



A Journey Home – both physical and spiritual

After many years away, Jacob undertakes the journey back to his parents' home, in Canaan. As a young man, he left Isaac and Rebecca's home fleeing for his life, having tricked his brother, Esau, out of the blessing of the first-born. Since that time, Jacob had lived close to his uncle, he had worked hard, married and had children. Now he realised it was time to travel back to his family home, to Isaac (Rebecca had passed away). He journeyed together with his wives, concubines, children, servants and herds of various animals.

The journey home was not just a physical one but a spiritual one too. On the way he was destined to meet his brother Esau, whom he had not seen since he fled for his life all those years back. This time as mature adults they were to meet and confront the entanglements of the past.

Part way home, Jacob was advised that Esau was travelling towards him with 400 men. Jacob was terrified and sent word that he meant no harm, he also sent peace offerings to Esau in the form of herds of sheep, goats and cattle. The night before Jacob was to finally meet Esau, he separated himself from his family, so as to protect them. He crossed a river and slept in the wilderness alone. The last time we heard of Jacob sleeping in the desert, he had a vision of a ladder spanning heaven and earth, with angels ascending and descending.

This time, Jacob is confronted by an angel who wrestles with him throughout the night. Jacob is wounded in the thigh during the struggle but by morning he prevails. He does not let the angel go until he is given a blessing and a new name: Israel. Israel literally means "the one who wrestles with God".

After this encounter, Israel (or Jacob) meets his brother Esau and they are united in a peaceful way, for a short while. They part, and Israel continues the difficult journey and reaches home.

To summarise various commentaries of our sages, in particular Hasidic ones, this Torah reading invites us to consider what we are journeying towards in our lives and identify something from our past we need to make peace with, or come to terms with. We don't need to look too hard, these issues come to us and confront us regularly.

This week, you are invited reflect on something you are striving to achieve and ask yourself whether there is something from your past that needs to be addressed to help you move forwards.

Jews received the name Israel by virtue of being descendants of Jacob, Israel, the "God Wrestler". Let's reflect on what we are wrestling with as

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MAZAL TOV to
Mahley Rosen-Tal
on his **Bar Mitzvah**
(Main Sanctuary)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 7:33pm
Saturday 8:35pm

TORAH

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
(page 198)

HAFTARAH

Obadiah 1:1 - 1:21
(page 222)

Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm
Shabbat Live
(Main Sanctuary)
- Masorti service
(Newweg Sanctuary)

Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am
Masorti service
(Newweg Sanctuary)
- 10:00am
Progressive service
(Main Sanctuary)

MORNING MINYAN

- 6:45am Monday
and Thursday
- 8:30am first Sunday
of December
followed
by breakfast
(Newweg Sanctuary)

Please note: Morning
Minyan will end on
Dec 21st and resume on
Jan 29, 2018



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individuals and as a community. Let's not wait till Yom Kipur to consider making amends with people and issues from our past.

May each of us be blessed to know that struggling is part of being human and that accepting to face the struggle is part of the solution. We might be a little wounded when we face our 'wrestling angel' and our past, but it can lead to great insights and healings.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio



Planning a Jewish wedding? **Wedding Expo**

December 10 from 5:00pm- 7:00pm

Let us help you realize the wedding of your dreams!

Meet our amazing team of Rabbis • Preview our new sanctuary and function spaces • Listen to the music of talented wedding musicians • Meet suppliers including florists, caterers, photographers & much more.



Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff



Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth



Rev. Sam Zwarenstein
Director of Communal Engagement

Chanukah Communal Shabbat Dinner

Friday 15th December
at 7:30pm



Join us after Shabbat services for a special communal Shabbat dinner for Chanukah with delicious food, great company and a beautiful Shabbat atmosphere.

Bookings essential!

<https://tinyurl.com/chanukah17>

Temple Of Song Chanukah

SATURDAY 16TH
DECEMBER

Enjoy a soulful evening of music, singing and connection as we celebrate the Festival of Lights.

Doors open at 8.00pm
Concert starts at 8.30pm
\$15 for members
\$25 for non-members

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WHAT'S ON

Kef Kids - Fridays from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Educational program for children in years K-5 - an exciting, fun way for kids to connect with Judaism and their community, learn and form friendships with children in the congregation.

Shabbat Tot - Friday December 1st from 4:30pm-5:30pm

A lovely way to introduce your children to Shabbat and an opportunity to meet other families in the community. For 2 to 5 year olds. Parents and grandparents welcome!

Family Fridays - Friday December 1st from 5:30pm-6:15pm

Come along for a light, child-friendly dinner and then stay for services. A great opportunity to meet families in the congregation and to celebrate Shabbat together.

