



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Tetzaveh - תצוה

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In last week's Parasha, Moses asked the Children of Israel to bring all kinds of things to be used in the building of the Tabernacle. This week, more details are given related to the Temple, its content and who will serve in the temple. For the Menorah, which was described in last week's Parasha, we need oil. Moses is commanded to ask the Children of Israel to contribute pure olive oil which will be used in lighting the Menorah daily. Aaron, the high priest, will have the honor of Lighting the Menorah.

This Parasha also describes the various garments that Aaron and his sons will wear when they are performing the service in the temple. There are also detailed instructions how Aaron and his sons will be initiated into the service of the Temple.

The reading from the Prophets for this Shabbat is from Ezekiel, chapter 43. Ezekiel was a Kohen, and was among the Jews who were exiled to Babylon after the destruction of the First Temple. In his vision, Ezekiel sees a future temple, where the Kohanim will again establish the Temple Service.

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Did You Know That . . .

You probably have heard of BDS - the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish movement which is attempting to isolate Israel, its products, and culture. Since it is not fashionable to be openly antisemitic, the new approach is to be anti-Israel. They spread lies by accusing Israel of doing to the Palestinians what the Nazis and their collaborators did to our people.

You know the old saying - If you repeat a lie long enough, people start believing it.

Many college campuses on the east coast have become dens of anti-Israel and antisemitic activities. Recently Vassar College, a prestigious institution, was in the news because of its actions supporting BDS and inviting anti-Israel guest speakers who continue to spread terrible lies about Israel. Some of the resolutions included not serving Sabra Hummus, because the maker is partly owned by an Israeli company. The cafeteria should not serve Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream because the owners support Israel. These things are minor compared to the vicious lies that professor Jaspir Puar spread about Israel—that they mine organs for scientific research from dead Palestinians, and that they provide them with the bare minimum for survival as part of medical experiments. Read an article by Mark Yudof, Former President of the University of Minnesota about Vassar which appeared in Wednesday's Wall Street Journal.

BDS is now showing up at the University of Minnesota. This past Thursday, Benjie Kaplan, Hillel's director at the U of M, sent out a note announcing that Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) has launched its own BDS effort on campus. He announced that Minnesota Hillel is working closely with students, student groups, faculty, staff, community partners and our allies in the community “. . . to make sure that the true goals of the BDS movement are known. Together we will work tirelessly to defeat these measures in student government. From there we will work together to build a community that seeks justice for Israelis AND Palestinians alike.”

Do what you can to combat this poison and support Hillel and the Jewish students who are fighting this movement.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Sybille Aaron (Feb 20th)
Bronya Bryants (Feb 20th)
Linda Ettedgui (Feb 22nd)
Gail Kenton (Feb 23rd)

Happy Anniversary to:

Angelika and Leonard
Kats (Feb 15th)
Nicole and Sean
Colton (Feb 22nd)

Mazal Tov to:

- Gail and Greg Kenton on the birth of their grandson Ethan
- Judith and Jerry Ingber on the birth of their granddaughter Aviv
- Ethel (Lee) Reinharz on the birth of her grandson Benjamin
- Mary and Jack Baumgarten on the birth of their granddaughter Sala

Welcome to Our New Members

Anna and Boris Gusovsky and their children
Michelle (7) and Michael (12)



Yahrzeit's week of February 20 - 26, 2016 | II Adar I - 17 Adar I

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of _____ Remembered by

Saturday, February 20th

No Yahrzeits

Sunday, February 21st

Zelda Beto

Chester Beto

Monday, February 22nd

Yefim Dain

Nina Dain

Yankel Frumkin

Eugene Frumkin

Tuesday, February 23rd

Daniel Vaynberg

Sahra Vaynberg

David Vaynberg

Alla Vaynberg

Sheldon Pomush

Shirley Haskovitz

Darlene Schwartz

Wednesday, February 24th

Rachel Block

Allan Block

Faye Krasner

Fania Rabinowitz

Jaymee Chanen

Thursday, February 25th

Mark Royter

Irma Davydova

Bentzion Grinberg

Rita Grinberg

Gersh Gitelman

Shulim Gitelman

Friday, February 26th

Chaim Hurwitz

Lee Reinharz

Bluma Libinzon

Era Kirzon

Next Shabbat, the Kiddush luncheon is sponsored by Esther, Eddie and Maureen Rubinstein in memory of their father and longtime Sharei Chesed member and friend Roman (Yerachmiel) Rubinstein of blessed memory.