



Sharei Chessed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Lech-Lecha - לך-לך

November 12, 2016 – 11 Heshvan 5777

It has now been 20 generations since Adam and Eve, and God has decided upon Abram as the person who will make His name known throughout the world. God speaks to Abram and commands him to leave the land he and his family have been living in and to go to a new land which God will show him. God promises him that he will be made into a great nation and that, thru him, all the families of the earth will be blessed. Abram, his wife Sarai, and his nephew Lot, journey to the land of Canaan, where Abram builds an altar and spreads the message of the one God.

A famine forces them to go to Egypt, where Sarai is taken to Pharaoh's palace. Abram escapes death because he tells Pharaoh that Sarai is his sister. A plague prevents the Egyptian king from touching her, and convinces him to return her to Abram and to compensate Abram with gold, silver and cattle.

Back in the land of Canaan, Abram and Lot decide to go their separate ways because the land cannot support both of them. Lot settles in Sodom, where he is captured by Chedorlaomer and his 3 allies (cont.)

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Parashat Lech-Lecha (cont.)

in the War of the Kings. Abram rescues his nephew, defeats the four kings, and is blessed by Malki-Zedek, the king of Salem (Jerusalem).

God makes a covenant with Abram, in which he and his descendants are promised the land which will come to be known as the Land of Israel, and where the exile and persecution of the people of Israel is foretold.

Abram is concerned because he still has no child as his heir. Sarai tells Abram to marry her maidservant Hagar. Hagar becomes pregnant and immediately becomes contemptuous toward Sarai. Hagar flees when Sarai treats her harshly; an angel convinces her to return, and tells her that her son will father a populous nation. Ishmael is born when Abram is 86 years old.

When Abram is 99, God changes Abram's name to Abraham ("father of multitudes"), and Sarai's to Sarah ("princess"), and promises that a son will be born to them, and that from this child, whom they should call Isaac ("will laugh"), will come the great nation with which God will establish His special bond. Abraham is commanded to circumcise himself and his descendants as a "sign of the covenant between Me and you." Abraham immediately complies, circumcising himself and all the males of his household.

This Day in Jewish History—I | Heshvan



Yahrzeit of the biblical Rachel, who died while giving birth to Benjamin in 1553 BCE (2208 from Creation). Rachel had previously given birth to Joseph, following years of being childless. Jacob buried her by the roadside

in Bethlehem, where tradition says that centuries later she wept and prayed for the Jews as they were taken into exile. Today, Rachel's Tomb serves as a place of pilgrimage and prayer, and is regarded as Judaism third-holiest site.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Myra Chazin

- Lazar Gringauz

New Class—"Kabbalah is About Relationships"

For those of you still interested in Joy Gordon's new Kabbalah class, its start date has been moved to tomorrow, November 13th, and the cost has been reduced to \$75.

Classes will be held on 5 Sunday afternoons this fall: November 13 and 20 and December 4, 11 and 18, 2016.

Time: 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Course fee: \$75

Location: Sharei Chesed Congregation

Instructor: Joy Gordon

Contact Joy at 'joy@joyofkabbalah.com' or call 763-559-7029.



"The Wind Gave Birth To Me" Sunday November 13

If you missed the premiere of "The Wind Gave Birth To Me" back on Sunday September 18, there will be an encore performance tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 P.M. at Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul.

"The Wind Gave Birth To Me," is a collaborative work of original chamber music by the 'womenperformers' chamber music ensemble, and poetry by renowned Yiddish women poets. Directed by Judith Eisner, with soprano Beth Althof and writer/narrator Alison Morse.

The concerts are part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Minneapolis Yiddish Vinkl, a club dedicated to preserving the "Mama Loshen" through monthly meetings and special events. Tickets at the door, suggested donation \$10.

For more information, go to 'shareichesed.org/calendar'.



Yahrzeits for week of November 12 - November 18, 2016

11 Heshvan - 17 Heshvan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, November 12th (11 Heshvan)

Szymon Bergazin	Shimshon ben Zachary David	Paul Abzug
Mordechai Gerber	Mordechai ben Zise	Boris & Elena Gerber
Simha Reyf	Simha bat Haim	Yefim Peskin
Jacob Starenberg		
Zinoviy Markovich Turevsky		

Sunday, November 13th (12 Heshvan)

Sophie Herstein	Sema bat Eliezer	
Joseph Tillinger	Yosef Yoel	Steven Tillinger
	Ben Yakov Shimshon	

Monday, November 14th (13 Heshvan)

Rachel Szneler	Rachel bat Mordechai	Esther Geller
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Tuesday, November 15th (14 Heshvan)

Moshe Dulitskiy	Moshe Aaron ben Bezalel	Rita Grinberg & Rakhil Zilberman
Mildred Esther Homa		Howard Wences
Bella Vugman	Bella bat Aryah Lev	Avrum Peysman & Mila Pogorelsky

Wednesday, November 16th (15 Heshvan)

Isaac Aletky	Yitzchak ben Myer	
Freida Braverman	Freida bat Chaim	
Leo Cohen	Yehuda Leb	Steve Tillinger
	ben Shmariahu haCohen	
Pese Eve	Pesha bat Aharon Naftel	Annalee Odessky & Irv Smith
Rosa Pisarenko	Rachel bat Yosef	Angelika Kats
Diana Scheft	Sarah Dona bat David	
Genya Vaynshteyn	Genya bat Mordechai	

Thursday, November 17th (16 Heshvan)

Shneer Feldman		Genya Tamarkin
Mordko Furman	Mordechai ben Aron	Nina Furman & Faina Shulman

Friday, November 18th (17 Heshvan)

Freda Lea Bartnof	Freda Leah bat Rav Benyamin Yitzchak	
Sam Bass	Yehoshua Yechezkel	Larry Bass & Shirley Politz
	ben Yehuda Lev	
Misha Katsman	Moshe ben Aharon	Tatyana Estrina
Brendel Khaykinson	Bronya bat Natan	Larisa Palant
Dvora Kopman	Devorah bat Yaacov	
Rebecca Schochet	Pesha Rivka	
Ruth Sorin	Rivka bat Meyer haLevi	

May their memories always be for a blessing.