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Welcome to our Synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayigash - ויגש

January 4, 2020—7 Tevet, 5780

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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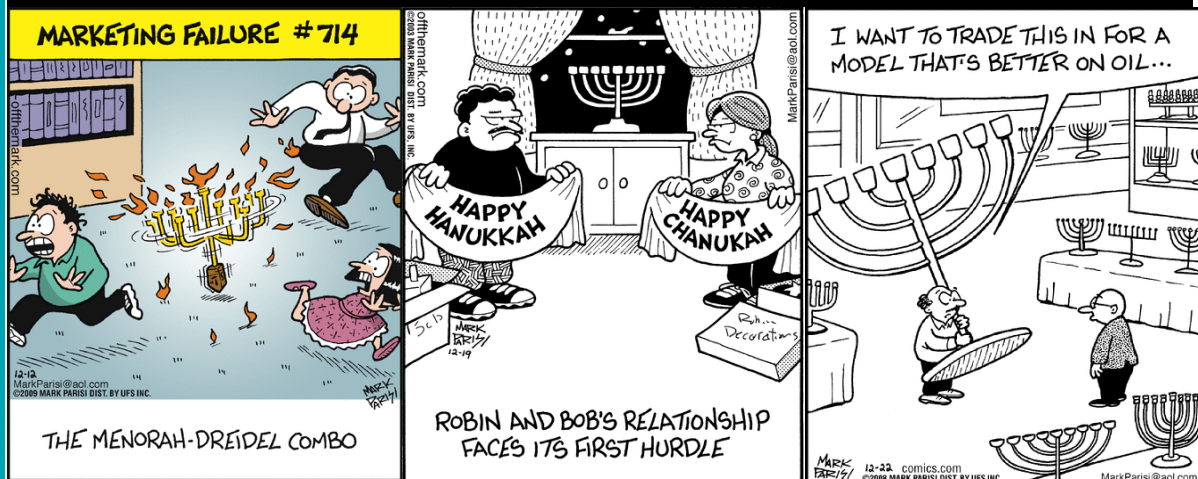
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We hope you will join us for our weekly Kiddush luncheon immediately following services. Today's kiddush lunch is sponsored by the Fishman Kiddush Lunch Fund in memory of Harvey and Rene Fishman and their daughter

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Mazel Tov!

Happy Birthday!

January 10: Ludmila Dorfman

Happy Anniversary!

January 5: Luda and Alexander Epshteyn

Sharei Chesed Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 5

Religious School Resumes

9:30am

Wednesday January 8

Evening Minyan

5:20pm

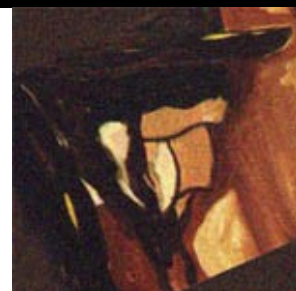
Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

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

- Sybille Aaron
- Arnold Burton
- Sergio DeLima (Ovadia ben Yohoshua v'Alicia Francisca)
- Chaya Golda bat Reyna
- Raisa Gringauz
- Chaim Horovitz
- Valda Kaye
- Uri Koppel
- Elina & Yefim Lipovskiy
- Cameron & Jack Moskowitz
- Yuri Peskin
- Shayna bat Shifra
- Rita Spain
- Alice Truskinovsky
- Harriet Wiss
- Alex Zevelev
- Yuriy ben Maya & Yefem
- Edward ben Natalie
- Martselah bat Esther
- David Assouline
- Martha Cohen
- Miriam Edgar
- Rivia Goldberg
- Richy Harris
- Rosalee Hulse Larson
- Sara Koplik
- Shel Libson
- Pangeran Mahardhika
- Art Nettis
- Igor Sagalov
- Beverly and Burt Shacter
- Annick, Ali, and Aria Strauss
- Nesya Tsukerman
- Nechamit Yaari
- Sofia and Moisey Zhuravel
- Sara Batya bat Meira Valon
- Efrat bat Velvel
- Esther bat Ruth
- Judge Jerry Berkowitz
- Allan Cook
- Jeffrey Fursetzer
- Alan Green
- Lindsey Hork
- Lana Itskovich
- Amy Koppel
- Bronya Lipnik
- Elvi Mochtar
- Emily Pensler
- Alex Samuels
- Aileen and Miles Snyder
- Morrie Toretzky
- Miles Vaughn
- Matthew Zuyev ben Luba
- Zohra bat Ayisha
- Chaya Chapoval bat Veruska
- Sorka bat Dvora

