

שבת שלום

Building On Our Legacy

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Parashat Vayigash

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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 Vayigash, which means "and he approached him," begins with the confrontation between Judah and Joseph, whose identity is still unknown to his brothers. Judah tells Joseph that, if he refuses to allow Benjamin to return to his father, the old man will die. He pleads with Joseph to take him as a slave in place of Benjamin. Joseph hears Judah and then dramatically reveals his identity to his brothers. He instructs them to bring Jacob to Egypt and to settle there in Goshen. Pharaoh also invites Joseph's family to "live off the fat of the land." Jacob arrives in Egypt for an emotional reunion with Joseph and is welcomed by the Pharaoh. The famine continues, and Joseph arranges for people to exchange livestock for food and, then, land for food. Controlling the land for Pharaoh, Joseph distributes seed for planting with the agreement that the people will give one-fifth to Pharaoh and keep four-fifths for themselves. Meanwhile, Jacob and his family increase in numbers and wealth in the area of Goshen.

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

Shabbat Morning Bimah Officer, 12/19 Gary Mozer

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, December 18, 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

Sunday, December 20, 9:30am Navasky, Navasky K'tanim, Gift Shop, 11:00am Yoga, Family Education Day Grade 3

Monday, December 21, 8:00am Minyan

Tuesday, December 22, Fast of 10 Tevet, No Navasky, 8:00am Minyan

Wednesday, December 23, Nitzan Closed, 8:00am Minyan, 9:15am Mishnah Class

Thursday, December 24, Nitzan/Office Closed, 8:00am Minyan

Friday, December 25, Nitzan/Office Closed, 9:00am Minyan, 4:12pm Candle lighting, 5:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 26, 9:15am Shabbat Service

SERVICE TIME NOTES

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

Friday, December 25th and January 1st, morning minyan will be at 9:00am and Kabbalat Shabbat will be at 5:00pm. Please join us and help make a minyan during this winter break period.

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

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

UPCOMING TOT SHABBAT DATES

December 19, 10:30am

January 30, 10:30am

NAVASKY

Family Education Day Grade 3, Sunday, 12/20, 11:00am

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

See Bulletin Board for Details

Interfaith Press Conference and Prayer Vigil, Tuesday, 12/22, 11:00am at Margaret Morton Government Center, 999 Broad Street in Bridgeport

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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).

Yahrzeit Letters

Yahrzeit Letters will now be emailed out instead of mailed. Anyone who does not use email will still receive paper notices. Please check your Inbox and/or Junk/Spam Folder if you have an upcoming Yahrzeit.

Sponsor a Kiddush

Sponsoring a Kiddush just got easier! Celebrate a simcha with the congregation: a birthday, anniversary or special event. \$180 covers the cost of our regular Shabbat Kiddush. Celebrate with the community!

COMMUNITY

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Taste of Torah, Sunday, 1/31, 4:00pm-6:00pm at Temple Israel in Westport

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