

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Vayigash

FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN 3

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:15 PM
- » Candles 5:15 PM
- » Sunset 5:33 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JAN 4

- » **NEW EARLIER TIME: Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"SS 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- » Mincha 5:05 PM
- » Sunset 5:34 PM
- » Maariv 6:16 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:24 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:48 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Bayla Gittel bas Lefsha (Grandmother of Shmuel Rothberg)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Michal Leah bas Devora (Daughter of Devorah bas Heni)
- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » **Kiddush is sponsored by the shul in honor of Tzipora "Makenna" Thomas upon her conversion to Judaism. Welcome to the family! We wish her Brocha V'Hatzlocha as she heads to Israel to learn in seminary Midreshet Rachel.**

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Jan 5, 2025)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.

- » Mishnayos Shabbos 7:30 PM
- » **Maariv 8 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra 8:15 - 9:00 PM
- » CTC Nightly for women: Rabbi Avigdor Miller's sefer on Emunah nightly S-Th from 9:30-9:40pm. Feel free to join as often as you like. Here's the call in information: (605) 313-5857. Access code: 8607470 #
- » Parsha Shiur for women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer at the Rich Home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas 75252, Sundays 8 PM.

TIDBITS

Parashas Vayigash • January 4th • 4 Teves 5785

After Chanukah, used wicks, cups and oil should be disposed of in a respectful manner (i.e. by placing them in a plastic bag before disposing of them). Some have the minhag to burn the wicks on the last day of Chanukah; others do so at Bi'ur Chametz before Pesach.

As of this Motzaei Shabbos, January 4th, thirty days will have passed with the inclusion of V'sein Tal U'matar. From Maariv on Motzaei Shabbos and onward, one who is unsure if he correctly said V'sein TalU'matar (instead of V'sein berachah) does not need any corrective measures, since he is considered "accustomed" to have davened properly.

Next Friday, January 10th is the fast of Asara B'Teves. (This is the only fast day that can fall on Erev Shabbos.) During Chazaras HaShatz of Shacharis, only the Shaliach Tzibbur adds Aneinu. Chazaras HaShatz is followed by Selichos, Avinu Malkeinu, Tachanun, and Krias Hatorah. Mincha includes Krias Hatorah followed by the Haftarah. Those fasting add Aneinu in Shemoneh Esrei. Nusach Ashkenaz says Sim Shalom in place of Shalom Rav. The Shaliach Tzibbur adds Aneinu and Bircas Kohanim in Chazaras HaShatz. As it is Erev Shabbos, Avinu Malkeinu and Tachanun are omitted. All the regular Shabbos preparations such as hot showers etc. are permitted.

While the fast ends at the regular z'man for a Ta'anis (tzeis hakochavim), one may not eat or drink until after he hears Kiddush.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is late Monday night, January 13th at 4:34 am EST.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Sanhedrin 18 • Yerushalmi: Shabbos 39 • Mishnah Yomis: Sanhedrin 6:2-3 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 37b-39b • Kitzur Shulchan Aruch: 34:14-35:7

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

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VAYIGASH: Yehudah protests Yosef's persecution of the shevatim • Yosef

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reveals his identity • Yosef instructs the family to settle in Goshen • Yosef sends wagons with provisions for the brothers' journey to Canaan • Yosef gives the brothers gifts • Yaakov is informed that Yosef is alive • The members of Yaakov's family descending to Egypt are listed; they number 70 all together • Yehuda travels ahead to open a Yeshiva • Yosef and Yaakov's reunion • Yosef instructs his brothers how to speak with Pharaoh • Yaakov meets with and blesses Pharaoh • At the beginning of the years of hunger, the Egyptians can no longer afford food • Pharaoh supports the priests • The Egyptians seek to sell themselves and their property to Yosef and Pharaoh.

Haftarah: The Parashah relates the episode of the brothers' reunion in Mitzrayim after years of separation. Yechezkel (37:15-28) relates the prophecy that the Shevatim will one day join with true unity under the Melech HaMashiach.

Parashas Vayigash: 106 Pesukim • No Mitzvos Listed

"And he saw the wagons which Yosef sent" (Bereishis 45:27)

Chazal explain that Yaakov was rejuvenated when he saw the wagons his son Yosef sent, as they symbolized the last Torah topic they had studied together: Eglah Arufah. What was this message which Yosef was sending to his father?

Rav Uren Reich shlit"א answers: Chazal say that when Yosef set out to find his brothers, his father began escorting him out. Yosef protested, "I do not require this escort, as I am not a guest, but rather a member of the household." Yaakov responded that a lone traveler may face dangerous circumstances along the way. Escorting a departing traveler even just a short distance provides a symbolic accompaniment and a sense that he is not alone, giving him confidence to persevere on his journey. Thus, it was important that he escort Yosef as well. This discussion of Yaakov and Yosef regarding escorting guests was thus related to the laws of Eglah Arufah, which pertains to properly escorting a departing traveler.

By sending the wagons, Yosef hinted to his father that he was, in fact, alive and well, both physically and spiritually. For despite their geographical distance, he constantly felt his father's presence, as this feeling of never being alone enabled him to withstand the spiritual challenges he faced over the many lonely years in a land devoid of spirituality.