On This Day: 7 Tivet

In 468 CE, Rabbi Amemar, Rabbi Mesharsheya and Rabbi Huna, the heads of Babylonian Jewry, were arrested and executed 11 days later. The Jewish community of Babylon had existed for 900 years, ever since Nebuchadnezzar had conquered Israel, destroyed the Holy Temple, and exiled the Jews to Babylon. Seventy years later, when the Jews were permitted to return to Israel, a large percentage remained in Babylon -- and this eventually became the center of Jewish rabbinic authority. Things began to worsen in the 5th century, when the Persian priests, fighting against encroaching Christian missionaries, unleashed anti-Christian persecutions which caught the Jews of Babylonia in its wake. Eventually the situation improved, and Babylon remained as the center of Jewish life for another 500 years.



**Yahrzeits for week of
January 4, 2020—January 10, 2020 / 7 Tevet, 5780 — 13 Tevet, 5780**

Yahrzeit of

Saturday, January 4 (7 Tevet)

Sherwin Goldman
Enta Galperina
Yelizaveta Zeveleva

Shimon Natye ben Lev
Enta bat Avrum v'Feiga

Remembered by

Sharon Guffan
Irina Kigelman, Anna Galperina
Luba Zevelev, Alex Zevelev

Sunday, January 5 (8 Tevet)

Irving Margolis

Yitzchak ben Avraham v'Rose

Linda & Avram Etedgui,
Ron Margolis, Larry Margolis
Rivia Goldberg
Greg Kenton
Mariya Shafranskaya
Avram Vaynberg
Berta & Nahum Kipnis

Esther Goldberg
Philip Kenton
Alexandra Shafranskaya
Esther Lepsky
Rebecca Kipnis

Esther Malka bat Aron Leb
Chaim Benyamin ben Efraim
Aleksandra bat Meer
Esther bat David v'Miriam
Chaya Mazel bat Chana

Monday, January 6 (9 Tevet)

Roman Khatyanov

Reuven ben Chava

Bronya Bryants, Lisa Ilyevskiy

Tuesday, January 7 (10 Tevet)

Doba Bergazin
Arkadiy Gurevich
Ida Ansel
Rakhil Gendel
Simah Traktoenko
Morris Goldman
Asher Kheylik
Mary Toretzky

Doba bat Yakov Yehoshua
Avram
Chaya bat Myer
Rakhil bat David v'Edith
Simah bat Yitzchak
Moshe ben Yosef
Asher ben Yakov
Mirel bat Zurach

Paul Abzug
Alla Bartlova
Jack Moskowitz
Galina Mazelev, Julia Kravchenko
Maya Peskin

Raisa Shurslep
Corrine & Morris Toretzky

Wednesday, January 8 (11 Tevet)

Beila Galant
Dorothy Polikoff Ritt
Devorah Krasnynsky

Beila bat Mendel
Dena bat Eliyahu Mendel
Dvorah bat Leib

Evelyn Galant
Steve Tillinger
Nadia Ustyev

Thursday, January 9 (12 Tevet)

Israel Rabinowitz
Frances Wise

Faiga bat Yitzchak

Jaymee Chanen
Gertrude Alch

Friday, January 10 (13 Tevet)

Konstantin Portnov
Samuel Zieve
Louis Eichler

Constantin ben Alexander v'Tamar
Sender ben Leib Shmuel v'Malka
Mayshe Leib

Yuliya Portnova
Stan Zieve
Eva Gross

MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE FOR A BLESSING

Shloshim:
Asya Pruzhanskaya