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- ◆ **Chesed** - Know someone in need? Contact [yieipchesed@gmail.com](mailto:yieipchesed@gmail.com), or (for urgent needs) directly contact **Joel Greenberg** at (786) 553-6219, **Ariela Greenberg** at (301) 518-5237, or as a backup **Sara Schneider** at (301) 325-3245.
- ◆ **Membership** - To join the shul or for member benefits information, contact **Beth Shapiro** at [bethshap@gmail.com](mailto:bethshap@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Shiva** - For arrangements or furnishings, contact **Daniel Chefitz** at (301) 610-0844 or [gabbai@yieip.org](mailto:gabbai@yieip.org) or **Adam August** at (202) 491-3725 or [adamaugust@yahoo.com](mailto:adamaugust@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **Tape Library** - Contact **Cliff Snapper** (301) 983-6897 or [csnapper@usuhs.mil](mailto:csnapper@usuhs.mil) to borrow Jewish theme tapes from the shul.
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- ◆ **Rabbi Yosef Singer** - Contact at (240) 603-8622 or [RavSinger@gmail.com](mailto:RavSinger@gmail.com).
- ◆ **President, Daniel Ely** – (301) 455-3993 or [djely@verizon.net](mailto:djely@verizon.net).
- ◆ **Gabbai, Daniel Chefitz** – (301) 610-0844 or [gabbai@yieip.org](mailto:gabbai@yieip.org).
- ◆ **Weekly Bulletin** - To submit announcements for the weekly bulletin, email **Robert Rubinoff** at [yieip-announce@yahoogroups.com](mailto:yieip-announce@yahoogroups.com) or call (301) 299-1504 by Wednesday evening.

*Donation Opportunities*

- ◆ **Sefarim** - Dedicate a chumash (\$60), siddur (\$40), or machzor (\$15). Contact **Beth Shapiro** at [bethshap@gmail.com](mailto:bethshap@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Eitz Chaim Dedications** - Inscribe a leaf for the YIEIP "Tree of Life" for any and all occasions. Contact **Mark Ferneau** at [ferneau@yahoo.com](mailto:ferneau@yahoo.com). Levels include Copper (\$250), Silver (\$360), Gold (\$500), or foundation stones (contact Cliff Snapper [csnapper@usuhs.mil](mailto:csnapper@usuhs.mil)).
- ◆ **Yartzeit Plaques** - Contact **Mark Ferneau** at [ferneau@yahoo.com](mailto:ferneau@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **Kiddush/Seudah Shlishit** - Contact [kiddush@yieip.org](mailto:kiddush@yieip.org). Specify date & type of sponsorship; Kiddush is \$200; Seuda Shlishit is \$54.

*Community Resources*

- ◆ **Tomchei Shabbos**- Do you know individuals or families who can't afford to buy food for Shabbos? Yad Yehuda of Greater Washington will arrange local Shabbos food deliveries in a confidential manner. Contact **Rabbi Singer** if you know anyone who could benefit from this service. For more information on the Foundation and this project, or to donate, please visit [www.yadyehuda.org](http://www.yadyehuda.org).
- ◆ **YIP List** – To join the shul email list, contact **Mark Ferneau** [ferneau@yahoo.com](mailto:ferneau@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **Potomac Jewish List** – To join a general Potomac Jewish Community email list, go to [www.potomacjewish.com](http://www.potomacjewish.com).



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**Parshat Vaeira**

**Haftorah: Yechezkel 28:25-29:21**

Rosh Chodesh Shevat falls on Monday

Shabbat at a Glance

Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat .....	4:40 pm
Candle Lighting .....	4:41 pm
Shacharit .....	8:40 am
Z'man Kriat Shema .....	9:51 am
Rabbi Singer: Nefesh HaChaim Class.....	3:55 pm
Mincha.....	4:25 pm
Seudah Shlishit between Mincha/Maariv	
Maariv.....	5:44 pm
Shabbat Ends.....	5:50 pm
Father/Child Learning.....	6:45 pm

Davening Times During the Week

<b>Shacharit:</b>	<b>Mincha/Maariv:</b>
Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 4:40 pm
Monday – 6:15 am	Friday – 4:45 pm
Tue. Wed. & Fri. – 6:30 am	<b>Maariv</b>
Thursday – 6:20 am	Mon.-Thu. 8:45 pm
	<b>GWC Kollel Maariv:</b>
	Sunday - 9:15 pm

Candle Lighting Next Shabbat – 4:48 pm

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## Announcements and Community Events

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- ◆ Sat. Jan 12, YIEIP will be participating in Yad Yehuda Shabbat: highlighting Yad Yehuda's important role in our community.
- ◆ Tue. Jan 8, 7:30-9:00 pm, at Chabad, Chabad's monthly women's course "Larger than Life", "The Pledge Fund", taught by **Rebbetzin Sara Bluming**. For details go to [www.chabadpotomac.com](http://www.chabadpotomac.com).
- ◆ Sun. Jan 13, 1:00 pm, at the Rollins Congressional Club, 1621 Martha Terrace, Chabad of Potomac will have its 17th annual Spa for the Soul, a day of relaxation, depth, beauty, and spirituality for the Jewish Woman, featuring **Ruchie Freier**, the first Chassidic female judge, For details or to register, send email to [chabadpotomac@yahoo.com](mailto:chabadpotomac@yahoo.com) or go to [www.ChabadPotomac.com/spa](http://www.ChabadPotomac.com/spa). (Free for Women's Circle members.)
- ◆ Sun. Dec 20, 1:00-4:00 pm, at YISE, the Chevra Kadisha invites all community members to come learn about the tahara process at a general training session with **Rabbi Elchonon Zohn**, the president of the National Associate of Chevra Kadisha. (From 7:00-8:30 pm there will be a session for leaders and those who wish to learn more about becoming a tahara leader.) For more information, contact Dean Grayson at [dean.grayson@ngc.com](mailto:dean.grayson@ngc.com).

