

For the week ending Shabbat **10th January 2009**  
14th Tevet 5769:Shabbat Vayechi

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***Dear Members & Friends .***

***As the secular year turns to a new period of endeavour, West St Shul wishes all members & friends success, brochas & fresh vigour in the times ahead & welcome back to the newsletter.***

***Detailed timetables will resume mid January.***

***Four-Day Weather forecast below.***

***The War in Gaza: Attachment from Rabbi Kacev.***

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***Candle Lighting Friday 9th January 6.15pm***  
***Shabbat Ends 10th January 7.40pm***

***Weekday Shacharit each morning back to normal times: 6.30AM ;Tues;Wed;Fri: ,Mond;Thurs 6.20am except for Sundays , when Shacharit will be at 07H45.***  
***Mincha/Ma'ariv still is at 18H15***

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**Operation Tefilah, Torah & Troops :**

See the attachment sent by Rabbi Kacev regarding adopting an IDF soldier to be included in our davening. To participate in "Operation Tefilah, Torah & Troops" and receive the name of an Israeli soldier who needs your prayers, send an e-mail to the office of Rabbi Kook at [maortlmo@gmail.com](mailto:maortlmo@gmail.com).

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**Brocha this week:**

This week's brocha jointly sponsored by Dawn Nathan for Daniel's birthday and by Eitan Schleissner for his aufruf. Eitan Scheissner is an acquaintance of Rabbi Kacev.

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Yaakov's last instructions to his sons?

When Yaakov summoned his children to his deathbed, he requested that his sons should "**Gather and I will tell of that which will happen to you at the end of days**" (Gen.). The word "gather" indicates that Yaakov wanted his children to **gather together as one**. He wanted them to achieve perfect harmony and unity. In order to achieve this unity, Yosef would have to forgive his brothers and mend the rift between them and himself. The brothers were thus actually drawing upon Yaakov's words.

<http://www.jewishamerica.com/ja/content/ParshaPearls/ParshaArcBer.cfm#Vayechi>

### Shabbat Shalom

#### Four-Day Forecast:Johannesburg:January 2009

Friday-9th	Shabbat-10th	Sunday-11th	Monday-12th
			
28° C   17° C	21° C   16° C	18° C   15° C	18° C   14° C
Overcast	Chance of T-storms 60% chance of precipitation	Rain 60% chance of precipitation	Chance of Rain 40% chance of precipitation
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