



Sharei Chesed Congregation

שערי חסד

Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Noah - נח

November 5, 2016 – 4 Heshvan 5777

At the end of Bereshit, the world had become completely corrupted after only 10 generations, but that Noah had found grace before God. In this week's parasha, God tells Noah that he will destroy all flesh on earth and commands Noah to build an ark which will house him and his family. God also commands Noah to collect two of each species of animal—male and female—so that they can be saved as well. God then sends flood waters upon the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. After another 150 days, the waters start to recede and the ark finally comes to rest on Mount Ararat. Noah sends out first a raven and then doves to see if the waters have completely receded. One of the doves returns with an olive leaf, so Noah knows that the waters have abated. After exactly 1 year since the start of the flood, Noah, his family, and all of the animals leave the ark.

Noah builds an alter and offers sacrifices to God. God points to a rainbow in the sky and declares that this is the sign by which man shall know that He will never destroy the earth by flood again. God blesses Noah and his sons and makes a covenant with him which has come to be known as “The Seven Commandments of Man”: Acknowledge the one God, do not take God's name in vain, respect human life, respect the institution of marriage, respect the rights and property of others, respect God's creatures, and maintain justice.

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Parashat Noah (cont.)

Noah plants a vineyard and gets drunk from the wine. His son Ham sees his father naked in his tent and tells his brothers about it as to make fun of his father. Shem and Japheth take a garment and cover their father to protect his dignity. When Noah wakes up and finds out what happened, he blesses Shem and Japheth, but curses Ham, who will become the father of Canaan.

Ham's grandson Nimrod becomes a mighty warrior and leads the people of the earth in building a tower to reach Heaven as if to challenge God. To stop this, God confounds their language so that no one can understand each other, and the place becomes known as Babel. The people split up into the seventy nations of earth which are often referred to in the Torah.

After 10 generations from Noah, Abram is born in Ur of the Chaldees and takes a wife—Sarai. Abram, his father Terah, and the rest of the family start making their way to the land of Canaan and settle along the way in Haran. It is from Abram and his descendents that God will make His Name known in the world, as we will read in next week's parasha.

This Day in Jewish History—4 Heshvan



In 1483, Tomas de Torquemada was appointed as "Grand Inquisitor of the Spanish Inquisition." Jews of Spain had been forced to convert to Christianity, and the Inquisition was designed to uncover those who were continuing to practice their Judaism in secret (called Conversos or Marranos). Those who never confessed were burned at the stake; those who did confess were strangled first. Torquemada be-

lieved that as long as the Jews remained in Spain, they might influence the tens of thousands of Jews who had converted to Christianity. It was on his recommendation that the remainder of the Jewish community -- 200,000 people -- was expelled from Spain in 1492. An estimated 32,000 were burned at the stake, and Torquemada's name became a byword for cruelty and fanaticism in the service of religion. The order of expulsion was not officially voided by the government of Spain until 1968.

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

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

- Judith Ingber
- Galina Mazelev
- Rex Bryant Strauss

Happy Anniversary to:

- Julia Geller (3rd anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah!!)
- Marina & Alexander Kerbel

Mazal Tov to:

Melanie Goldstein, who is being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah today at Bet Shalom Congregation in Minnetonka. Melanie is the daughter of Barry and Laura Goldstein, sister of Sam, and granddaughter of our own Annalee and Arnold Odessky. Annalee and Arnold sponsored the Kabbalat Panim last night at Bet Shalom. Mazal Tov, Melanie!!



“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 on Sunday November 13th 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 ‘womenperformhers’ 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 shareichsed.org/calendar.



Yahrzeits for week of November 5 - November 11, 2016

4 Heshvan - 10 Heshvan 5777

Please help with the daily Minyan

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, November 5th (4 Heshvan)

Harry Goodman

Chanina ben Shmuel
v'Sarah

Shelly Zien

Jacob Nowling

Yitzchak Yakov
ben Yehuda Lev

Marilyn Zoss

Hannah Schwartz
Edith Shaw

Hannah bat Shmuel v'Leah

Marilyn Renstrom & Cynthia Schwartz
Neal Joffee

Sunday, November 6th (5 Heshvan)

Fannie Levin

Chaya Faiga bat Zev

Monday, November 7th (6 Heshvan)

Freda Block

Freda Malka bat Asir

Allan Block & Faye Krasner

Joseph ben Peretz

Michael Kagan

Tuesday, November 8th (7 Heshvan)

Dina Kupfer

Dina bat Aharon v'Sarah

Sol Awend

Basya Slobudskaya

Batya Feiga

Alex Slobodskiy

Bat Yitzchk Baruch

Wednesday, November 9th (8 Heshvan)

Baral Karpel

Baral ben Leib

Esfir Ablyzalova

Basha Karpel

Basha bas Yakov

Esfir Ablyzalova

Khaya Perepelitskaya

Rafail Shir

Khasya Pokras

Khasya bat Nahum v'Raisa

Marina Kerbel

Thursday, November 10th (9 Heshvan)

Vladimir Darevskiy

Vladimir ben Yefim v'Tzvia

Nadia Kaganovich

Yankle Gurevich

Yonkel ben Moshe

Alex Perelman

Zelda Vitoff

Aileen Snyder

Friday, November 11th (10 Heshvan)

Michael Shteyman

Michael ben Nachum

Rebecca Vayner

May their memories always be for a blessing.