

ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE

DECEMBER 26, 2020 • 11 Tevet 5781

Vayigash

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Transliteration of the Prayer for the State of Israel:

*Avinu sheh-bashamayim, tsur Yisrael v'goal, bareikh et m'dinat Yisrael
reishit ts'michat g'ulateinu. Hagein aleha b'evrat chasdekha ufros aleha
sukat sh'lomekha, ushlach or'kha va'amit'kha l'rasheha sareha v'yoatseha,
v'tak'neim b'eitsa tovah mil'fanekha. Chazeik et y'dei m'ginei erez kodsheinu,
v'hanchileim Eloheinu y'shua, va'ateret nitsachon t'at'reim. V'natata shalom
ba'arets v'simchat olam l'yosh'veha, v'nomar: Amen.*



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Shabbat Shalom and Welcome!

We welcome you to Anshe Emet Synagogue and hope that you enjoy our worship service. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself so we may welcome you and wish you Shabbat Shalom. Everyone is invited to join our community for Kiddush lunch following services.

Mission Statement

Anshe Emet Synagogue seeks to encourage involvement and create a special sense of belonging. We are committed to meeting the religious, educational, social, and cultural needs of our members within the framework of the Conservative Movement. In keeping with the teachings of Judaism and the spirit of Klal Yisrael, we recognize our responsibility to serve the Jewish community, the wider community and the state of Israel.

Michael S. Siegel • Senior Rabbi, Norman Asher Rabbinic Chair
Alberto Mizrahi • Hazzan Emeritus, Arnold H. Kaplan M.D. Cantorial Chair
David Russo • Rabbi
D'ror Chankin-Gould • Rabbi
Elizabeth Berke • Interim Hazzan
Naomi Weiss-Weil • Ritual Director
Art Friedson • President
Boni Fine • Executive Director

Established 1873

Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

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Parsha Summary

Vayigash • He Came Near

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

In an act of great integrity, Judah steps forward and explains that he will allow himself to become a slave so that Benjamin will not have to do so, because their father so loves Benjamin that losing his favorite son, to whom his soul is bound, would kill him. Joseph is so moved by this clear evidence of Judah's repentance that he reveals himself to his brothers, crying so loudly that it can be heard even in Pharaoh's palace. Joseph explains that it was God's plan to send him to Egypt to make sure the family wouldn't starve during the famine, "so it was not you who sent me here, but God." He tells his brothers to hurry back to get their father, and invites them all to live in Egypt, in the region of Goshen.

Pharaoh is pleased to learn of the reunion of Joseph's family, and he, too, invites them to move to Egypt. The brothers prepare to fetch Jacob, and Joseph instructs them to not be quarrelsome on the way.

Jacob and his family sleep in Beersheva overnight, and God visits Jacob one more time, assuring him that he need not fear going down to Egypt, for "I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I Myself will also bring you back." Jacob descends on Egypt with a party of seventy people. Joseph rides his chariot to greet his father, and the two men embrace and weep, as Jacob says, "Now I can die, having seen for myself that you are still alive."

Joseph instructs his family to claim that they are shepherds, whom the Egyptians abhor, since this will allow the Israelites to dwell apart in Goshen. Indeed, when Pharaoh has an audience with the brothers and Jacob, he does grant them the region of Goshen. When Jacob appears before Pharaoh, he tells him, "the years of my sojourn [on earth] are 130. Few and hard have been the years of my life, nor do they come up to the life spans of my fathers during their sojourns."

During the remainder of the famine, Joseph sustains his family and manages Egypt for Pharaoh. Under his guidance, Pharaoh acquires all the land in Egypt, as well as its people, who sell first their real estate, and then themselves, in exchange for sustenance.

The Bedside Torah: Wisdom, Visions, and Dream
Rabbi Bradely Shavit Artson

Yahrzeits

We remember those of our Anshe Emet family who are no longer with us and whose Yahrzeits we observe this week.

May their memory be for a blessing.

Evelyn Abrams
Louis Adolph
Simon Ansel
Maurice Aron
Joseph Aschheim
Sarah Babchick
Joseph Bearak
Louis Berman
David S. Bern, Esq.
Morris Birch
Sue Blair
Harold Blumberg
Clara Braude
Abby Butler
Joan Caminer
Maurice R. Davis
Louis Edelstein
Arnold Epstein
Alan Feinstein
Ruth Finkle
Mollie Fisher
Charlet Frank
Belle Friedman
Sigmund Friedman
Bertha Garber
Frank Gary
Elaine Gentner
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Samuel Gordon
Harold H. Greenwood
Goldie M. Groner
Saul H. Groner
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Louis Herman
Yudas Hurwich
Ida Jensen
Ernest Karmin
Herbert Krause
Jennie Lasker

