

Shabbat Shalom!

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Parashat Vayishlach וַיִּשְׁלַח

December 16/17, 2016 - 17 Kislev 5777

	<u>Hertz</u>	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Rishon	122	198	Gen. 32:4 - 32:6
Sheni	122	198	32:7 - 32:9
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Revi'i	123	200	32:14 - 32:22
Chamishi	124	200	32:23 - 32:30
Shishi	124	202	32:31 - 33:5
Shevi'i	125	204	33:6 - 33:20
Maftir	126	205	33:18 - 33:20
Haftarah	137	222	Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21

Thank you to our Torah readers: Arnie Feltoon, Dale Nash, Fred Smith, Susan Wyner, Barry Shapiro and Linda Schoenberg. Thank you to Linda Schoenberg for chanting the Haftarah.

DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm
FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)
SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Our presence adds to the joy of our service!

FRIDAY

Mazal tov to all of our couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month!

Thank you to our Board member on the bima and greeter, Neil Tramer.



SATURDAY

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Susan Wyner. Thank you to Michael Loewenstein for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to the women who prepare the oneg and kiddush refreshments: Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Mann, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Hedy Milgrom, our greeter, Tom Mart, and our ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs and Nelson Pole.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.



**B'NAI JESHURUN'S
ROCKIN'
HANUKKAH**

Tuesday, December 27 6 pm-9 pm

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Cost:
\$10/adult • \$8/child ages 2-12
FREE to children under 2 years
\$40 family (household) max
RSVP by December 15

Enjoy deli & latkes for dinner *(vegetarian option available)*

Play Hanukkah Bingo for prizes

Rockin' Robots interactive show with lighting of the menorah

RSVP online to bnaijeshurun.org/hanukkah2016 or contact the synagogue office (216) 831-6555

European Heritage Tour Information Meeting • Shabbat, January 7 • Noon

Are you interested in our fantastic upcoming trip? Get all your questions answered! Micky Zoldan, Director of Sales & Marketing from ITC, the trip's tour company, will be in attendance along with Rabbi Weiss, who will lead the tour. Meet other participants and start getting excited for this wonderful adventure!

For want of a few small jars...*Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty and Coordinator, Torah Sparks*

Preparing to meet his brother Esau, from whose wrath he had fled decades earlier, Yakov moves his family and property across the Yabok River. "So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak" (Gen 32:25). "He was left alone," Rashi explains: "he went back for some small jars [pachim katanim] he had forgotten." The Talmud (Hulin 91a) which Rashi quotes adds that from this we learn that for tsadikim, righteous people like Yakov, their money is dearer than their bodies, as Yakov's action had put his life in danger. The Talmud continues, lest we think that tsadikim are "driven" by a lust for material things, that their concern stems from their careful way of life - every penny is hard and honestly earned, no monkey-business, and of course, nothing that smells of theft (gezel).

So it turns out that the most important encounter with God in Yakov's life - from which he leaves transformed (with a new name [Yisrael], the blessing for prevailing in struggles with God and man, and a muscle sprain) - happens when (because?) he went back to retrieve a few small jars. Odd? Just coincidence?

Fast-forward to Exodus 3:1, where Moses, following in Jacob's footsteps, is shepherding his father-in-law's sheep, "and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness (achar ha'midbar) and came to Horeb, the mountain of God," where, in the very next verse, Moses sees the burning bush, his most important encounter with God. "To the far side of the wilderness" seems a superfluous detail here, or is it? Rashi, quoting the Midrash, says Moshe purposely led them there, "to keep far from theft (gezel) were they to graze in other people's fields." Moses, like Yakov, seems to have a particular sensitivity (compulsion?) to avoid even a whiff of financial impropriety. Both were evidently talmidav shel Abraham, disciples of our earliest forefather, who sent his servant off to seek a wife for Isaac with ten camels, "muzzled lest they commit gezel, theft, enroute" according to Rashi (Gen 24:10).

We can only speculate - would Jacob have encountered the mysterious figure with whom he wrestled had he not gone back for those jars? Would Moses have ever seen the burning bush had he not taken his sheep to graze in the most remote wilderness? There is a message here for leaders in all generations and at all levels of governance and organization.

