

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
December 2017

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
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Rabbi Tracee Rosen

Candle lighting 5:07 p.m.

December 22, 2017

Friday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday Morning Services

December 23, 2017 9:00 a.m.

SHABBAT VAYIGGASH

Genesis 45:28-46:27 pp. 172-174

Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28 pp. 178-179

Robert Summer

The Kiddish is sponsored by

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All are welcome

SHABBAT VAYIGGASH

This week's *haftorah* mentions the fusion of the kingdoms of Judah and Joseph during the Messianic Era, echoing the beginning of this week's Torah reading: "And Judah approached him [Joseph]."

The prophet Ezekiel shares a prophecy he received, in which G-d instructs him to take two sticks and to write one one, "For Judah and for the children of Israel his companions" and on the other, "For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions." After doing so he was told to put the two near each other, and G-d fused them into one stick.

G-d explains to Ezekiel that these sticks are symbolic of the House of Israel, that was divided into two (often warring) kingdoms: the Northern Kingdom that was established by Jeroboam, a member of the Tribe of Ephraim, and the Southern Kingdom, that remained under the reign of the Davidic (Judean) Dynasty. The fusing of the two sticks represented the merging of the kingdoms that will transpire during the Messianic Era — with the Messiah, a descendant of David, at the helm of this unified empire.

"So says the L-rd G-d: 'Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side, and I will bring them to their land. And I will make them into one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be to them all as a king...'"

The *haftorah* ends with G-d's assurance that "they shall dwell on the land that I have given to My servant, to Jacob, wherein your forefathers lived; and they shall dwell upon it, they and their children and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever."

Prayer for healing

We pray for a speedy recovery of body and spirit for the following loved ones and members of our community.

Ailene Barkhoff, Peter Enneking, Adrienne Flisser, Maya Goldberg, Thomas Hannagian, Terry LeBlanc, Nelson Magedman, Peggy Markowitz, Michele Moschel, Joan Rothfeld, Cyrene Schochet, Valerie Schonborn, Elaine Schwartz, A. David Silverman, Philip Todora, Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz,

Mi Shebeirach, by Debbie Friedman

**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**

**Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu
Bless those in need of healing
With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma
The renewal of body,
The renewal of spirit
And let us say,
Amen**

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.

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday Evening & Saturday morning December 22, 2017 & December 23, 2017.

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

Date	Tevet	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
23	5	Bernard Sontag	Father	Joseph Sontag
25	7	Beatrice Kurtz	Wife	Norman Kurtz
27	9	Phyllis Sontag	Sister	Joseph Sontag
28	10	Samuel Goldman	Father	Gloria Greenberg
28	10	Charles Stern	Husband	Joyce Stern
28	10	Ethel Wodlinger	Mother	Judith Koven

JANUARY 4, 2018 AT 2:00 p.m. we will be celebrating Beth Emeth's 30th Anniversary and Max Gimpel's 100th Birthday. Max is a Designer and Artist Extraordinaire.

Put your birthday wishes in a book that will be sent to Max Gimpel. Prices for listings are greatly reduced for greater participation. Help us fill up the book to show our appreciation and love to a very special man to Beth Emeth. Call Sandy at 623-584-7210.