



Welcome to our synagogue! ברוכים הבאים

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Vayishlah - וישלח

December 2, 2017—14 Kislev 5778

Last week's parasha ended with Jacob taking his family and his assets from Haran and heading back to Canaan to be with his parents. The last time he saw them was twenty years ago, when he fled from his brother Esau who had planned to kill him for having swindled him out of his birthright and taking Isaac's blessings pretending that he was Esau.

Jacob is worried that, even after twenty years, his brother might still hate him and want to harm him. Jacob sends messengers to Esau saying that he is heading back to Israel and hoping for a reconciliation. The messengers return with the news that Esau is heading towards Jacob with 400 men. This news frightens Jacob.

He organizes his camp—the women, children, servants, shepherds and all his sheep and cattle into two groups, hoping that if war should break out one of the groups would survive. He also sends a large gift to his brother consisting of many heads of livestock, hoping that such a great gift would appease Esau. The night before Jacob crosses the river to meet his brother, a man (some say angel) wrestles with Jacob all night. When this being saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he dislocates Jacob's hip and asks him to let him go. Jacob asks for a blessing, and this being tells him that from now on his name shall no longer be Jacob but Israel, since he has demonstrated that he has struggled with men and with the divine and has prevailed.

Though limping from his injury, Jacob, now Israel, faces his brother with much confidence that everything will be OK

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Welcome Rabbi Daniel Ettetdgui!

Rabbi Daniel (Danny) Ettetdgui 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.

This Day in Jewish History

Birth of Reuven, Jacob's first son and the first of the Twelve Tribes of Israel (Genesis 29:32). Jacob had originally worked for seven years in order to marry Rachel, but at the last minute Leah appeared under the chuppah instead. On their wedding night, Reuven was conceived. Though he was first-born, he eventually lost his leadership role, due to a reputation for impetuosity.



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.

Join us for the Celebration of Eva Gross's Special Birthday



We hope you can all join us next Saturday, Dec 9th to help celebrate Eva's 90th birthday.

Eva was born in a small rural village in Hungary on December 6, 1927. As a teenager she endured and survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps. Following the war she established her home in the United States and here she has flourished. Eva lives happily in Plymouth, MN surrounded by family and friends. She can be found most Shabbats here at Sharei Chesed enjoying and participating in services.

Please be sure to stop by to say happy birthday and be part of her amazing life journey.

Upcoming Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Michael Aaron
Mitchell Kaye
Eli Sirotin
Erik Sosunov
Lauren Zabeshinsky



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 Etedgui
- Harold (Red) & Rivia Goldberg
- Uri Koppel
- Shel Libson
- Bronya Lipnik
- Art Nettis
- Avram Peysman
- Alex Samuels
- Shayna bat Shifra
- Annick, Ali, and Aria Strauss
- Alice Truskinovsky
- Burt Weisberg

Look what is Happening at Sharei Chesed the Next few Weeks:

Shabbat, December 9th:

Celebration of Eva Gross's 90th Birthday Celebration

Shabbat, December 16th:

Torah Reader, Yefet Zadka and Dvar Torah to be given by Judge Jerry Berkowitz

Sunday, December 17th:

Hanukah Party—Dinner, Music, Talent Show, Student Performances and Prizes.

Watch your mail for more information.

**Yahrzeits for week of
December 2 - 8, 2017 - 14-20 Kislev 5778**

Yahrzeit of

Remembered by

Saturday, December 2nd (14 Kislev)

Hans Shaw

Neal Joffee

Sunday, December 3rd (15 Kislev)

Gitel Bass

Gitel bat Yehoshua Haskel

Lawrence Bass

Gitel Bass

Gitel bat Yehoshua Haskel

Shirley Politz

Yitzchak Zimmerman

Yitzchak ben David

Morris Toretsky

Monday, December 4th (16 Kislev)

Avigador Vileshin

Tanya Feldberg

Frida Shor

Ida Grinberg

Avigdor Vileshin

Avigdor ben Naphtali

Rachel Feldberg

Wolf ben Zien

Steve Zien

Tuesday, December 5th (17 Kislev)

Barney Block

Baruch Yitzchak ben Eisar

Allan Block

Barney Block

Baruch Yitzchak ben Eisar

Faye Krasner

Wednesday, December 6th (18 Kislev)

Sonya Vurgaft

Sasha bat Yankel

Asya Akerman

Rebecca Gutnick

Rebecca Gutnick bat Jacob & Sarah

Steve Zien

Thursday, December 7th (19 Kislev)

Toba Geller

Tova bat Menashe

Esther Geller

Toba Geller

Tova bat Menashe

Cary Geller

Toba Geller

Tova bat Menashe

Mark Geller

Genya Khokhlovich

Genya bat Yosef

Samuil Khokhlovich

Baruch Reznik

Baruch ben Moyshe

Mariya Melamud

Aaron Shapiro

Aharon Dob Ben Asher

Mariya Melamud

Leonid Sonkin

Boris Sonkin

Leonid Sonkin

Dmitry Sonkin

Leonid Sonkin

Rimma Sonkin

Friday, December 8th (20 Kislev)

Shimon Akerman

Simon ben Huna

Asya Akerman

Talkhum ben Benyamin

Mariya Melamud

Bracha Shapiro

Bracha Faige bat Avraham

Mariya Melamud

Sarah Shapiro

Gelya bat Nachum Dov

Mariya Melamud

May their memories always be for a blessing.