



Service Times

In-person service attendance is limited and [registration](#) is required. When unable to attend, please still partake in prayer services at home.

Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 4 (Kislev 18)

10:30 am - Zoom Tot Shabbat

[Youth Parsha Activity](#)

3:00 pm - Pre-Shabbat Ruach *Off until further notice.*

4:11 pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

4:50 pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv

[Register to attend.](#)

4:55 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, December 5 (Kislev 19)

9:00 am - Shacharit [Register to attend.](#)

9:39 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:45 pm - Mincha [Register to attend.](#)

Weekly Parsha Shiur - [Notes available at this link.](#)

5:54 pm - Maariv/Havdallah

6:30 pm - Havdallah & Schmooze - [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

[Chanukah begins Thursday night, Dec. 10th.](#) Candles each night should preferably be lit shortly before nightfall (5:56pm), but may be lit throughout the evening.

Classes

See our full week of virtual programming [HERE](#).

• Evening Study Moments

Mon. & Wed. evenings, [Minyan Chat](#) [bit.ly/DTMinyan](#).

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm, [Phone Conference](#).

• Torah Study with Rabbi Davies

Sunday 8pm, [Join on Zoom](#).

• Ketuvim with Kenny

Monday 8pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

• Lunchtime Talmud with Rabbi Davies

Thursday 12pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

• Cholent & Learn with Kenny Abitbol

Thursday 8pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

[\(WhatsApp group for updates\)](#)

Announcements

> [Chanukah is just around the corner!](#) Get all the information about Chanukah with Dor Tikvah at [Dortikvah.org/chanukah-5781](#).

Dor Tikvah Events

✳ **Together Apart: Chanukah** - Dec. 8th & 16th, 8 pm

We're back for Chanukah! See your friends at these 2 new sessions led by Rabbi & Ora Davies. Details at [Dortikvah.org/event/Together-Apart-Chan](#).

✳ **Chanukah WhatsApp Group** - Dec. 10th-18th

Rabbis Davies & Hoberman share five-minute inspiration every night of Chanukah. Join [HERE](#).

✳ **Chanukah Drive-Thru** - Dec. 12th, 6:30 pm

Enjoy outdoor candle lighting and Chanukah treats! Details and registration at [Dortikvah.org/event/ChanukahDT](#).

✳ **Jive with Judaism: Chanukah** - Dec. 16th, 7:30 pm

Join Yaakov on Zoom and schmooze. Details at [Dortikvah.org/event/jive-with-judaism](#). Add to your [Facebook](#) calendar.

Community Events

✳ **CJF's 71st Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation** - Dec. 9th, 7 pm

All are welcome. RSVP for this virtual celebration at [bit.ly/CJF2](#).

✳ **The Hisbodedus Challenge** - Dec. 15th - Jan. 13th

Join Rabbi Davies in a one-month virtual workshop. *Registration closes Dec. 7.* Sign-up and details at [TheHisbodedusChallenge.com](#). This is a paid program-contact [Rabbi@dortikvah.org](#) to discuss payment options.

✳ **First Responders Project** - Dec. 25th

Help celebrate our local heroes for working on Christmas Day. [Click here](#) for more information. *Registration closes Dec. 20.* To sign up, [email Sara Tick](#).

Refuah Sheleima

Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Blumah Leah bat Yitzhak Dov (Rosalind Minster)
Rahel Tzvia bat Feigel Sara
Shlomo Yoel ben Miriam (Stanford Kirshtein)
Ephraim Yehuda Ben Shana Itel
(Fred Rosenblum)
Sara Leah bat Batia (Sandy Katz)
Channah Penina bat Miriam Rochel
Simcha bat Sura Miriam

Simcha ben Etlle
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Esther bat Alitza
Yisroel Chaim ben Pesha
Yonatan ben Chana
Aron David ben Yudah
Moshe ben Esther

