

שבת שלום

Building On Our Legacy

December 11-12, 2015

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*Parashat Miketz/Rosh Chodesh Tevet/
Shabbat Chanukah*

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Shabbat Shalom



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Service Times

- * Monday-Friday: 8:00AM
- * Friday Shabbat Evening: 6:30PM
- * Shabbat Morning: 9:15AM
- * Sunday Morning services can be scheduled by request.
- * Major Secular Holidays: 9:00AM

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Weekly Torah

Parashat Miketz, which means "at the end of...", continues Joseph's adventure in Egypt. Pharaoh has two dreams that none of his advisors can interpret. The cupbearer remembers Joseph and tells Pharaoh about him. Joseph is brought from jail and interprets Pharaoh's dreams to mean that Egypt will have seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of his land. When the famine strikes, Jacob sends his sons, except for Benjamin, to Egypt. When they arrive, Joseph recognizes his brothers and accuses them of coming to spy in his land. They tell him that they have come for food and that they have an elderly father and one younger brother. Joseph seizes Simeon and tells the brothers that he will not go free until they return with their youngest brother. He takes their money and sends them off with sacks of food. Later, they discover that each of their sacks contains the money they had previously given to Joseph. As the famine worsens, Jacob tells his sons to return to Egypt. They remind Jacob that Benjamin will be safe. When his brothers return to Egypt, Joseph frees Simeon and invites his brothers to his house for a banquet. He has yet to reveal his identity. When the banquet concludes, he orders that the brother's bags be filled with food and that his wine cup be secretly placed in Benjamin's bag. After the brothers depart, Joseph sends his steward to pursue and arrest them for stealing his wine cup. They reply that they have taken nothing. When the wine cup is found in Benjamin's bag, the brothers are brought back to Joseph's house. He informs them that he will keep Benjamin as a slave but release the rest of them.

From: A Torah Commentary for Our Times by Harvey J. Fields

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 12/12 Andrew Moss

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Shabbat Morning Greeters, 12/19 Andy Meyers, Sam Shukovsky, Albert Eskenazi

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, December 11, 4:07pm Candle lighting, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 12, Shabbat Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh Tevet I, 9:15am Shabbat Service, 7:00pm USY Bowling Event

Sunday, December 13, Rosh Chodesh Tevet II, 9:30am Navasky, Navasky Kindergarten, Gift Shop, 11:30am Rabbi Paskind Installation

Monday, December 14, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, December 15, 8:00am Minyan, 4:15pm Navasky

Wednesday, December 16, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class

Thursday, December 17, 8:00am Minyan, 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Book Club

Friday, December 18, 8:00am Minyan, 4:09pm Candle Lighting, 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 19, 9:15am Shabbat Service, 10:30am Tot Shabbat, 5:00pm Grades 3, 4 & 5 Havdalah Program

NOTE: Beginning January 16, 2016, Shabbat morning services will start at 9:30am with an abbreviated Pesukei d'Zimra.

Friday, December 25th and January 1st, Kabbalat Shabbat Service will be at 5:00pm

Please RSVP to the Office for the Adult Education classes

See Bulletin Board for Details of all our Adult Education classes

Bowspring Yoga, Sundays, 12/20, 1/10, 2/7, 3/13, 4/17, 5/1, 11:00am-12:00pm with Ali Hurwitz

Adult Torah Trope Class, Sundays, 1/10, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 3/6, 3/27, 4/3, 10:15am-11:15am with Riva Silverman

Learners' Minyan, Sundays, 9:30am with Rabbi Paskind, beginning Jan. 10
For all adults. Increase your comfort with the service. Questions are welcome!

Coming Face to Face with the Holocaust, Monday, 1/11, 12:15pm - 1:30pm, with Al Treidel

YOUTH

USY Bowling Party, Saturday, 12/12, 7:00pm at the Bowlmor – 701 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk

Grades 3, 4 & 5 Havdalah Program, Saturday, 12/19, 5:00pm

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

December 19, 10:30am

January 30, 10:30am

NAVASKY

Grades 3, 4 & 5 Havdalah Program, Saturday, 12/19, 5:00pm

REMINDER: Winter Break is coming! No Navasky from 12/22/15-1/3/16.
Classes resume Tuesday, 1/5/16.

VOLUNTEER

Soup Kitchen, Thursday, 1/14, 10:30am-12:00pm to set up and/or 12:15pm-2:00pm to serve. For more info, please contact Stephanie Gordon.

ROSH CHODESH

Book Group & Discussion, Thursday, 12/17, 7:30pm, "The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer".

Yahrzeit Plaques

We are now taking orders for New Yahrzeit (Memorial) Plaques. You can now permanently memorialize your loved ones who are no longer with us, or purchase "Reserved" plaques for you and/or your family. For information and pricing please contact either Denise in the synagogue office (203-838-2710), or Ellen Gordon, Chairperson/Yahrzeit Plaques (203-246-4424).

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