

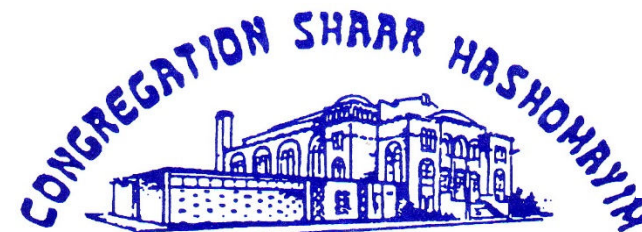
**WITH LOVE AND REVERENCE
THE FOLLOWING YAHRZEITS ARE BEING OBSERVED THIS WEEK:**

JANUARY / 2026 – TEVET 5786

				BOARD/ROW
03	14	Margaret Greiner	Malka bas Moshe	
		Abe Kovan	Avraham ben Moshe	7-3
		Louis Sender	Arye Leib ben Yosef	4-4
		Reta Simrod	Rivka bas Avraham	
		Ida Katzman	Chaya Idla bas Yosef	10-2
		Morris Enkin	Mendel Moshe ben Gershen Halevi	4-1
		Saul Bernstein	Shlomo ben Pesach	
		Mariam Nicha Golish	Mariam Nicha bas Volff	
		Iosif Sionov	Yosef ben Menachem	10-3
04	15	Bessie Kushner	Pesia Rochel bas Simcha Halevi	
		Irene Steinberg	Chaya Sorah bas Henoch	
		Sally Shaw	Sara bas Avraham	
		Rose Williams	bas Efrayim Heibsh	
		Betty Katz		
		Mazal Tov Sionov	Mazal bas Markel	10-3
Doreen Kopstein	Devorah bas Chaim	10-6		
05	16	Joseph Lieb Tencer	Yosef Leib ben Avrohom	
		David Richardson	David ben Yehoshua	
		Sarah Wunsch	Sara bas R' Mordechai David	2-3
		Dora Marks		
		Frank Lyons	Ephraim ben Yehuda Hacoen	
		Freda Joffe	Frayda bas Mayer	
		Sarah Parnes	Zisel bas Shalom Halevi	6-3
		Ida Solway	Chai Devorah bas Shalom Halevi	
		Rivka Kremer		9-5
Lynn Berger	Leah bas Avraham			
06	17	Goldie Brudner	Golda bas Leiber Halevi	7-4
		Rebecca Strominger	Rifka bas Yakov Hersch	8-4
		Lorraine Mechanic	Libla bas Nechemnia	10-6
07	18	I. Bert Meretsky	Yitzchak Boruch ben Michoel	
		Riva Jacks	Rifka bas Nota Pinkas	
		Elsie Brandes	Elka bas R' Shmuel Baruch	1-3
		Rabbi Isaac Stollman		
Mila Ripp	bas Mayer			
08	19	Harry Marks	Zvi ben Yehuda	
		Hanna Jerzy	Chana bas Avrohom	7-2
		Samuel Bookman	Shmuel ben Michoel	3-3
		Joseph Nathan Rosen	Yosef Noach ben Boruch Leib	1-8
		Sam Joffe	Shlomo Zev ben Tzvi Halevi	
		Irving Kirzner	Yitzchok ben Zoruch	
		Dr. Henry Shanfield		
Sydney Sharpe	Yehoshua ben Aryeh			
09	20	Shimon Safran	Shimon ben Moshe Hacoen	3-1
		Rose Katz	Rochel bas Moshe	9-5
		Ruth Hurwitz-Lerner	Rochel bas Hanoach Ha Cohen	

**MAY THEIR NAMES AND MEMORIES REMAIN FOR A BLESSING AS THE MOURNERS RECITE THE KADDISH ON
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026	14 TEVET 5786
Parshas Vayechi	
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**TORAH PORTION: Vayechi PAGE 180
(And he Lived)**

After 17 years in Egypt, Yaakov senses his days drawing to a close and summons Yosef. He has Yosef swear to bury him in the Machpela cave, the burial place of Adam and Chava, Avraham and Sara, Yitzchak and Rivka. Yaakov falls ill and Yosef brings to him his two sons, Ephraim and Menashe. Yaakov elevates Ephraim and Menashe to the status of his own sons, thus giving Yosef a double portion that removes the status of the first-born from Reuven. As Yaakov is blind from old age, Yosef leads his sons close to their grandfather. Yaakov kisses and hugs them. He had not thought to see his son Yosef again, let alone Yosef's children. Yaakov begins to bless them, giving precedence to Ephraim, the younger, but Yosef interrupts him and indicates that Menashe is the elder. Yaakov explains that he intends to bless Ephraim with his strong hand because Yehoshua will descend from him, and Yehoshua will be both the conqueror of Eretz Yisrael and the teacher of Torah to the Jewish People. Yaakov summons the rest of his sons in order to bless them as well. Yaakov's blessing reflects the unique character and ability of each tribe, directing each one in its unique mission in serving G-d.

