

WEST STREET SHUL

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For the week ending Shabbat 11th

October 2008

12th Tishrei 5769:Shabbat Ha'azinu

Dear Members & Friends

:Shana Tova

Repeat Timetable, Yom-Tov Period
Sukkoth Yom-Tov Time table attached in MS Excel.

or if you cannot open the Excel, try eml copy.

Four Day Weather forecast below

YAHRTZEITS

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

Ethne Davidson [M] Sunday 12th October

Joffe Shikey [F] Tuesday 14th October

Joffe Isaac [F] Tuesday 14th October

Adele & Basil Cohen [Friend: The late Con Pakter]=Friday 17th October

Lynette Kahn [F] Friday 17th October

Benji Schleider [F] Friday 17th October

Lulav-Etrog Orders for Sukkoth

These will be available from the Shul on Sunday 12th :As per orders submitted to Ronnie

13th October 1st night Sukkoth

Visiting Rabbis/Speakers Hoshanna Rabba Evening

Drashot/Dvar Torahs' : Visiting Rabbis/Speakers at West St Shul; Sunday Night 19 October:

Details, hopefully, to follow, on visiting speakers/Rabbis'

Simchat Torah Dinner:

Tuesday Night the 21 October

Please advise on numbers : Ronnie 082 446 9264 or reply to westshul@icon.co.za

Mazaltov-a baby girl

A hearty mazaltov from West St Shul to **Selwyn & Raylene Blieden** on the birth a baby girl on 28th September 2008

Menachem Leibtag

12th Tishrei 5769

Ha'azinu :

Extract

Continuity of Am Yisrael

Tzur, the Rock that does not move

As difficult as the message of shirat Ha'azinu may be, its theme is congruent not only with its introduction at the end of Parshat Vayelech, it also follows the very same underlying theme of Torah that began with God's choice of His nation back in Sefer Breishit, and the demanding terms of God's covenant with Bnei Yisrael at Har Sinai,

Even though Am Yisrael may reach the mistaken conclusion that God is 'hiding His face from them', the primary point of the shira is that God is always there, even though it may appear otherwise. [See 32:29!] Its also not by chance that God is consistently referred to (in the shira) as the 'tzur' - a large rock, or boulder,

that does not move. It is always there and can even provide protection, even though it often remains unnoticed, or may be taken for granted.

The goal of Torah teaching is that we should never need to experience a sequence of events, as described in this song. However, the shira remains as an eternal reminder for Am Yisrael to remember their covenantal purpose, as well as a call for *the process* teshuva

Finally, even should we not repent, ultimately God will redeem us (see 32:27-29), but once again, only so that we recognize our purpose. If not, then the awful process of punishment will start all over again.

This is how SHIRAT HA'AZINU guarantees the continuity of Am Yisrael. It is an eternal cry not only for TESHUVA, but also for the recognition of our purpose, and hence, it reminds us of the reason for both our reward and our punishment.

<http://www.tanach.org/dvarim/haaz2.htm>

.Four Day Weather forecast for Johannesburg :October 08

Friday-10th	Shabbat-11th	Sunday-12th	Monday-13th
			
26° C 11° C	27° C 14° C	26° C 15° C	32° C 18° C
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Chag Sa'Meach :Shabbat Shalom: West St Shul

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