



Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayigash - ויגש

December 23, 2017 – 5 Tevet 5778

In last week's Parasha, Miketz, we left the brothers in turmoil, having been brought back before Joseph because, supposedly, Benjamin had taken Joseph's goblet. Joseph told the brothers that they can all return to Canaan, but Benjamin, in whose bag they found the goblet, must remain in Egypt.

This week's Parasha begins with Judah walking up to Joseph and pleading for his brother's release. In one of the longest speeches in the entire book of Genesis, Judah calls upon Joseph to show compassion for an elderly father who has already suffered the loss of one son. There is only Benjamin left from Rachel, whom he loved. If Jacob notices the absence of Benjamin, he might die from the shock he would suffer.

Judah offers to remain as a slave in the service of Joseph, but Benjamin should be returned to his father. Joseph can no longer hide his identity and he reveals himself to his brothers. He comforts them by saying that, although they had meant him evil when they sold him, it had really been ordered from God so that he can be at the right place to save all the people from famine. He urges them to go back to Canaan and bring Jacob and all their families to Egypt, because there are still 5 years of famine to come. All the brothers return to Canaan and inform Jacob that Joseph is still alive. He does not believe them until he sees all the food and gifts that Joseph had given them. The Parasha ends with Jacob and his family (70 souls) going down to Egypt. On the way there, Jacob receives the divine promise that God will go down with him to Egypt and will bring him back in due time.

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Welcome Rabbi Daniel Etedgui!

Rabbi Daniel (Danny) Etedgui has been involved in Jewish Education for the last 28 years. In that span of time he has taught at the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis (TTMPLS), the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School, Sharei Chesed Congregation and at many community-wide venues. He loves teaching TaNaKh and uses his art skills whenever possible; in addition to Jewish Education, Danny is a visual artist fusing his love of the mystical teachings of the Hebrew Letters, Kabbalah and his maps and experiences from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This past summer he participated at art fairs in the Minneapolis area. He has especially enjoyed officiating at the weddings of former TTMPLS students and has also officiated at funerals for unaffiliated families in the MPLS-St. Paul, Jewish community.

This Day in Jewish History



In 422 BCE, the prophet Ezekiel heard the news of Jerusalem's conquest by a foreign power, as recorded in the biblical Book of Ezekiel (33:21).

In Jewish law, a period of mourning (for example, upon the death of a loved one) can begin upon "hearing" the bad news. Some Talmudic commentators thus recommended that the 5th of Tevet be instituted as a public fast day.

Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

אבינו אבינו מלכנו שלח רפואה שלמה רפואת הנפש רפואת הגוף לחולי עמך
אל נא רפא נא אל נא רפא נא לה שלח שלח רפואה שלמה לחולי עמך

Aveenu Aveenu Malkenu shelah refuah shleimah

Refuat Hanefesh Refuat Haguf Leholei leholei amecha

El na Refa nah—El na refah na lah

shellah shelah refuah sheleimah leholei amecha

(Our Father Our King—send complete healing to the sick of Your people

A healing of the soul and healing of the body to the sick of Your people.

Please o God Heal, Please o God Heal)

- Judge Jerry Berkowitz
- Rachel Barrick
- Bruce Colton
- Ragna Colton
- Rabbi Avram Etedgui
- Harold (Red) & Rivia Goldberg
- Uri Koppel
- Shel Libson
- Bronya Lipnik
- Art Nettis
- Alex Samuels
- Shayna bat Shifra
- Annick, Ali, and Aria Strauss
- Alice Truskinovsky
- Burt Weisberg

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:



Mitchell Kowitz
Jacob Mirman
Berle Richman
Dmitri Shtulman

Happy Anniversary to:



Tanya and Neal Feldberg
Natalie and Igor Kravchenko
Sofia and Moisey Zhuravel

Today's Kiddush Luncheon

Today's kiddush lunch is sponsored by the Fishman Kiddush Lunch Fund in memory of Harvey and Rene Fishman and their daughter Judy Fishman Siegel of blessed memory.

