



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Μiketz - מקץ

7th Day of Hanukkah—ז' דחנוכה

December 31, 2016 – 2 Tevet 5777

Two years after the butler was reinstated to his position, Pharaoh has 2 dreams that are so disturbing that they awaken him. He seeks an interpretation to his dreams and is not satisfied with what his wise men and advisors tell him. The butler tells Pharaoh that there is a Hebrew young man in Pharaoh's prison who had a gift for interpreting dreams, because he was able to interpret his dream properly.

Joseph is rushed from the prison, given new clothes and appears before the king. He listens to Pharaoh's dreams and suggests that they have to do with the upcoming economy. There will be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Joseph recommends to Pharaoh how to administer the food during the years of plenty and the years of famine.

Joseph is appointed as the viceroy in Egypt and he puts into action a plan that would save food for the years of famine. He is given the daughter of Potiphar as his wife and he has two sons, Menashe and Efrayim. At the end of the years of plenty, a famine descends upon the entire region. There is no food anywhere else, except in Egypt because of Joseph's planning.

Any travelers who come to buy food must appear before Joseph. When (cont.)

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Jewish New Year vs Secular New Year

Tonight is New Year's Eve in the secular world and for many, it's a time to make resolutions. But, can they be considered Jewish resolutions?



- **'Spend more time with family and friends' - We've got this one down pat! If we're not bringing our 40-year-old children brisket, we're 'checking in' twice a day, doing their laundry, etc.**
- **'Get fit' - According to the Boca-Technion Institute, 'JM' (Jewish Metabolism) works best when it's not disturbed by running, jumping, twisting or climbing. A hammock can be healthy and, unless you move, chances are you won't break anything vital.**
- **'Quit stressing' - Who's kidding who? According to the renowned Jewish-Indian doctor, Duvid Deepakawitz, our tolerance for stress is biologically higher than any other creature found in nature. The more stress, the more our loved ones feel we're 'on the job'.**

Happy 2017!!

(portions courtesy of Aish.com)

This Day in Jewish History—2 Tevet



On this date in 1947, the Arab Legion surrounded Jerusalem and isolated its 100,000 Jews from the rest of the Israeli population. By March 1948 the city was under full siege, and in May, Jordan invaded and occupied east Jerusalem, dividing the city for the first

time in its history, and driving thousands of Jews into exile. The Arabs proceeded to destroy all 58 synagogues in the Jewish Quarter, and used Jewish gravestones on the Mount of Olives to build roads and latrines. The Western Wall would be off-limits to Jews (in spite of the cease-fire agreement granting freedom of access to holy places), restored again with Israel's victory in the 1967 war.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Parashat Miketz (cont.)

Joseph's brothers come down to Egypt to buy food, Joseph recognizes them, but they do not recognize him. He accuses them of spying and places them in jail for three days.

The Parasha ends with Jacob allowing his younger brother Benjamin to go with the other brothers to get more food.

"The Battle for Israel's Soul" - Thursday January 19th

All too often in the Jewish Community, we are not able to model how to speak with one another about Israel from polar opposite perspectives. Join us at Beth Jacob Congregation in Mendota Heights Thursday evening January 19th at 7:00 P.M. as we host J.J. Goldberg from the Forward and Jonathan Tobin from Commentary Magazine, exploring how to "debate in a respectful manner" the battle for Israel's soul moving forward.

There is no charge for this event. The program is being underwritten by the Beth Jacob Pertzik Special Programming Endowment Fund, Mt. Zion Congregation and the JCRC, and is co-sponsored by Temple of Aaron and By The Rivers.

For more information, go to shareichsed.org/happenings'.

Beth Jacob, Mount Zion Congregation & the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas Present

The Battle for Israel's Soul: From Left to Right

7 pm Thursday, January 19 • Beth Jacob Congregation

Co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, Reform of Amana and By The Rivers



The poster features two headshots of speakers, J.J. Goldberg on the left and Jonathan Tobin on the right, flanking a large, faint blue Star of David. The text above the photos reads "The Battle for Israel's Soul: From Left to Right" and "7 pm Thursday, January 19 • Beth Jacob Congregation". Below the photos, there is a paragraph of text and a small line of text at the bottom.

Is Israel locked in a tragic dispute between two peoples sharing the same land - or is a global conflict between Western democracy and Islamic terrorism? Is partition still the only way to ensure Israel's survival - or is it the surest path to ever-increasing bloodshed and possibly even endangering Israel's survival? Join us as American Jewish thought leaders J.J. Goldberg, editor-in-chief of the Forward & past U.S. bureau chief of Jerusalem Report, and Jonathan Tobin, senior online editor of Commentary Magazine, debate these and other critical suppositions about the "Sovereign of Israel."

Significant support for the program comes from Beth Jacob's Pertzik Special Programming Endowment Fund.

Yahrzeits for week of December 31, 2016 - January 6, 2017

2 Tevet - 8 Tevet 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, December 31st (2 Tevet)

Chava Yalonetskaya

Chava bat Bentzion

Rita Grinberg

Sunday, January 1st (3 Tevet)

Louis Eve

Eliezer ben Yosef

Annalee Odessky and Irv Smith

Michael Goldberg

Rivia and Red Goldberg

Belle Toretzky

Bella bat Yitzchak

Morris Toretzky

Monday, January 2nd (4 Tevet)

Bob Guffan

Stephen Guffan

Michael Melamed

Michel ben Moshe

Sherman Richter

Shammai ben Shmuel v'Faiga

Grace Richter

Arkadiy Shalman

Avraham ben Shlomo

Sima Feldman

Tuesday, January 3rd (5 Tevet)

** NO YAHRZEITS **

Wednesday, January 4th (6 Tevet)

Lee Gordon

Joy Gordon

Thursday, January 5th (7 Tevet)

Enta Galperina

Enta bat Avram v'Faiga

Irina Kigelman

Sherwin Goldman

Shimon Natye ben Lev

Sharon Guffan

Dora Reznick

Devorah bat Yitzchak Yaakov

Donald Bukstein

Zalman Trakhtenberg

Zalman ben Zeesel

Dora Trakhtenberg

Yelizaveta Zevelev

Luba Zevelev and Alex Zevelev

Friday, January 6th (8 Tevet)

Esther Goldberg

Rivia and Red Goldberg

Rebecca Kipnis

Berta and Nahum Kipnis

Esther Lepsky

Avram Vaynberg

Irving Margolis

Linda Brody Ettedgui, Larry Margolis,

Ron Margolis

Alexandra Shafranskaya

Mariya Shafranskaya

May their memories always be for a blessing.