Life Cycle

Birthday

> Michael Stricker (12/6)
> Ora Davies (12/6)

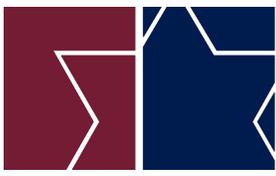
Yahrzeit

> Samuel Steinert, Grandfather of
Charles Steinert (12/10)
> Edna Banov, Friend of Gerald & Sandra Katz (12/12)

Contributions

> **Rabbi Michael & Ora Davies**

- In memory of Eva Lipman, sister of Anita Zucker
- In memory of Lee Bertiger's mother, Sandra Goldberg Epstein
- In memory of Dovid Felzenberg's grandfather, Rabbi Yisrael Mordechai Marcus
- In honor of Jeremy Zucker's bar mitzvah
- In honor of the birth of twin girls to Aviva and Matt Engel



Vayishlach

(Genesis 28:10–32:3)

The Kiss

By Menachem Feldman chabad.org



Twenty years after fleeing to Charan to escape the wrath of his brother Esau, Jacob headed back to Israel. The Torah describes in great detail how Jacob, with much trepidation, prepared for the meeting: he sent gifts to his brother, he prayed and he prepared for battle.

There was a lot at stake at this meeting. Jacob and Esau had very different personalities and embodied very different energies. Esau was a “man of the field,” an energetic hunter who loved the challenge and thrill of trapping game, and who craved sensual pleasures. Jacob, on the other hand, was a man who strived to “dwell in tents,” immersed in study and in quest of enlightenment, far removed from the chaos of the natural world.

Isaac hoped to elevate Esau’s energy and passion by blessing Esau. Rebecca understood that blessing Esau with abundant material success would not elevate him to a higher spiritual plane, but rather, it would cement Esau’s investment in a materialistic lifestyle. Rebecca understood that only if Jacob would receive the blessing of material success would Esau be elevated and influenced. For only Jacob’s intense spirituality had the power to inspire Esau, by demonstrating how the material blessings could serve the spiritual and the transcendent.

Twenty years after Jacob stole the blessing, he was about to meet Esau once more. There was much at stake, not only for Jacob and his family, but for all of the cosmos. Would the brothers embrace? Would Esau’s energy and materialistic desires reconcile with Jacob’s spirituality? Or would Esau and Jacob, matter and spirit, be at war forever?

The moment finally arrived. The Torah describes the fateful meeting between the brothers: “And Esau ran toward him and embraced him, and he fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.”

To our great surprise, and perhaps to the great surprise of the brothers themselves, both Jacob and Esau understood their need for one another. They discovered deep feelings toward one another. They realized that they shared the same source and the same father.

The brothers then parted ways. The bond of love and compassion that had been established between them was still fragile. They realized that in order for them to settle together in harmony, more work would be required. Only in the Messianic era will the world experience the wholesomeness of the restored relationship between Esau and Jacob, between matter and spirit, between body and soul.

Until then, it is up to us to foster this relationship, to nurture it and allow it to prosper and grow. Looking back at Esau’s fateful kiss that reestablished the bond with Jacob, Rashi, quoting the Midrash, comments:

“And kissed him” (וישקוהו): Dots are placed above the letters of this word. There is controversy concerning this matter in a Baraita . . . Some interpret the dots to mean that he did not kiss him wholeheartedly. Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai said: It is a well-known tradition that Esau hated Jacob, but his compassion was moved at that time, and he kissed him wholeheartedly.

These two opinions represent two stages in the fusion of the material and spiritual. At first, the bond is not wholehearted. The materialistic part of us would prefer to live a life unburdened by the discipline of spirituality and meaning. The selfish part of us would prefer to push back and reject the search for meaning. The first step is to create a kiss, an embrace, that is not yet wholehearted. Eventually, over time, and with practice, the bond, the kiss, will become wholehearted. For the material itself will come to realize the beauty of harmony.