



**Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים**

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**Vayechi - ויחי**

**December 30, 2017 – 12 Tevet 5778**

This is the last portion in Bereshit, the Book of Genesis.

Last week's Parasha described how Jacob and his entire family, because of the famine, went down to Egypt at Joseph and Pharaoh's invitation. This week, we learn that Jacob lived his final 17 years in Egypt. Before dying he made his son Joseph promise him by oath that he will be buried in Canaan, in the Cave of Machpela, where Abraham and Isaac are buried.

Jacob blesses Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephraim. He recognizes their great qualities and gives them the great honor that, in the future, parents will pray to God to make them like Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob then calls all his children and blesses his 12 sons, mentioning their strengths and failings. When Jacob dies there is a huge funeral procession involving his entire family and many Egyptians as they accompany Jacob to his resting place in Canaan.

The Torah reading ends with Joseph telling his brothers not to feel bad for selling him as a slave since this was God's plan for him to be in Egypt to save humanity during the years of famine. He also asks his brothers that, when the time comes for them to leave Egypt and go to the Promised Land, that they should take his remains with them and bury him in the Promised Land.

We complete the Book of Genesis by saying "Hazak, Hazak, Venithazek".

## This Day in Jewish History

In 1936, the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra performed its inaugural concert, consisting of 75 Jewish musicians from major European orchestras who had made aliyah. The opening concert (of the "Palestine Orchestra," as it was then known) was conducted by the great



Arturo Toscanini, who had escaped the rise of fascism in his native Italy. Said Toscanini: "I am doing this for humanity." The IPO has earned a reputation as one of the pre-eminent orchestras in the world: over the decades it has featured Isaac Stern, Leonard Bernstein, Yehuda Menuhin and Itzhak Perlman. One profound moment came in 1991 when Zubin Mehta conducted the orchestra during a Scud missile attack.

### Our Prayers and Good Wishes for Refuah Shleimah to:

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

Aveenu Aveenu Malkenu shelah refuah shleimah

Refuat Hanefesh Refuat Haguf Leholei leholei amecha

El na Refa nah—El na refah na lah

shellah shelah refuah sheleimah leholei amecha

(Our Father Our King—send complete healing to the sick of Your people

A healing of the soul and healing of the body to the sick of Your people.

Please o God Heal, Please o God Heal)

- Judge Jerry Berkowitz
- Rachel Barrick
- Bruce Colton
- Ragna Colton
- Rabbi Avram Ettedgui
- Harold (Red) & Rivia Goldberg
- Uri Koppel
- Shel Libson
- Bronya Lipnik
- Art Nettis
- Alex Samuels
- Shayna bat Shifra
- Annick, Ali, and Aria Strauss
- Alice Truskinovsky
- Burt Weisberg

### Weekly D'var Torah

Did you know Rabbi Avram Ettedgui writes a weekly D'var Torah that is sent to over 200 members and friends? Would you like to be added to our list? If yes, please go to: [www.shareichsed.org/sermons](http://www.shareichsed.org/sermons) and click on the link at the bottom of the page.

## Welcome Rabbi Daniel Etedgui!

Rabbi Daniel (Danny) Etedgui has been involved in Jewish Education for the last 28 years. In that span of time he has taught at the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis (TTMPLS), the Heilicher Minneapolis Jewish Day School, Sharei Chesed Congregation and at many community-wide venues. He loves teaching TaNaKh and uses his art skills whenever possible; in addition to Jewish Education, Danny is a visual artist fusing his love of the mystical teachings of the Hebrew Letters, Kabbalah and his maps and experiences from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This past summer he participated at art fairs in the Minneapolis area. He has especially enjoyed officiating at the weddings of former TTMPLS students and has also officiated at funerals for unaffiliated families in the MPLS-St. Paul, Jewish community.

## Today's Kiddush Luncheon

Today's kiddush lunch is sponsored by the Fishman Kiddush Lunch Fund in memory of Harvey and Rene Fishman and their daughter Judy Fishman Siegel of blessed memory.

## Maccabi Games & Art Fest For Jewish Teens Between 12-16

### TEAM MN JCC MACCABI KICK-OFF MEETING

SUNDAY, JAN 7 • 5:00 PM • LOCATION ST. PAUL JCC  
SUNDAY, FEB 11 • 5:00 PM • LOCATION: SABES JCC

Calling ALL JEWISH TEENS! Join us for an informational kick-off meeting to discuss this year's upcoming JCC Maccabi Games & Arts Fest in Orange County, CA. This is the largest Jewish youth competition in the world, integrating sports and arts with Jewish identity and values, while strengthening bonds to Jewish heritage, community and Israel.

**SPORTS:** Basketball \* Tennis \* Volleyball \* Swimming \* Competitive Dance & more!  
**ARTS:** RockBand \* Culinary Arts \* Musical Theater \* Visual Arts \* Social Media

For more info, contact Ben Savin at [bens@stpauljcc.org](mailto:bens@stpauljcc.org) or Max Hendrix at [mhendrix@sabesjcc.org](mailto:mhendrix@sabesjcc.org)



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## BACK TO THE BEACH August 5-10, 2018

JCC Maccabi Games®  
Merage JCC, Orange County CA

JCC Maccabi ArtsFest®  
Alpert JCC, Long Beach CA

Maccabi Games & Arts Fest

August 5-10 in Orange County, CA.

Max Hendrix, the Teen Director at the Sabes JCC, will be traveling with Team Minnesota to Orange County along with Ben Savin from the St Paul JCC.

This is a pluralistic, fun event for Jewish teens between the ages of 12 and 16, as of July 31, 2018.

There are two informational meetings for families, one in January and one in February

**Yahrzeits for week of  
December 30, 2017—January 5, 2018 - 12-18 Tevet 5778**

<u><b>Yahrzeit of</b></u>		<u><b>Remembered by</b></u>
<b>Saturday, December 30th (12th Tivet)</b>		
Israel Rabinowitz		Jaymee Chanen
Frances Wise	Faiga bat Yitzchak	Gertrude Alch
<b>Sunday, December 31st (13th Tivet)</b>		
Louis Eichler	Mayshe Leib	Eva Gross
Helen Lessak	Chaya Sora bat Yakov v'Miriam	
Konstantin Portnov	Constantin ben Alexander v'Tamar	Yuliya Portnova
Shlema Shapiro	Shlema ben Mehel	
Samuel Zieve	Sender ben Leib Shmuel v'Malka	Stan Zieve
<b>Monday, January 1st (14th Tivet)</b>		
Rose Cooperstock	Rachel bat Shmuel	Sandra Johnson
Larry Marcus		Bonnie Farb
<b>Tuesday, January 2 (15th Tivet)</b>		
Ethel Dulgus	Etel bat Moshe Shmuel	
Sara Edith Miller	Sarah bat Avraham Yitzchak haCohen	Morey Miller & Sandra Miller
<b>Wednesday, January 3rd (16th Tivet)</b>		
Batya Gutzuskaya	Batya Tova bat Bentzion	Rita Grinberg
<b>Thursday, January 4th (17th Tivet)</b>		
Batya Averbuch	Batya bat Zalman	
Nathan Bolnick	Nisson ben Barel	
Rachel Murachavska	Rachel bat Avrum	Boris Gerber
<b>Friday, January 5th (18th Tivet)</b>		
Jack Tanick	Yakov ben Avraham	Paul Tanick

**May their memories always be for a blessing.**