

JANUARY 2017

BIRTHDAY

11 Sunnie Saperstein

ANNIVERSARY

10 Irwin & Alice Bernstein

JOSEPH REVEALS HIS IDENTITY

The Torah reading of this week takes up the tale of the story of Joseph to its highest point. Judah's persuasive plea "the most complete pattern of genuine natural eloquence" as Sir Walter Scott called it.

The plea is followed by the inevitable climax: the self-disclosure of Joseph.

At first in the background and now emerging is the guiding hand of Providence. The human story has a link with divine purpose. Four times in succession, Joseph affirms that it was not he, but God who brought these events to pass. The promise to Abraham is being fulfilled: "God has sent me ahead of you to insure your survival on earth and to save your lives in an extraordinary deliverance" (gen. 45:7). The invitation to Jacob's family to settle in Egypt is made by the Pharaoh and Joseph.

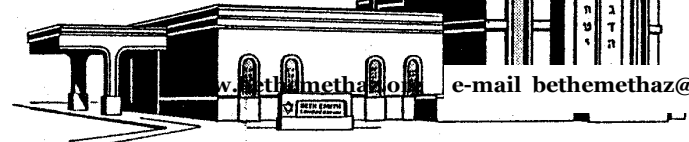
The invitation to Jacob's family to settle in Egypt is made by the Pharaoh and Joseph. The famous words "I am Joseph, your brother" are the very words which Pope John xx11 used to greet a group of Jewish leaders in October 1960 - Joseph being his baptismal name. (Inspired by W. Gunther Plant

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RABBI LEO M. ABRAMI

SHABBAT VAYIGASH

JANUARY 6, 2017 Friday Night

Service, 7:30 p.m.

Oneg will be sponsored by the Congregation

All are Welcome

JANUARY 7, 2017 Saturday Morning

Service, 9:00 a.m.

Torah

Genesis 44:18-45:27 pp. 169-172

Haftorah

Ezekiel 37:15-28 pp. 178-179

The Kiddush will be sponsored by the

Congregation

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If anyone wants a name listed for a *mishebeirach*, please call the office by Wednesday of the week and the name will go into the bulletin for that week.

A prayer for healing can be said at any time and does not require a *minyan*. The Amidah (page 113 in Siddur Sim Shalom) shows a format that can be used: "May it be your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to send perfect healing, of body and soul, to _____, along with all others who are stricken".

George Allen, Melissa Engber, Peter Gottlieb, Thom Hannagian, Evie Martinez, Adrienne Flisser, Howard Marshall, Harry Newman, Michael Newman, Rosalyn Podbielak, Abraham David Silverman, Marcia Turkiewicz

We wish "*Refuah Shelemah*," a speedy recovery to congregants, family and friends who are ill. We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.

<p>Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu May the source of strength Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage To make our lives a blessing And let us say, Amen</p>	<p>Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu Bless those in need of healing With <i>refuah shelemah</i> - The renewal of body, The renewal of spirit And let us say, Amen</p>
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Please advise Rabbi Abrami of anyone who is ill and would like to be visited. Call the office to provide details.

Rabbi Abrami is available for counseling on Mondays from 9 to 11 am (by appointment). Please call 623-584-7210

REMINDER, PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR SISTERHOOD MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE FOYER TABLE. WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES PLANNED.

Kaddish may be said on Friday evening January 6, 2017 & Saturday morning January 7, 2017.

El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am *Minyan*.

Jan.	Tevet	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
7	9	Phyllis Sontag	Sister	Joseph Sontag
8	10	Charles Stern	Husband	Joyce Stern
8	10	Ethel Wodlinger	Mother	Judith Koven
11	13	Kathryn Tetner	Mother	Sharron Jacquemart
13	15	Esther Rachel Karofsky	Aunt	Rhoda Lessner
13	15	Esther Rachel Karofsky	Aunt	Marilyn Newberg

Bereavement Group with Ellie Schwartzberg
Thursdays 10 am- 2:00 pm at Beth Emeth

Please call Ellie at 602-452-4660 for more information or to make an appointment.

The *Minyanaires* is a dedicated group of Jewish individuals who meet on Monday and Thursday at 8:00 am to pray *shacharit*, the morning service. Everyone is welcome, whether saying *kaddish* or not.