

13th January 2017 - 15th Tevet 5777

Shabbat SHALOM



Beit Knesset Moreshet Yisrael, Jerusalem

בית כנסת מורשת ישראל, ירושלים

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PARSHAT VAYECHI - פרשת ויחי

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PARSHAT VAYECHI - פרשת ויחי

A look inside the Torah scroll shows that this week's portion, *Vayechi*, begins embedded in an existing paragraph. That is, there is no paragraph or even sentence break that precedes the opening verse of the parashah. On the first verse of the portion Rashi asks and answers the question: 'Why is this parashah blocked [as described above]? Because upon the death of Yaakov, our father, the eyes and hearts of Israel became blocked due to the distress of this beginning of their enslavement.' However, in his commentary in the Book of Exodus, Rashi says: '[The enslavement only began after the death of Levi, the last of Yaakov's sons to die], for as long as one of the patriarchs of the tribes was alive the enslavement was delayed.' There seems to be a contradiction in Rashi's own commentary. The *Sefat Emet* answers this problem by explaining that there are two types of exile-enslavement: that of the body and that of the soul. Exile of the body includes transience, oppression and uncertainty, wanderings and rootlessness. Exile of the soul is immersion in foreign culture, alien education, unfamiliar traditions and spiritual assimilation. The *Sefat Emet* continues by saying that though the physical enslavement of Israel began only after Yoseph and his brothers died, the soul, the integrity, the character of Israel began its enslavement upon Yaakov's death – an enslavement *due to Israel's very 'freedom'*. Similarly, the future holds two redemptions: the physical redemption of bringing Israel out of its physical exile, and the much more difficult redemption of removing the spiritual exile from the People Israel.

Rabbi Adam Frank

OUR SERVICE TIMES
Daily Shacharit Services
Sunday – Friday 7:30 a.m.

Friday, January 13th
Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv
4:50 p.m.

Services led by:
Rabbi Adam Frank

Saturday, January 14th
Shacharit 8:30 a.m.

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THIS WEEK'S PARSHAH
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TEFILAH LED BY:
Saralee Shrell-Fox

BA'AL KOREH:
Hallel Weinstein

HAFTARAH READER:
Rabbi Adam Frank

SERVICES LED BY:
Rabbi Adam Frank



SHABBAT KIDDUSH
Sponsored by:
Rene Feinstein



SHABBAT
Candlelighting
4:21 pm



HAVDALAH
Motzei Shabbat
5:35 pm

Guest Darshan – Rabbi Danny Schiff

THANK YOU TO:

Rene Feinstein for sponsoring the kiddush in memory of her parents,
Constance & Leo Feinstein z"l.

Ruth Richman for sponsoring the flowers this Shabbat in memory of her
daughter, Vera (Emunah) Richman z"l.

YARTZEITS OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20TH JANUARY 2017

15-Jan-17	17 Tevet	Mae Schulman	Mother of Janet Rejwan
15-Jan-17	17 Tevet 5740	Yitzhak Weiss	Father of Ofra Weiss
15-Jan-17	17 Tevet 5773	Jane Mitnick	Mother of David Mitnick-Matan
15-Jan-17	17 Tevet 5759	Sydney Fischman	Brother of David Mitnick-Matan
15-Jan-17	17 Tevet 5747	Rabbi Max Routtenberg	Father of Ruth Seldin
16-Jan-17	18 Tevet 5746	Egbert Polak	Father of Estelle Leibowitz
17-Jan-17	19 Tevet	Betty Ruskin	Mother of Barbara Goldstein
17-Jan-17	19 Tevet 5695	David Goldstein	Grandfather of Avram Goldstein
19-Jan-17	21 Tevet 5756	Bertha Goldstein	Mother of Avram Goldstein

A SEASON OF TALMUD

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9:00 A.M.

Tractate Rosh Hashanah

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Sunday – Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Closed Friday