Harbourview Chanukah Shabbat Dinner - Friday 8th December from 6:15pm

Service followed by dinner. Harbourview TaMar is an initiative run by young adults, for young adults. Bring a vegetarian dish or a bottle of something fizzy/alcoholic/potent to share.

Chanukah on the Beach - Monday 18th December from 5:00pm

Bring a picnic dinner. We'll supply the sufganiyot!

Meet at Parsley Bay Beach at 5pm. Fun for all the family!

Renewal Kabbalat Shabbat - Friday 22nd December from 7:00pm

Come and welcome Shabbat with Nadav Kahn and Rabbi Dr Orna Triguboff.

Followed by a picnic - bring a plate of food to share. Meet at Bronte Beach.

Netzer Havdallah and Outdoor Cinema - 9th December from 7:30 - 9:30pm.

Seniors event for anyone who will be in year 9-12 in 2018 at North Shore Temple Emanuel.

Spend some quality time hanging out with the Netzer's seniors, eat dinner and have fun!

Netzer Juniors event - Sunday 10th December, 2-4pm.

Ice Skating in Macquarie. Meet us at NSTE, Chatswood at 12pm or at the Ice rink in Macquarie at 1:30pm. Pick up will be at 3.30 at the ice rink or at NSTE at 4:15pm. Bring socks, \$20 and your Opal Card

Netzer Junior Camp - MachaNoar (Years 3-8) - 23rd to 28th January 2018

Book now - www.netzer.org.au/camp

Netzer Senior Camp - MachaNetzer (Years 9-12) - 8th to 16th January 2018

Book now - www.netzer.org.au/camp

Our Jewish Story: Our Land, Our People

Monday from 10:00am - 11:30am

Netzer and Community Shaliach, Dudu Gottlib will review current Israeli affairs. The discussion will review the events leading up to the disagreement over the egalitarian Kotel and the impact on Israel's internal politics and its relationship with Diaspora Jewry.

Our Jewish Story: Tradition and Change

Monday from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Rabbi Kaiserblueth will explore the question Why isn't Joseph considered one of the Forefathers along with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

IN MEMORY

There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones.

Shiva:

Shloshim: Alan Kennedy, Rae Kushe, Stanley Bloomfield, Peter Solomon, Marta Pikler

This week we observe the Yahrzeits of (observed by):

** Memorial Light*

Fruma Angert (Leon Bronfentrinker)

* **Samuel Barrrip**

Sam Baskir (Victor Baskir)

Stephen Bell (Angela Lipman,
Sara Pantzer, Warren Pantzer)

* **Schlomo Yizchak De Vere**

* **Esther Bluma De Vere**

Esther Eisen (Sandra Berman)

David Emdur (Nicole Emdur-Apps,
Faye Emdur, Larry Emdur)

Gabor Engel (Coryl Engel, Jenifer Engel,
Susan Engel)

Mark Engelman (Ilana McCorquodale)

Isaac Errera (Lili Errera)

Leslie Fried (Karen Fried)

* **Grace Grunberg**

Cherry Hitman (Jacqueline Gerald)

Ellie Jankelson (David Jankelson)

Hannah Jankelson (David Jankelson)

Hazel Katz (Lyndall Katz)

Gostav Kohn (Kitty Lowe)

Rina Kohn (Sharon Ortner)

* **Bernard Kormendi** (Susi Brieger,
Zita Evans)

* **Miriam Levy** (Morris Seamonds)

Gunter Lindemann (Erika Lindemann)

Betty Lipman (Angela Lipman,
Sara Pantzer, Warren Pantzer)

Alfred Maehrishel (Suzy Wolanski)

* **Hilde Violette Marks**

* **George Myers** (George Newhouse)

Betty Pantzer (Angela Lipman,
Sara Pantzer, Warren Pantzer)

* **Reuben Pantzer** (Angela Lipman,
Sara Pantzer, Warren Pantzer)

Henryk Przednowek (Lucy Taksa)

Maggi Raabe (Birgit Raabe)

Jakob Rath (Vera Olovitz)

* **Georgina Reines** (Rosalind Reines)

David Elia Rosen (Ellis Rosen)

Chaim Rosenstrauss (Susanne Martin)

Carol Samet (Angela Lipman,
Sara Pantzer, Warren Pantzer)

John Saunders (Betty Saunders-Klimenko)

Mignon Segal (Jillian Segal)

* **Emanuel Silberg (De Vere)**

Esther Silberstein (Ben Zucker)

Bernice Singer (Michelle Favero)

David Sneddon (Clare Sneddon)

Zachar Soloduhin (Judith Bogan)

Ludwig Streimer (Jeffrey Streimer)

* **Rosa Weinberger**

* **Jacob Norman Wolfson**

Shoah remembrance: Fraenze Lachmann was born in 1875 in Labiszyn, Poland and lived in Berlin, Germany until she was murdered during the Holocaust.