



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שְׁעָרֵי חֶסֶד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayetzei - וַיֵּצֵא

December 10, 2016 – 10 Kislev 5777

When Rebecca heard that Esau was planning to kill Jacob once Isaac is gone, she told Isaac that she was not happy with the Canaanite girls. She would like to see Jacob go to her brother Laban in Haran and marry one of his daughters. Isaac calls Jacob and urges him to go to Haran. This Parasha begins with the words, “Vayetze Yakov Mi Beer Sheva—Vayelech Harana” - Jacob departed from Beer Sheva and headed towards Haran.

On his way to his uncle Laban’s, when night falls, Jacob lays down and dreams of a ladder that stretches up from earth to heaven. He sees angels of God ascending and descending the ladder. God is standing over him and God blesses him and promises him that He will protect him on his journey. The next morning, Jacob sets up a memorial on the spot where he slept and calls it Bet El—the House of God.

When Jacob arrives in Haran, he goes to the community’s well where shepherds gather to give water to their flocks and where the (cont.)

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Parashat Vayetzei (cont.)

girls come to fetch water. He meets Rachel and finds out that she is Laban's daughter. He falls in love with her and makes a deal with Laban—that he would work for seven years for Laban, for the privilege of marrying Rachel.

Jacob, the guy who misled his father and received the firstborn's blessing in error, will have many deceits in his life. The first one is that Laban, on the night of the wedding, gives him Leah, Rachel's older sister, instead of Rachel for whom he worked for seven years. This is just the first of many deceits that Jacob will face.

Countdown to Hanukkah

15 Days Until Hanukkah!!



This Day in Jewish History—10 Kislev



In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat addressed the Knesset in Jerusalem. Sadat was the first Arab leader to officially visit Israel, after receiving an invitation from Menachem Begin. Sadat had orchestrated the Egyptian attack on Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, but after suffering defeat became resigned to the existence of the State of Israel. Much of the

Arab world was outraged by Sadat's visit and his change of strategy. One year later, Sadat and Begin signed the Camp David Peace Agreement, for which they received the Nobel Peace Prize. As part of the deal, Israel withdrew from the Sinai peninsula in phases, returning the entire area to Egypt by 1983.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Dmitry Gringauz
- Marina Guterman
- Yana Zolotov

Mazel Tov to:

- **Bruce and Ragna Colton on their 51st wedding anniversary. Bruce and Ragna will be sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon on Saturday December 24th.**
- **Maurice and Roz Etedgui on the birth of another great-grandson in Israel.**

Annual Hanukkah Party—Sunday December 25th

Join us for our annual Hanukkah party and dinner Sunday afternoon December 25th at 5:30 P.M.

Besides a wonderful Hanukkah dinner (vegetarian option available by request), there will be music, a talent show, games and prizes. Our religious school students will be performing as well.

And, because our party this year is on December 25th, we'll be serving both Jewish and Chinese cuisine - call it 'Menorahs and Mandarin'!!

Space is limited. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY NOON ON MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH.** Call the synagogue office at 763-545-8800. Hope to see you there!!



Yahrzeits for week of December 10 - December 16, 2016

10 Kislev - 16 Kislev 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, December 10th (10 Kislev)

Jerry Edwin Feldman

Remembered by

Gail Kenton

Sunday, December 11th (11 Kislev)

Harold Doroshow

Robin Doroshow

Monday, December 12th (12 Kislev)

Yelizaveta Gittsovich

Leah bat Gershon

Lyudmila & Gregory Gittsovich

Anna Hodroff

Chana bat Eliezer

Tuesday, December 13th (13 Kislev)

Herman Flauman

Cantor Mitchell Kowitz

Khaya Frid

Khaya bat Mordechai

Jack Radin

Rivia and Harold (Red) Goldberg

Wednesday, December 14th (14 Kislev)

Peter Cohen

Pesach ben Yehuda Lev

Hans Shaw

Neal Joffee

Thursday, December 15th (15 Kislev)

Gitel Bass

Gitel bat Yehoshua Haskel

Larry Bass & Shirley Politz

Yitzchak Zimmerman

Yitzchak ben David

Morris Toretzky

Friday, December 16th (16 Kislev)

Frida Shor

Ida Grinberg

Avigdor Vileshin

Avigdor ben Naphtali

Rachel Feldberg and Tanya Feldberg

Wolf ben Zien

Steve Zien

May their memories always be for a blessing.

Sharei Chesed's Year-End Campaign

This year, the High Holy Days came late. We feel that we have just finished thanking members and friends for their contributions to our Yom Kippur Appeal. Now, as this calendar year draws to a close, we ask you to please consider including Sharei Chesed Congregation in your charitable giving. A tax-deductible donation to our Shul will be most appreciated.

Your gift can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. You can go to 'shareichesed.org' and click on the year-end banner at the top of the page to find a list of expenses in need of your support. All contributions will be recognized in our next Sharei Chesed newsletter.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity.