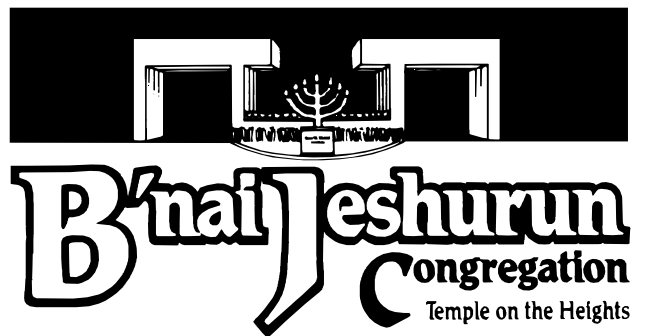


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Parashat Vayechi וַיְחִי

December 29/30, 2017 - 12 Tevet 5778

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Thank you to our Torah readers: Shulamith Erenberg, Sonya Shultz, Sherry Miller, Adam Miller, Madison Jackson and Jacob Douglass. Thank you to Jacob Douglass for chanting the Haftarah.

DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Your presence adds to the joy of our service!

SATURDAY

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Josh Foster. Thank you to Judy Riga for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to our members who prepare the kiddush refreshments: Moris Amon, Murray Berkowitz, Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Rosenberg Mann, Rachel Schwarz, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our greeters and ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs, Harriet Rosenberg Mann and Paula Schaffer-Polakof.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.

Sundays with Sammy Spider Sunday, January 7 • 9:30 am

Join Sammy Spider, of the favorite Jewish children's book series, as we enjoy a fun morning for little ones, ages 18 months - 4 years, with an adult. This month we welcome back children's singer/songwriter **Jesse Friedberg** for a class filled with instruments and fun. Let's help Sammy learn about Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of the trees! We will do a special holiday craft, have a snack and there will be time to play and schmooze. Free. RSVP to Julie Sukert or bnaijeshurun.org/sammyspider.



Gross Schechter Day School Shabbat January 20

Calling all Gross Schechter Day School students, parents, staff and alumni! If you would like to participate in the Shabbat morning program, please contact Rabbi Jonathan Berger (jberger@grossschechter.org).

Office Volunteers Needed

Do you have an hour to spare? The synagogue office could use your help from 1- 2 pm to answer phones on any of these dates: January 3, 4, 5, 18, 19 or 31. Please contact Marilyn Greenwald (440-449-2449 or marilynandstuart@gmail.com).

School resumes January 6, 2018!



Transplant House of Cleveland Wednesday, January 10 • 5:30 pm

Provide a home-cooked meal for the residents. This involves preparing a meal for 20 people at home and bringing it to the Transplant House (located at 2007 E. 115th St., 44106) at 5:30 pm, then connecting with the residents as they enjoy a family meal together.

Auditions for this year's Purimspiel Thursday, January 11 • 7 pm

Set a time slot to audition for a lead role in this year's Purimspiel! Contact Lynne Yulish (mezzoforever@sbcglobal.net). No audition necessary for an ensemble part. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings beginning January 25.



"The Megillah According to Broadway" will be presented Sunday, February 18 • 7 pm

Hazak Goes for a Maltz Museum Exhibit Tour Beyond Chicken Soup: Jews & Medicine in America Sunday, January 14 • 11:15 am

Meet at the museum (located at 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood). \$8 per person; guests welcome. RSVP to Sonya Shultz (3701 Mayfield Rd #314, Cleveland Hts., 44121). Questions? Call Sonya (216-382-5522). Please make checks payable to B'nai Jeshurun Hazak.



Atid Challah on the Chai Thursday, January 18 • 7 pm

Learn the perfect recipe and braiding techniques from the bakery specialists at Whole Foods. Make your own challah and enjoy kosher wine. \$10 if you RSVP by January 10; \$15 after. RSVP on the Atid Facebook event page.



Sunday, January 21 • 9:30 am

Sort and pack food at the pantry that will go to Jewish families in need. Everyone volunteering should be over the age of 7. Contact Shani Kadis to sign up.

Sisterhood Gift Shop Sale

Enjoy 10% off gift items through December 31, 2017.

Dvar Torah by *Gabriela Schwartz*, Conservative Yeshiva Student

It seems ironic that Vayehi, the last parasha of the book of Genesis, means 'and he lived' when the most significant events in the parasha are the deaths of Jacob and Joseph! Perhaps Vayehi is inviting us to compare the totality of their lives, and consider the evolution of their characters.

Jacob is the preferred child of his mother, but scrapped and struggled to get his father's favor, birthright, and blessing. As Rachel's first child, Joseph occupies a favored position from birth. But despite his being the 11th son, he receives the customary firstborn double portion as Jacob blesses both Ephraim and Manasseh, promising each a portion of the Land of Israel alongside Joseph's brothers. Both are hated by resentful brothers, and both wind up outside the Land of Israel because of it. Separated from home and family, Jacob in Haran and Joseph in Egypt, they experience deception and servitude. But sustained by dreams that gave them insight into God's plan for them, they emerge triumphant.

But despite these similarities, Jacob and Joseph wrestle with very different demons. Jacob's greatest challenge is his lack of faith and ability to calmly accept fate. Instead, he was always striving to control the situation, cover his bases, and flip the script to make sure things turn out his way.

Even in the womb, he is working to get ahead. Esau is born first, but Jacob comes out grasping his heel! He buys the birthright with a bowl of pottage and tricks his father into giving him Esau's blessing. In Haran, he turns the tables on Lavan, who had tricked him into working double the years to marry Rachel, by employing an elaborate scheme with striped and spotted sheep and goats. And before confronting Esau again, he is a ball of anxious hyperactivity - dividing his camp in two, sending Esau all kinds of gifts, and praying to God for protection.

But Jacob comes to learn that things are beyond his control. His daughter is raped, his sons exact revenge against his will, his beloved wife dies in childbirth, his eldest son sleeps with his concubine, and his beloved son is killed by a goat (or so he thinks). It looks like his life will end in failure, as famine eventually forces his family to leave the promised land.

But we see in our parsha that Jacob learns that things can turn out OK even without his being in control. He says to Joseph: 'I never expected to see you again, and here God has let me see your children as well.' (Genesis 48:11) And recognizing that it was really God, and not his own manipulations that paved his way, he prays that 'The Angel who has redeemed me from all harm- Bless the lads.' (48:16).

Joseph's challenge is the opposite: pride and overconfidence. He is born believing that he is destined for greatness, walking around in his ornate tunic, delivering bad reports about his brothers, and proclaiming, with no embarrassment, his premonition that his brothers and parents would someday bow to him.

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GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
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RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
MOSHE BEN ZELDA
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
PEREL BAT YENTA
YAKOV BEN SARA
DANIEL BEN LEAH
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN
 RUVENA SHIFRA
BRACHA BAT SIMA
KETURAH BAT SARAH
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA
AVRAHAM BEN MALKA
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM
HENNACH BEN ETEL
SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA
REUVEN BEN ADELINE
LEAH BAT ETYE
PHIL APRUZZI
MALKA BAT RAISA
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
ELI CHAIM BEN MINNA YITTA
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
 SHAINDEL CHAYAH
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL
DINAH BAT DAHLIA
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER

DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA
MASAHIRO UENO
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
YAKOV ELIYAHU BEN GALIA
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
MEIR BEN SARAH
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSSEL
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL
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HAYA SORA BAT LEAH
EFRAIM ZEV BEN ZELDA
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Yael BAT ESTHER
MORDECHAI BEN YENTEL
ELIEZER BEN SARAH
SHLOMO FEIVEL BEN KAYLA
RIVKA BAT FRAYDA
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LEIBUSH BEN SHPRINTZE LEAH
CHANA RUCHEL BAT FRUMA BATYA
YEHUDIT BAT SULTANA
SARAH BAT ROIZA
MARIE BAT MARIE
YEHUDIT BAT BUNNY RAZEL
MIRIAM ESTHER BAT MALKA LIBA
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ARIELLA CHANA BAT SARAH
HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA
AARON ELI BEN TOIBA LEAH
HANNAH BAT DVORAH
REUVEN BEN CHANAH
JOANN BAT ZOLA
LIBA RUCHEL BAT BAYLA
ELANA BAT RACHEL
MOSHE BINYAMIN BEN TZVIYA YEHUDIT
RIFKAH BAT BASYA
YOCHEVET BAT FRIEDA
ELI BEN BASYA
EVAN KOMITO

What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Thursdays 12:10 pm Lunch & Learn at Commerce Park IV Room 130

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Saturday, December 30

9:00 am Service

Sunday, December 31

2:00 pm Minyan (no 6:00 pm service)

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day; office closed

Wednesday, January 3

11:00 am Hillel Summer Internship Program info session; Federation

Thursday, January 4

7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, January 5

6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Service

Sunday, January 7

9:30 am Sammy Spider

1:30 pm Jewish Genealogy Society Meeting @Park East with Ken Bravo and Richard Spector, "*Learn How to Break Down Brick Walls*"

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 pm Chesed @Transplant House

Thursday, January 11

7:00 pm Purimspiel Auditions

Friday, January 12

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am Service; David Levine Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, January 14

11:15 am Hazak @Maltz Museum

Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; office closed

Wednesday, January 17 - Rosh Hodesh Shevat

Thursday, January 18

7:00 pm Atid @Whole Foods

Condolences to:

Scott Matasar & family on the death of his mother, Judith Matasar
Susan Schlessinger & family on the death of her father, Sheldon Apple
David Yahr & family on the death of his father, Lawrence Yahr
Harlan Meinwald on the death of his brother, Javan Meinwald

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	Harvey Peskin	Albert A. Woldman

If you would like a name read from this week's yahrzeit list and have not already informed the office, please notify one of the ushers.