For want of a nail, a shoe was lost...and so, in turn, were lost a horse, a knight, a battle and the kingdom, according to the proverb; just insert "pachim katanim" for "a nail." Rashi however, as indicated, omitted the Talmudic addition about the lesson of theft to be learned here. Maybe those small jars had their own meaning for Yakov; they might have represented something of importance from his past. Our lives are composed of big objects and small jars. As the people left homeless by the recent fires in Israel attested, sometimes the latter are the more

important - furniture and appliances can be replaced, but not childhood albums, mementos from family occasions, grandma's candlesticks or an old wine-stained Haggadah. We all have pachim katanim in our closets and in our souls. The Baal Shem Tov said that we should go back for them from time to time. The story of Hanukkah coming up soon teaches that even one little jar may contain the oil needed to light the darkness of our lives.

Table Talk by Vered Hollander-Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty

Yaakov (Jacob) is returning to his father's land, dreading the meeting with his brother Esau. As part of his journey he returns to Beth El, and receives a new name. Benjamin, the youngest of Yaakov's sons, is born in this Parasha.

1) As Yaakov approaches the land of his father he sends messengers to Esau (32:4-6). Pay attention to the titles used: How does Yaakov think of Esau? What does Yaakov call himself and what does he call Esau in the message delivered by the messengers? Why?

2) Yaakov fears his brother Esau (32:8-16). What is he afraid might happen? How does he try to prepare for this meeting? Note that he approaches the issue in several different ways. Which do you think might be best? Why?

3) After taking his family and all his belongings across the Jabok crossing, Yaakov is left alone (32:23-30). A man struggles with him until the dawn rises. What is the significance of the time of this struggle? What 2 changes occur in Yaakov following this encounter?

4) Yaakov's journey comes full circle in 35:1-7. Compare Yaakov's state now to his situation in the beginning of last week's Parasha (28:10-22). What might Yaakov be feeling at this point?

5) The story of Yaakov becoming Yisrael (Israel) appears twice in our parasha. In 35:9-15 the name change is accompanied by a promise. What is Yaakov promised by God? Can you remember another person who got a similar promise together with a name change (17:3-8 might help). What is the relationship between Yaakov and this person?

The Men's Clubs of B'nai Jeshurun, Park Synagogue and Shaarey Tikvah present their annual

DANCE PARTY

Saturday
December 17
@ B'nai Jeshurun

\$27.50 before December 12 • \$40 at the door
7:30 pm doors open • 8:00 - 11:00 pm band • 21 & over
Prices are per person and include dinner with soft drinks and beer, great music and dancing!
This event usually sells out - buy your tickets early!



Featuring Back Traxx

Playing all the hits from the 60's & 70's

Make checks payable to CFJMC and send to the synagogue, Attn. Rick Martin.

Theme is College Night - wear your favorite college gear!

MISHABERAH

JAYDEN BARBER
MOSHE BARUCH BEN RIVKA
DOVID BEN STANLEY
YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINAH
AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH
ELI CHAIM BEN MINNA YITTA
BEN-TZION PESACH BEN
SHAINDEL CHAYAH
FRUMA BAT JANETTE
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH
CHAYA BAT VARDA
ZELIG BEN DOROTHY
DAVID BEN MICHAEL HAKOHEN
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER
DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER
ADINA BAT SARAH
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM
RONI BEN RACHEL
TOVA ELKA BAT RAISEL MALKA
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL
MOSHE BEN ZELDA
CHAIM FIEVAL BEN NECHAMA
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA
YONIT ABRA BAT HAYA
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA
YAKOV ELIAHU BEN GALIA
DONNA ROSEN
MASHA BAT HEINCHA
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI
DAVID BEN SHMUEL
RACHEL BAT SARA
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH
MIMI DORF
PEREL BAT YENTA
YAKOV BEN SARA
DANIEL BEN LEAH
HARAV YITZHAK BEN Y'HUDIT
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM
HENNACH BEN ETEL

SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN
RUVENA SHIFRA
BRACHA BAT SIMA
KETURAH BAT SARAH
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL
REUVEN BEN HAYA
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH
YEHUDIT BAT SARAH
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL
GERSHON BEN RITA
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA
MASAHIRO UENO
CHANNA EETA BAT FIVAL
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH
MALKA BAT BATYA
AVRAHAM BEN CHAIM HA'LEVI
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH
MORDECHAI BEN MIRIAM
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA
REUVEN BEN ADELIN
LEAH BAT ETYE
PHIL APRUZZI
YAKOV BEN CHANA
MICHAEL LUBLINE
SHOSHANA BATYA BAT
YEHUDIT DEVORAH
MALKA BAT RAISA
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA
DANYA MICHEL BAT CARI
HANA RUCHEL BAT FAIGEL
KIM BAILES
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA
MEIR BEN SARAH
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSER
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA
BENJAMIN JOSEPH GREEN
MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL
MENACHEM NAFTOLI BEN LEAH PERL
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE
BARUCH YESHUA BEN BELLA
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL
YONKEL MOSHE BEN LEAH
YOSEFA BAT CHANA SURA
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH
EFRAIM ZEV BEN ZELDA
MOSHE ZEV BEN SHEVA
SHELMIE REUVEN BEN ZVEI

MENORAH BAT SHULAMIT
 TIMOTHY BAT JEANNE
 LIBBY GOLDIE BAT SHAINA MALKA
 CHANA MINCHA BAT CHAYA
 JOANN BAT ZOLA
 YEHUDIT BAT LIBA
 MALKA BAT MIRIAM
 DANIEL GIOVANNI FEOLA
 HARAV YITZHAK MICHAEL BEN DINA
 SHAINA ESTHER BAT HAVA MASHA
 MOSHE BEN LEIBEL
 YONAH SHAI BEN YITTE
 CHAIM MOSHE BEN YITTE
 HAYA LEAH BAT DVOSIA
 ZIPPORAH BAT VELA
 MIRIAM BAT TZVI HA'LEVI
 HA-RAV ADIN BEN RIVKA LEAH
 YAEL BAT ESTHER
 MORDECHAI BEN YENTEL
 AMNON BEN ESTER
 DOBRESH SHIFRA BAT YEHUDIT
 TODD BEN NANCY
 ARYEH BEN MIRIAM

May He who blessed our ancestors and is the source of all healing bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy One Praised Be He mercifully restore them to vigor and lift the burden of anxiety from their loved ones and friends.

On this (Sabbath, Festival, Judgment or Penitence) day we pray that they be spared further pain. May God grant them health of body and health of spirit and mind. May we speedily be privileged to greet their return to good health by welcoming them once again into our midst. Let us say: Amen.

Anyone wanting to add a name to the list should contact Diane Shalom (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or dianeshalom@bnaijeshurun.org) by Thursday afternoon at the latest for inclusion in that Shabbat's program. We will also pause during the prayer for people to recite additional names from their seats.

Tryouts for Purimspiel
Wednesday, January 4
7 - 9 pm • Room 15

Be a part of our Purimspiel (see back cover for details)!

All ages and musical background levels are welcome. Audition for lead

roles by contacting Lynne Yulish (mezzoforever@sbcglobal.net) to arrange a time slot. No audition needed to join the chorus.

Rehearsals will be held Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1 from 7 - 9 pm at the synagogue. There is no requirement to attend the dinner prior to the March 5 performance.



Homeless Stand Down & CareVan Days
Friday, January 13 • 9 am – noon

Join Chesed as we work with NCJW and many other area organizations at Public Auditorium. Sort and fold clothes and set up tables that will be part of this event that takes place on Shabbat.

Contact Shani Kadis to volunteer and carpool/caravan.



What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner
Thursdays 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn (Commerce Park IV)
Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom
Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am Service
7:30 pm Men's Club Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 18

9:30 am Chesed @Kosher Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 21

11:00 am Hillel Summer Internship Program meeting, Federation
4:00 pm Hebrew Storytime @CCPL Beachwood with Zehava Galun

Friday, December 23

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, December 24 - Erev Hanukkah; light 1st candle

9:00 am Service

Monday, December 26 - 2nd day Hanukkah; light 3rd candle; office closed

Tuesday, December 27 - 3rd day Hanukkah; light 4th candle

6:00 pm Hanukkah Dinner & Party

Friday, December 30 - 6th day Hanukkah; 7th candle; Rosh Hodesh Tevet

6:00 pm Service

Saturday, December 31 - 7th day Hanukkah; 8th candle

9:00 am Service
2:00 pm Minyan (no 6:00 pm minyan)

