



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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וישלח - Vayishlah

December 17, 2016 – 17 Kislev 5777

Last week's parasha ended with Jacob taking his family and his assets from Haran and heading back to Canaan to be with his parents. The last time he saw them was twenty years ago, when he fled from his brother Esau who had planned to kill him for having swindled him out of his birthright and taking Isaac's blessings pretending that he was Esau.

Jacob is worried that, even after twenty years, his brother might still hate him and want to harm him. Jacob sends messengers to Esau saying that he is heading back to Israel and hoping for a reconciliation. The messengers return with the news that Esau is heading towards Jacob with 400 men. This news frightens Jacob.

He organizes his camp—the women, children, servants, shepherds and all his sheep and cattle into two groups, hoping that if war should break out one of the groups would survive. He also sends a large gift to his brother consisting of many heads of livestock, hoping that such a great gift would appease Esau. (cont.)

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Parashat Vayishlah (cont.)

The night before Jacob crosses the river to meet his brother, a man (some say angel) wrestles with Jacob all night. When this being saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he dislocates Jacob's hip and asks him to let him go. Jacob asks for a blessing, and this being tells him that from now on his name shall no longer be Jacob but Israel, since he has demonstrated that he has struggled with men and with the divine and has prevailed.

Though limping from his injury, Jacob, now Israel, faces his brother with much confidence that everything will be O.K.

Countdown to Hanukkah

8 Days Until Hanukkah!!



This Day in Jewish History—17 Kislev



In 1947, the United Nations voted in favor of the partition of Palestine. The Jewish area was split into three non-contiguous plots, with no consideration of security: the eastern Galilee, the coastal plain from Haifa down to Tel Aviv, and the majority being the uncultivable Negev desert. The other half of the land was to form a new Arab state. Jerusalem and its 100,000 Jews was to be completely surrounded on four sides by the Arab state, and administered as an international zone. Despite these unfavorable terms, the Jewish Agency immediately accepted the Partition Plan; the

Arabs immediately rejected it. Fighting began soon after, leading to a full-scale assault in 1948 by troops from Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi and Yemen.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Bonnie Farb
- Michael Grinberg
- Julie Miller
- Jane Strauss

Happy Anniversary to:

- Tanya Feldberg and Neal Joffee
- Larissa & Gennady Geyfman

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.

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 17 - December 23, 2016

17 Kislev - 23 Kislev 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, December 17th (17 Kislev)

Barney Block

Baruch Yitzchak ben Eisar

Faye Krasner & Allan Block

Sunday, December 18th (18 Kislev)

Israel Freyden

Israel ben Gershel

Rebecca Gutnick

Rebecca bat Jacob v'Sarah

Steve Zien

Sonya Vurgaft

Sasha bat Yankel

Asya Akerman

Monday, December 19th (19 Kislev)

Toba Geller

Tova bat Menashe

Esther Geller, Mark Geller, Cary Geller

Genya Khokhlovich

Genya bat Yosef

Samuil Khokhlovich

Al Margolis

Eliyahu ben Baruch

Yru Menaker

Yru ben Leib

Baruch Reznik

Baruch ben Moishe

Mariya Melamud

Aaron Shapiro

Aharon Dov ben Asher

Mariya Melamud

Leonid Sonkin

Rimma, Boris, and Dmitry Sonkin

Tuesday, December 20th (20 Kislev)

Shimon Akerman

Simon ben Huna

Asya Akerman

Bracha Shapiro

Bracha Faiga bat Avraham

Mariya Melamud

Sarah Shapiro

Sara Gelya bat Nahum Dov

Mariya Melamud

Uscher Vaynshteyn

Uscher ben Zosie

Wednesday, December 21st (21 Kislev)

Talkhum Meyerov

Mark Feldman and David Feldman

Thursday, December 22nd (22 Kislev)

Eve Shapiro

Chava bat Chaim v'Fraidl

Barb Weil

Avrohom Zilberman

Avrohom ben Moshe

Rakhil Zilberman

Friday, December 23rd (23 Kislev)

Barukh ben Wolf v'Baile

Moisey Zhuravel

Jules Brauffman

Maddy Brauffman

Raisa Feldberg

Michael Feldberg and Tanya Feldberg

May their memories always be for a blessing.