until Hanukkah!!



Kabbalat Shabbat—Friday Evening December 9th

Our next Kabbalat Shabbat will be on Friday evening December 9th, when our guest speaker will be Marc Grossfield, founder and CEO of Tzfat Spirits of Israel, headquartered in Minneapolis. Marc is the inventor of Aviv 613 Vodka - a luxury vodka like no other, and the only vodka made with the 7 species of the Land of Israel that are listed in the Torah. His is a story of great inspiration and spirituality. You definitely won't want to miss it!!

Contact the synagogue office by Monday morning to make your reservations.



Yahrzeits for week of December 3 - December 9, 2016

3 Kislev - 9 Kislev 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, December 3rd (3 Kislev)

Masha Lipnik	Mariam bat BenTzion	Marat Feygin and Tony Lipnik
Albert Reuben Stein	Eliyahu Ruvayn ben Behr	

Sunday, December 4th (4 Kislev)

Rose Aletky	Devorah Razel bat Yosef	
Esther Cohen	Esther Chana bat Yehudah Leib	Steve Tillinger
Tillie Cohen	Tzipora bat Sinai	Shelly Zien
Moris Kaganovich		David Kaganovich
Abe Rappaport	Avrohom Abisz ben Yosef Yitzhak	Gertrude Rappaport

Monday, December 5th (5 Kislev)

Berek Awend	Barel ben Shlomo	Sol Awend
Burton Frederick	Baruch Leib ben Zisl Frederick	Rosalie Hulse Larson
Bertha Shlimovitz		Rene Fishman

Tuesday, December 6th (6 Kislev)

Susan Lea	Bracha Leah bat Haskel	
Joseph Schoenzeit	Yosef ben Tzve Ari	

Wednesday, December 7th (7 Kislev)

Sam Karter	Shimon ben Eliezer	Phil Karter
Samuel Richman	Shmuel ben Moshe v'Ida Sarah	Berle Richman

Thursday, December 8th (8 Kislev)

Steven Dolgoff	Shabtai Shmuel ben Asher Myer	
Rose Hork		Shelly Zien
Sara Dvorah Vodovoz	Sara Dvora bat Anshel Asher haLevi	Ruben Vodovoz

Friday, December 9th (9 Kislev)

Benjamin Burton		Arnie Burton
Harvey Fishman		Rene Fishman
Morris Weingarden	Moshe Yosef ben Avraham Shepsel	

May their memories always be for a blessing.