Monday, January 2 - office closed

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 pm Tryouts for Purimspiel

Friday, January 6

6:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat

Saturday, January 7

9:00 am Service
12:00 pm European Heritage Tour Information Meeting
4:30 pm Ethan Dobres Mincha Bar Mitzvah

Condolences to:

Marjorie Neuger & family on the death of her sister, Ethel Epstein
Marlene Willen & family on the death of her mother, Stefanie Hellering
Ronald Ullman and Lillian Ullman & families on the death of their uncle and
brother-in-law, Seymour Ullman
Ed Bloom & family on the death of his fiancé, Karen Jacobs Grunwald
The family of Hyman Birnbaum

Yahrzeits: December 17 - 23, 2016

Morris Arnoff	Mordechai Goren	Bruce Oppenheim
William Arons	Armin Green	Leonard Oscar
Benjamin E. Bain	Samuel Green	Rose Osher
Abraham Barazone	Devorah Greenberg	Dr. Alexander Podlipsky
Becky Bayer	Harold Greenberger	Bernard F. Polster
Louis Sindell Belkin	Yetta Gross	Ida Rose
Steve Berkman	Isidore Irv Grossman	Samuel Rosenthal
Rhea Bernstein	Esther Grossman	Lena Rosenzweig
Elliot Besunder	Raymond S. Haas	Max Roth
Nathan Biel	Carol Hamburg	Cecilia Roth
Evelyn Birrer	Jack "Jay" Herman	Harry Rothenberg
Benjamin Bloomfield	Rose Hermann	Donald Rothman
Sarah C. Blumenthal	Morris Hersh	Mollie Rubin
Iosif Bobovik	Max Hoicowitz	Fanny Saltzman
Julius Boman	Frida Isakovic	Saul D. Schloss
Kathy Brown	Nancy Isakovic	Nathan Schultz
Ruth Loveman Bubis	Bernard Jaffe	Sarah Schwartz
Frances H. Candela	Laura Jaye	Lawrence L. Shagrin
Ronnie Chazen	Fred Kahane	Samuel Shane
Daniel Coe	Michelle Kahane	Honey Ann Shankman
Yale J. Cohen	Sol Kaminsky	Sam Shankman
Henry Cohen	Arlene F. Karklin	Norma Sharf
Sol Cohen	John L. Katz	Lillian Shermer
Dr. Edna Cohen	Benny Kaufman	Bernard Shultz
Minnie Cohen	Henry Kirsh	Sarah Pearl Silberberg
Lada (Lottie) Cohen	Dora Kleinerman	Harry Silver
Louis Davis	Dorothy Kohn	Milton Silverman
Jennie Davis	Freda Kotton	Mollie Simon
Annette Duke	William A. Krasny	Sarah Sisser
Celia Elk	Harold Lefkowich	Harry Solganik
Leonard Faigin	Dina Leiser	Evelyn Solnik
Miriam Falk	Jack Levin	Helen Stein
Esther Faren	Ben W. Liff	Deborah Sussman
Hyman Federman	Gizella Linczer	Hyman Sutton
Harold Fine	Sonia Lotney	Reubin Tiep
Michael Fishman	Harry Luria	Rozalia Tobak
Mary Freeman	Charles R. Lurie	Martin Tobias
Maurice Friedberg	Mary Lurie	Dr. Benjamin P. Turoff
Samuel Friedman	Dorothy Ruth Lyons	Eleanor Smylie Vicstein
Rosalind Friedman	Ethel Magar	Irving Waxman
Frank Gelfman	Minn Malament	Nathan Wecksler
Erwin Gerber	Zelma Martin	Anna Weisberg
David Ginsburg	Nina L. McCullough	Rachel Weisberger
Dorothy Ginsburg	Samuel Melnick	Nathan Rubin Weiser
Milton E. Glick	Esther Mintz	Rose Wyner
Rose Goldstein	Harry Myeroff	Sylvia Zacker
Lena Golub	Pauline Newman	David Zimmerman

If you would like a name read from this week's yahrzeit list and have not
already informed the office, please notify one of the ushers.