

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Shul Strategy Meeting: Reminder

A provisional date for a Shul strategy meeting is scheduled for **Sunday night 25th January 2009**. The agenda will relate to the needs of members & direction of the Shul going forward. Open discussion . More details & time to follow.

YAHRTZEITS

West St Shul wishes a long & good life to the following members observing their Yahrts in the new week:

Tuesday 13th January 2009 **Michele Friedman [F]**
Friday 16th January 2009 **Rose Sher[F]**

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Vayechi:

"Vayitzavu Ell Yosef Laimor Ovicha Tzviva Lifnei Moso Laimor Ko Somru L'Yosef Sa Na Pasha Achecha V'Chatasam Ki Ra'ah G'molucha"

"And they commanded to Yosef as to say 'your father commanded us to say 'So shall you say to Yosef carry (forgive) please the sins of your brothers and their misdeed for they wrought bad upon you.'"

SUBTLE PEACEKEEPER

After Yaakov's passing, his sons came to Yosef and told him that Yaakov commanded him to forgive them.

If there actually was such a command, wouldn't the Torah have included this important exchange in its account of





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 |
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| 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 |
| http://www.wunderground.com/global/stations/68368.html | | | |

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