



# TW@Kesher

15-16 Kislev/November 19-20—Parshat Vayishlach

## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting 4:16pm

Mincha/Maariv 4:20pm

Shabbat Morning

Shacharit—  
Hudson Tent 8:45am

Main Sanctuary  
Harris Bar Mitzvah 9:15am

Babysitting with Geeta 9:30am

Youth Groups 10:15am

Toddler-Parent Group 10:15am

*Take-Away Hot Kiddush following tefilah sponsored by Amber & Jonathan Harris in honor of Nathaniel's Bar Mitzvah*

Shabbat Afternoon

Daf Yomi 3:25pm

Mincha 4:10pm

*Seudat shelishit sponsored by Dr. William Zeitz in memory of in honor of his birthday today and the 2nd birthday of his great grandchildren, Gabriel & Julia, born on his birthday.*

Shabbat Ends 5:18pm

Kesher Family Musical  
Havdalah & Kumzits 6:30pm

### Sunday November 21

Shacharit 8:30am

Pre-Chanukkah Candy  
Packing Chessed Event  
for the Children of Ohel 1:00pm

Mincha/Maariv 4:20pm

## WEEKDAY SCHEDULE NOV 22-26

Shacharit  
Sun 8:30am  
Mon– Fri 6:30am

Thurs. Thanksgiving Day  
Shacharit 8:30am  
Mincha/Maariv 4:20pm

Next Friday, Nov 26  
Shacharit 8:30am  
Candle Lighting 4:12pm

## MAZAL TOV!

Mazal tov to **Nathaniel Harris** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

Mazal tov to his parents **Amber and Jonathan Harris** and his brother **Jack**.

Mazal Tov to **Polly & Gabriel Bousbib** on Shira's engagement to Roey Herzfeld.

## KESHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kesher welcomes for Shabbat Rabbinic Intern **Micah Hyman** and his wife Shoshi.

The **Kesher Member Directories** for 2021 are ready for distribution. Expect one to be delivered to your home in the coming weeks. A very hearty yasher koachem goes to **Jordana Merkin and Rich Solomon** who put countless hours into this project.  
**THANK YOU!**

### Kesher Family Musical Havdalah & Kumzits

Motzai Shabbat November 20, 6:30pm  
Hosted by the Tenzers— 401 Whitewood Rd., Englewood

### Pre-Chanukkah Candy Packing Chessed Event

Sunday November 21, 1:00-2:30pm  
Hudson Tent— Families with kids 5+ invited

### Turkeys for Tomchei Shabbos

ShopRite is offering free kosher turkeys to Price Plus customers who spend \$400 between Oct 17th and Nov 25th. Please consider donating your turkey to Tomchei Shabbos. And the donation couldn't be easier! Fill out your name and ShopRite Price Plus phone number on [this](#) Google spreadsheet.

Just confirm you have spent the \$400 needed to earn the free turkey (your total or qualification can be found on the bottom of a recent receipt). Tomchei shabbos will pick up the turkey on your behalf

Thanks and Tizku L'Mitzvot!

### Kesher Youth Family Maccabiah and Candle Lighting

Saturday night, December 5, 5:30-7:00pm

### Book Club Event

Sunday, December 12  
*Crossing To Safety* by Wallace Stegner



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rinat Yisrael Pre-Chanukah Boutique

10am-1pm

Jewish art, headwear, servingware, clothing, gifts, etc.  
389 West Englewood Ave., Teaneck

### Rebbitzen Peggy Gopin Weiss Englewood of Mikvah Annual Dinner

A Conversation with Avital Chizhik Goldschmidt

Wed. December 15, 7:30pm

Register or donate [here](#).

### Make a difference this Thanksgiving

As most of New Jersey prepares to celebrate this holiday season, too many of our neighbors are still suffering the effects of the pandemic and tropical storm Ida. To help these families we invite you to participate in **CFA's annual Thanksgiving holiday drive**. Give [here](#).

## BEREAVEMENT

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Saltanat Yadegar, z"l** mother of our member **Pari Toubian** and grandmother of our member **Leah Duerr**.

Pari can be reached at 617-969-7282.

Leah can be reached at 917-880-6864.

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Laura Susswein z"l**, mother of our community member **Sam Susswein** and grandmother of our community member **Aliza Schwalbe**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Netty Cappell Gross-Horowitz**, mother of our community member **Ayala Horwitz**.

We regret to inform you of the passing of **Marly Koslowe**, mother of our community member **Neil Koslowe** and grandmother of our community member **Oren Koslowe**.

*May the families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

## SIGN UP TO LAIN AT KESHER

Volunteer to lain your bar mitzvah parsha or any Upcoming parsha.

Sign up [here](#) or email [laining@keshernj.com](mailto:laining@keshernj.com).

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you & yasher kochachem to all those who planned and fundraised for our record-breaking annual dinner! Thank you to all who gave so generously to support our amazing shul! Check out the hilarious dinner video [here](#).

## DVAR TORAH FROM RABBI BLOCK

### Parshat Vayishlach: Redeeming Yaakov's Blessing

Yaakov wrestles through the night with a mysterious being. When the fight is over and the angel has injured Yaakov, the angel says (32:27), "Let me go, for dawn is breaking." In a remarkable twist, Yaakov answers, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." The angel asks his name, and changes it to Yisrael. When asked to offer his name in return, the angel refuses...

Why does Yaakov want a blessing from his interlocutor? Let us remember that he has lived these last decades consumed with the fear of not only his brother Eisav, but that he was bestowed, through trickery and deception, with blessings that were not rightfully his.

Upon his arrival back to Canaan, back to the "scene of the crime" for the first time since that fateful episode, Yaakov seeks redemption. He quarrels with a celestial being of some sort, a confrontation he views in not just physical terms but existential ones, and he triumphs. Once and for all, he asks for a beracha, one that can be rightfully his. And he is asked the very same question his blind father asked him all those years ago: "who are you?" Then, he responded, "I am Eisav." Now, Yaakov is able to respond emphatically, "[I am] Yaakov."

He is given a new name, rather than the name Yaakov which implies deceit and backhandedness. He is called "Yisrael," because "you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed." Yaakov's new name implies struggle, and triumph. His lifelong quest to exorcise his demons is finally complete.

As Suzanne mentioned at our annual dinner this past week, Rashi offers an intriguing comment on the angel's refusal to give his name. He says: [The angel replied:] "We do not have a set name. Our names change in accordance with the commanded mission upon which we are sent." In light of this response, we might read the immediately prior change of Yaakov's name with new appreciation. "Yaakov, your life of deceit is over. As you return to Canaan, your mission and task have now changed. You are now Yisrael. Embrace it, and fulfill it..."

Realizing our life's mission is no easy task. It took almost a lifetime for Yaakov. But realize it we must. Yisrael means to struggle - may we all merit to summon the courage and strength to embrace that struggle, and fulfill our mission.

Shabbat shalom.

## DIVREI TORAH / ISRAEL REPORT

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks: [The Parable of the Tribes](#)

HaRav Yehuda Amital: [Vayishlach, Take My Blessings Please](#)