

2nd December 2016 ~2nd Kislev 5777

Shabbat

SHALOM



Beit Kneset Moreshet Yisrael, Jerusalem **בית כנסת מורשת ישראל, ירושלים**

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PARSHAT TOLDOT - פרשת תולדות

SHALOM AND WELCOME

... to Jerusalem's premier egalitarian Masorti (Conservative) synagogue. Beit Kneset Moreshet Yisrael is made up of English speaking olim and native Israelis. Locals and tourists attend our shul on weekdays, shabbatot, and chagim. Our worldwide Friends Of Moreshet network gives the opportunity for Jews in all countries to have membership in a captivating Israeli Beit Kneset.

Conservative Judaism is intended to be the nexus between Jewish tradition and the modern world...
Beit Kneset Moreshet Yisrael is that meeting place.

PARSHAT TOLDOT - פרשת תולדות

Many of us are familiar with the story in this week's Torah portion, *Toldot*, about Esau selling his birthright to Jacob. As Jacob is the progenitor of the 12 tribes of Israel, there is something devastatingly disturbing about his taking advantage of Esau's starvation and leveraging a swap of the food he has cooked for the firstborn's birthright which belongs to Esau. Jacob looks like a conniving personality. However, a critical reading of the story elicits the question: is Esau really on the brink of death as he says? Of course, his expression is an exaggeration used as a justification to satisfy his immediate desire for warm food. And, though Jacob's offer of exchange certainly is *chutzpadik*, Esau's lack of regard for the honor of the birthright is the more appalling character trait. Jacob's demanding that Esau swear to the agreement can be seen as the splash of cold water that should awaken Esau's senses and alert him of the seriousness of his scorn of the birthright. It does not. Rather than Jacob receiving the brunt of our indignation, perhaps we can better understand why Gd prophesied to Rebecca that the older brother would in fact serve the younger.

Rabbi Adam Frank

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

Friday, December 2nd
Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv
4:30 p.m.

Services led by:
Rabbi Adam Frank

Saturday, December 3rd
Shacharit 8:30 a.m.



THIS WEEK'S PARSHAH
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Chumash on page 146

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TEFILAH LED BY:
Rabbi Antonio Ben Yehoshua

BA'AL KOREH:
Ya'acov Young

HAFTARAH READER:
Rabbi Ilana Foss

SERVICES LED BY:
Rabbi Ilana Foss



SHABBAT KIDDUSH
Sponsored by:
Joel Greenberg and
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SHABBAT
Candlelighting
3:59 pm



HAVDALAH
Motzei Shabbat
5:14pm



Guest Darshan Rabbi Ilana Foss

For the past four years Rabbi Ilana Foss served as solo rabbi at Temple Beth Emunah, a Conservative synagogue in Brockton, Massachusetts. Rabbi Foss was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary where she concentrated on pastoral care. She was born in Petach Tikvah to American olim and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. After having spent a lot of time visiting over the years, Rabbi Foss is excited to be living in Jerusalem.

THANK YOU TO:

Joel Greenberg and Marcy Gringlas for sponsoring the Shabbat Kiddush in honor of their parents, Joseph & Reli Gringlas. Reli & Joseph are survivors of the Shoah who have dedicated their lives to continuing the memory and teaching the lessons of the Shoah.

YARTZEITS OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9TH NOVEMBER 2016

03-Dec-16	03 Kislev 5767	Alan S. Novins	Husband of Nancy Ordway
04-Dec-16	04 Kislev 5776	Dr. Max Glassman	Husband of Yonina Glassman
05-Dec-16	05 Kislev	David Schorr	Father of Bayla Schorr
06-Dec-16	06 Kislev	Dr. Morris Geller	Father of Jane Epstein
08-Dec-16	08 Kislev	Eli Leonard Garelick	Husband of Sharon Garelick
08-Dec-16	08 Kislev 5727	Rebecca Epstein Karp	Ruth Barshaw
09-Dec-16	09 Kislev 5765	Ethel Blitstein	Mother of Chuck Blitstein Mother of Larry Blitstein

A SEASON OF TALMUD

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9:00 A.M.

Tractate Rosh Hashanah

All classes held in the Sanctuary, in English.
Level appropriate for Beginners/Intermediate.

Please contact the office to confirm attendance.



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מזל טוב

MAZAL TOV TO:

All our December Birthdays: Andrea Turner (7th), Roberta Abramson (7th), Irene Rabinowitz (12th), Gordon Glaser (12th), Judi Spugen (12th), Nechama Winer (15th), Ruth Richman (17th), Barry Nester (22nd), Eliezer Frisch (27th), Paul Freedman (30th).

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OFFICE HOURS

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