Yaakov passes from this world at age 147. A tremendous procession accompanies his funeral cortege up from Egypt to his resting place in the cave of Machpela in Chevron. After Yaakov's passing, the brothers are concerned that Yosef will now take revenge on them. Yosef reassures them, even promising to support them and their families. Yosef lives out the rest of his years in Egypt, seeing Efraim's great-grandchildren. Before his death, Yosef foretells to his brothers that G-d will redeem them from Egypt. He makes them swear to bring his bones out of Egypt with them at that time. Yosef passes away at the age of 110 and is embalmed. Thus ends Sefer Bereishet, the first of the five Books of the Torah. **Chazak!**

WEEKLY SERVICES

DAY	DATE	MORNING & EVENING	
FRIDAY	JAN 02		Candles 4:53 pm
SATURDAY	JAN 03	9:00 A.M.	Havdalah 5:59 pm
SUNDAY	JAN 04	8:30 A.M.	Morning Minyan + breakfast to follow

MINYAN REQUEST



Alan Berger is looking for a minyan this Monday, January 5th at 7:15 am for the Yahrzeit of his beloved wife, Lynn Berger (AH).
 Bill Mechanic is looking for a minyan this Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30 am for the Yahrzeit of his beloved mother, Lorraine Mechanic (AH).

Attend, if you want to do a mitzvah (good deed). ***Your attendance is important, to support those observing a yahrzeit.**

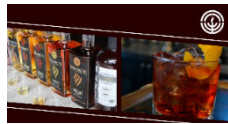
GOOD HEALTH WISHES: A SPEEDY RECOVERY



REFUAH SHLAIMAH: to all those who are not well at this time.

Please notify the office of any congregant and/or family member who is ill or hospitalized. Your call will ensure that our clergy can follow up with calls and special prayers.

DISTILLERY TOUR & TASTING



Warm up with us on **Thursday, January 22nd, 2026** from **6:30pm-8:30pm**, as we head to **Wolfhead Distillery**, a local favourite known for its small-batch spirits and welcoming atmosphere. This guided experience takes you behind the scenes to see how their signature whiskies, vodkas and liqueurs are crafted – from grain to glass – followed by a curated tasting of their most popular creations. It's the perfect mid-winter escape: a chance to discover local craftsmanship, enjoy great company and raise a glass. \$25. To learn more and register, please visit: <https://jewishwindsor.org/event/wolfhead-distillery-tour-tasting/>

TU B'SHEVAT 2026 AT THE WJCC



Tu B'Shevat 2026 will be held at the **WJCC** on **Sunday, February 1st, 2026**, beginning at **9:30 am**. Free admission. Please RSVP to Joe Schnayer at joe@jewishwindsor.org or at 519-973-1772 ext. 225.

JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE DETROIT PISTONS



Join us for **Jewish Heritage Night** with the **Detroit Pistons** on **Sunday, February 1st, 2026**. Bus leaves at 4:30 pm. Tickets: \$85/per person. Ticket includes bus ride from the WJCC and back, ticket to the game and Pistons jersey in Hebrew. Thank you to the Polsky & Mechanic Families for sponsoring this program. To learn more and register, please visit: <https://jewishwindsor.org/event/detroit-pistons-game/>

KIDDUSH



The Congregation is invited to the Charles Zalev Social Hall for Kiddush following the service. The Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please call the Shaar Office at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN & BREAKFAST



There will be a Sunday Morning Minyan this Sunday, January 4th at 8:30 am. Breakfast will follow the service and is sponsored by Rafael and Alla Sionov, in memory of beloved mother, Mazal Tov Sionov (AH).

To sponsor a Breakfast, please call the Shaar Office at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net

LIFE & LEGACY



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Joke...

A bar mitzvah boy, preparing his speech, asked his mother about his ancestors. The mother spoke of its illustrious origin, going back to the time of Avraham, Yitzchak and Jacob.

"And where did they come from?" "Of Adam and Eve." "And them?" "G-d created them."
 The boy wrote it down and then went to his father. "Where do you come from?" asks the boy.

"Ah, we come from apes. After millions of years of evolution, we evolved into human beings."
 The boy, confused, runs back to his mother. "Mother, you said that we came from Adam, Eve and G-d. Daddy says we came from monkeys..."

"There is no contradiction here, son," she said. "I was talking about my side of the family. He was talking about his side."