Michael Leglaire
Jeanette Leib
Emily Lennard
Jerry Lennard
Sarah Levin
Albert Lipsey
Joseph Manishewitz
Dr. Alvin May
Ahshalom Mizrahi
Max Z. Morton
Cecelia Pacyna
Marjorie Perham
Doris Perlman
Joan Peters
Klara Pinskaya
Leonard Powell
Jennie Rice
Norman Rosenblatt
Frieda Rosenblum
Ethel Rubenstein
Alter Rubin
Chaim Rudminsky
Morris J. Saipe
Edward Samuelson
Bernard Schwartz
Rebecca Seltzer
Harry E. Silfen
Lillian Slone
Marian Smith
Morton Spill
Ethel L. Stein
James Stitt
Ethel Towbin
Ethel Turetzky
Ruth Weber
Max Weinberg
Martin L. Weisman
Ben Willens
Nesha Bat Wolf
Leah Wolin
Marshall Yablon
Rose Towbin Zietlein

Help Us Be There For You

Synagogue is a place where you want to feel at home, nourished, nurtured and spiritually fulfilled; a place where your soul, heart and head are touched. It is a place where you and your children feel a sense of relevance. It is a place where you are safe, where you are stimulated, and where you will find a welcoming community.

As part of this commitment, the clergy at Anshe Emet are here to help with Simchas and crises in your or your family's life. If you know someone who needs to speak with a member of our clergy, or if you want to add a name to the Mi Sheberach list, please contact Antoinette (Toni) Nuñez at **773-868-5120** or anunez@ansheemet.org. Names will be kept on the Mi Sheberach list for two weeks only unless otherwise specified.



Condolences

It is with deep regret to inform you of the peaceful passing of **Samuel Eliot Grodzin**, ninety-four years old on Thursday afternoon, December 17, 2020.

Sam lived a long life in which he found success and contentment with family, friends and his community. That is no small accomplishment.

When he began seeing his wife, Roslyn (z'l) in 1964, he had recently suffered the disappointment of a brief marriage that did not work out. Roslyn had lost her husband and was left alone with three young children. Together they made their married lives a success for the next forty-five years.

The Anshe Emet community extends its deepest condolence to the entire Grodzin family at this difficult time. May you all be comforted among the mourners in Zion and Jerusalem. Amen.

HaZaK • Mondays at 1pm

HaZaK is an Anshe Emet daytime program for mature adults with active minds. Co-taught by our clergy and other community educators, this year HaZaK is focusing on Jewish Ethics with the Melton curriculum "Ethics of Jewish Living." Generously funded by Beatrice Mayer, z"l.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 • RABBI DAVID RUSSO

Visit ansheemet.org/livestream to join | **Meeting ID: 663 098 957**
Contact Cantor Liz Berke for Zoom password
and more information at eberke@ansheemet.org

On-Line Bereavement Group Supporting our community in times of loss. **December 28 • 7:30pm • Via Zoom**

Please join us, every fourth Monday of the month, for our **online** support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years.

Meeting ID: 170 885 666
Contact Tamar Brooks
for Zoom Password: tbrooks@ansheemet.org

TORAH READING PAGE NUMBERS IN ETZ HAYIM

DEUTERONOMY Chapters 45-47

1st Aliyah: p. 279, 45:28-46:4

2nd Aliyah: p. 280, 46:5-46:7

3rd Aliyah: p. 281, 46:8-46:11

4th Aliyah: 281, 46:12-46:15

5th Aliyah: p. 281, 46:16-46:18

6th Aliyah: p. 282, 46:19-46:22

7th Aliyah: p. 282, 46:23-46:27

Maftir: Numbers p. 288, 47:25-47:27

Haftarah: p. 291, Ezekiel 37:15-37:28

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Parsha Vayigash:

Joseph vs. Moses / Utilitarianism vs. Ideals

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HAVDALAH & YOUNG FAMILY HAVDALAH PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 • 5:30PM

Community Havdalah service led by Naomi Weiss-Weil, Maxine Handelman and Rabbi Donni Aaron, followed by Young Family Havdalah Party.

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Meeting ID: 160 211 063 | Password: 144222



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At 6pm, on our livestream page, we will share a warm Kabbalat Shabbat service that includes special guests, great music and congregant participation!

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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PROPHETS WITH PROFESSOR KEN SEESKIN BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 10AM

A six-week class on some of the most fascinating Prophets in our arsenal of study. Join Professor Ken Seeskin, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy and Emeritus Philip M. and Ethel Klutznick Professor of Jewish Civilization, from Northwestern University as he examines questions such as Does God Experience Emotion? and Why Must God's Chosen Servant Suffer? and much more.

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TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI JOEL GOLDSTEIN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 7PM

Join us as we study the eighth chapter of the Babylonian Talmud tractate chullin. This chapter begins with the rules of separating milk and meat and how we react when the two are mixed together. Additionally, it will bring us to a discussion of other rituals around a person's table. Texts will be provided in their original languages with a vocabulary guide and english translations for those who would like them. Previous Talmud experience is encouraged but not necessary.

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