



Carnegie Shul Chatter

December 9, 2021



Light candles 4:35pm

Shabbat Services 9:20am

Charity Begins At Home

This week's Chatter is an abbreviated one due to the passing last Friday, December 3, of my wife Ellen's mother, Miriam "Mimi" Ginsberg.

Normally I would not single out someone, much less a family member of my own, on these pages, but I am going to make an exception today, not because Mimi was Ellen's mother and my beloved mother-in-law, but because of her devotion to Jewish charities and Jewish charitable work. And charity does, indeed, begin at home.

We live in an era in which Tikun Olam, Repairing the

Vayigash in a Nutshell

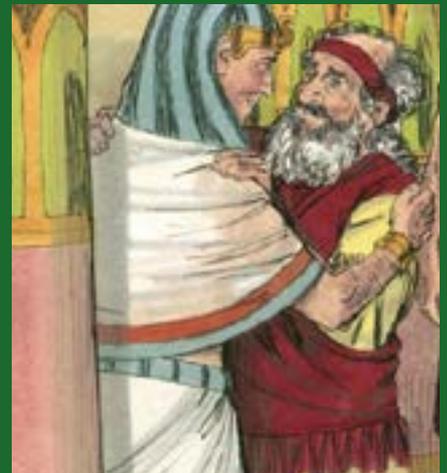
Genesis 44:18-47:27

From Chabad.org

Judah approaches Joseph to plead for the release of Benjamin, offering himself as a slave to the Egyptian ruler in Benjamin's stead. Upon witnessing his brothers' loyalty to one another, Joseph reveals his identity to them. "I am Joseph," he declares. "Is my father still alive?"

The brothers are overcome by shame and remorse, but Joseph comforts them. "It was not you who sent me here," he says to

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World, has gained significant attention, as well it should. Many Bar and Bas Mitzvah kids do projects with Tikun Olam as the emphasis. And though many of these projects involve Jewish causes, many have no connection to Judaism. And although any charitable work is important and special, some have lost sight of the need to put our fellow Jews and their needs at the top of their list.

Mimi Ginsberg certainly devoted her life to Jewish causes, as she was honored by the Jewish Association on Aging in 2007 as one of the Eight Over Eighty leaders in the Jewish Community for a lifetime of service and leadership, including serving as President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah, as well as being President of the Aviva Group. She also worked on behalf of the Israel Bonds Pittsburgh Women's Council, and was very active in the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, where she served as a Board member and a member of the Community Planning Committee and Campaign Cabinet, as well as serving the Women's Division as a vice president and in many other leadership roles. She was honored by the Federation as a Volunteer of the Year. Additionally, Mimi was a founding member and co-chair of Community Day School's Grandparents Association.

It is such a mitzvah to do charitable and volunteer work. All of the officers and board members of our shul, as well as those who lead our services, are volunteers.

Do Tikun Olam. Repair the World. But please do not forget the Jewish organizations that are also in need of your help and support.

Yahrtzeits

This week the Carnegie Shul acknowledge the yahrtzeits of:

Mildred P. Bendis
Anna Miller

Leonora C. Sherman
Samuel Fogel

Sylvia S. Cramer

May their memories be for a blessing.

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them, "but G-d. It has all been ordained from Above to save us, and the entire region, from famine."

The brothers rush back to Canaan with the news. Jacob comes to Egypt with his sons and their families — seventy souls in all — and is reunited with his beloved son after 22 years. On his way to Egypt he receives the Divine promise: "Fear not to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation. I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again."

Joseph gathers the wealth of Egypt by selling food and seed during the famine. Pharaoh gives Jacob's family the fertile county of Goshen to settle, and the children of Israel prosper in their Egyptian exile.