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## Shul and Community Torah Classes

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- ◆ **Rabbi Yosef Singer**
  - Gemorah - after Shacharit Sun morning (*Men*)
  - Women's Mesilas Yesharim Shiur - Shabbat, 1 3/4 hours before mincha (will resume in late spring/early summer)
  - Nefesh Hachaim - Shabbat, 30 minutes before Mincha
- ◆ **Greater Washington Community Kollel**
  - Bet Medrash Program with **Rabbi Menachem Winter**, Rosh Kollel, and the Kollel Rebbeim: various simultaneous classes --Sun 8:15-9:15 pm (*Men*)
  - Father/Child learning – Sat. 6:45 pm.
- ◆ **Other Weekly Classes**
  - **Rebbetzin Sara Bluming** – Weekly Roundtable, Tue. 10:00 am and Wed. 1:00 pm at Chabad (*Women*)

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## Youth Programming

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**Youth Programming** is available weekly for the full Shabbat morning davening starting at 8:45 am. Parents are reminded to pick up their children promptly when davening ends. If you have any question about the youth groups, please contact **Aviva Rosen** at [rosenaviva@gmail.com](mailto:rosenaviva@gmail.com) or the youth coordinators **Shlomit Bernstein** and **Tali Chefitz** at [coordinatorsyi@gmail.com](mailto:coordinatorsyi@gmail.com).

- ◆ **Tot Shabbat (ages 2-5):** downstairs classroom (8:45-11:30 am)
- ◆ **Youth Shabbat (kids 6-11):** games, prayers, and Torah in the social hall (8:45-11:15 am)
- ◆ **Baby Shabbat (to age 2):** upstairs classroom open during services for parents and their babies

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## Upcoming Yartzeits

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- ◆ 2 Shevat – Esther Malka Mazur (grandmother of Dena Kaufmann)
- ◆ 4 Shevat – Rose Shlossman (grandmother of Ruth Shlossman)
- ◆ 4 Shevat – Reba Aronow (grandmother of Barbara Levine)
- ◆ 6 Shevat – Anna Miller (mother of Jeff Miller)
- ◆ 6 Shevat – Libby Hertz (grandmother of Larry Rosen and Daniel Ostroff)
- ◆ 10 Shevat – Mayme Medjuck (mother of Hedda Silverman)
- ◆ 10 Shevat – Edward Tashman (father of Iris Snapper)
- ◆ 10 Shevat – Rabbi Avigdor Weitzner (brother of Allen Weitzner)

To add a name to this list, contact **Robert Rubinoff** at [rubinoff@cs.cmu.edu](mailto:rubinoff@cs.cmu.edu) or (301) 299-1504

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## D'var Torah – In Brief

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### Overview of Parshat Vaeira

Hashem tells Moshe to inform the Jewish People that He is going to take them out of Egypt; however, the Jewish People do not listen. Hashem then commands Moshe to go to Pharaoh and ask him to free the Jewish People. Although Aharon shows Pharaoh a sign by turning a staff into a snake, Pharaoh's magicians copy the sign, emboldening Pharaoh to refuse the request. Hashem punishes the Egyptians and sends plagues of blood and frogs, but the magicians copy the miracles on a smaller scale, again encouraging Pharaoh to refuse Moshe's request. After the plague of lice, even Pharaoh's magicians concede that only G-d could be performing these miracles. Only the Egyptians, and not the Jews in Goshen, suffer during the plagues. The onslaught continues with wild animals, pestilence, boils and fiery hail. However, despite Moshe's offers to end the plagues if Pharaoh will let the Jewish People leave Egypt, Pharaoh continues to harden his heart and refuses to let them go.

### Haftarah: Yechezkel 28:25-29:21

Just as Parshat Vaera describes the downfall of Egypt in the times of Moshe Rabbeinu, so the haftara details the demise of a latter-day Egypt in the time of the Prophet Yechezkel. Like the Pharaoh of Biblical times, the Pharaoh in the haftara proclaimed himself a god who created the Nile.

However, Egypt will be conquered by Nevuchadnetzar, the king of Babylon – and when both these empires will lie in ruins, Israel will emerge unscathed, to re-unite with Hashem.

### A SELF-MADE GOD

Pharaoh said, "Mine is the river and I have made myself." (29:3)

You're a farmer. You look at the sky. Will it rain? Will you be able to feed your family? When you depend on the rain to fall and water your crops, you realize that you are beholden to Hashem.

Rain rarely falls in Egypt. The Nile rises up and overflows its banks every year at the same time. The Nile waters the fields of Egypt, seemingly automatically.

It is for this reason that the Egyptians denied that there is a Power who supervises all. For the dew of heaven is the symbol and the sign of Hashem's power to run the world. Thus, the Egyptians made the river itself into a god.

(Ohr Somayach; Torah Weekly)