Weekly D'var Torah

Did you know Rabbi Avram Etedgui writes a weekly D'var Torah that is sent to over 200 members and friends? Would you like to be added to our list? If yes, please go to: www.shareichsed.org/sermons and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

AED Training



Our security team will be offering additional opportunities for those that missed the AED training on 10/29. If you are interested in this opportunity, or would like more information, please contact the office at 763.545.8800.

This training is FREE of charge.

Sharei Chessed Safety & Security Committee—Participants Needed

Sharei Chessed's Safety and Security Committee strives at putting its congregants and students safety at the forefront. We are in the process of expanding our committee and need your help.

If you are interested in supporting our members in the event of emergencies or other situations, by being part of this important committee, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Shel Libson at 612.803.9977.

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**Yahrzeits for week of
December 23-29, 2017 - 5-11 Tevet 5778**

<u>Yahrzeit of</u>	<u>Remembered by</u>	
Saturday, December 23rd (5th Tivet)		
** No Yahrzeits**		
Sunday, December 24th (6th Tivet)		
Lee Gordon	Joy Gordon	
Monday, December 25th (7th Tivet)		
Enta Galperina	bat Avrum & Faiaga	Anna Galperina
Enta Galperina	bat Avrum & Faiaga	Irina Kigelman
Sherwin Goldman	Shimon Natye Ben Lev	Sharon Guffan
Dora Reznick	Dvora Bat Yitzchak Yaacov	Donald Buckstein
Zalman Trakhtenberg	Zalman ben Zeesel	Dora Trakhtenberg
Yelizaveta Zavelev	Sima Laya bat Itschok v'Sofia	Luba & Alex Zevelev
Tuesday, December 26th (8th Tivet)		
Chaim Benyamin ben Efraim		Benjamin Levie
Esther Goldberg	Esther Malka bat Ahron Leib	Harold (Red) Goldberg
Phillip Kenton		Greg Kenton
Rebecca Kipnis	Chaya Mazl bat Chana	Berta & Nahum Kipnis
Esther Lepsky	Esther bat David v'Miryam	Abram Vaynberg
Irving Margolis	Yitzchak ben Avraham'Rose	Laurence Margolis
Irving Margolis	Yitzchak ben Avraham'Rose	Linda Ettedgui
Irving Margolis	Yitzchak ben Avraham'Rose	Ron Margolis
Alexandra Shafranskaya	Aleksandra bat Meer	Mariya Shafranskaya
Yelizaveta Zevelev	Yelizaveta Zevelev bat Itzhik v'Sofia	Alex Zevelev
Wednesday, December 27th (9th Tivet)		
Roman Chotyanov		Nick Bryants
Roman Khatyanov	Ruven ben Chava	Lisa Ilyevskiy
Miles Silbert	Myer ben Yosef	
Thursday, December 28th (10th Tivet)		
Ida Ansel	Chaya bat Myer	Jack Moskowitz
Ida Ansel	Chaya bat Myer	Sondra Tenner
Doba Berkazin	Doba bat Yakov Yehosha	Paul Abzug
Rakhil Gendel	Rakhil bat David v'Edith	Julia Kravchenko
Rakhil Gendel	Rakhil bat David v'Edith	Galina Mazelev
Morris Goldman	Moshe ben Yosef	
Asher Kheylik	Asher ben Yakov	Raisa Shurslep
Simah Traktovekno		Maya Peskin
Mary Toretzky	Mirel bat Zurach	Morris Toretzky
Friday, December 29th (11th Tivet)		
Beila Galant	Beila bat Mendel	Jack Galant
Devorah Krasnysky	Deevorah bat Leib	Nadya Ustyev
Dorothy Polikoff Ritt	Dena bat Eliyahu Mendel	Steven Tillinger

May their memories always be for a blessing.