

WEST STREET SHUL

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For the week ending Shabbat **13th December 2008**
16th Kislev 5769:Shabbat Vayishlach

Dear Members & Friends

Timetable for the new week attached.

Rabbi Kacev's Dvar Torah attached.

Five-Day Weather forecast below.

New Appointment

Rabbi Jochanan & Tania Ziegler have been contracted to the Shul. Rabbi Jochanan Ziegler will be the Youth director assisted by his wife Tania. Rabbi Ziegler, who also teaches Barmitzva boys, will develop learning programs for both men & women at the Shul. The contract begins from January 2009 & is scheduled for a one year period.

Shul Strategy Meeting

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.

Holiday Times table for weekday Shacharit & Mincha:

With the holiday season, additional pressure is placed on both the morning and afternoon minyonim.

Your assistance is urged

With effect from Monday 15th December, **Shacharit each morning will be at 07H00**, except for Sundays and Public Holidays, when Shacharit will be at 07H45

Mincha/Ma'ariv throughout the holidays will be at 18H15

Public Holiday:

Tuesday the 16th Dec: Day of Reconciliation

Chanukah Reminder:- first night will be on Sunday 21st December.

Light snack after Ma'ariv on the 21st

YAHRTZEITS

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

SUNDAY 14th :- **RAYMOND APPEL (U)**

TUESDAY 16th :- **NATHAN FRIEDMAN (F)**

WEDNESDAY 17th :- **MAURICE OSKOWITZ (F)**

Long Life

The Unveiling of the tombstone in memory of the late Abe Abrahamson (Max's father) will take place in Cape Town on Sunday at 12h00.

West St Shul wishes Max Abrahamson a long and good life.

Rav Kook zt'l

9th Kislev 5769

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VaYishlach:

The Prohibition of eating

Gid Ha-Nasheh [sciatic nerve]

Jacob had been attacked by a

mysterious opponent. With the approach of dawn, the stranger dislocated Jacob's thigh.

Therefore the Israelites do not eat the displaced nerve ("*gid ha-nasheh*") on the hip joint to this very day, because he touched Jacob's thigh on the displaced nerve." [Gen. 32:33]

When we refrain from eating the "*gid ha-nasheh*," we demonstrate our revulsion of unprovoked aggression and violence

Just as Jacob fought Esau's angel that night, we also oppose the cynical belief in 'the right of might.' There is no legal or moral right to terrorize and subjugate those who are weaker.






By refraining from eating the "*gid ha-nasheh*," we demonstrate that our goal is not to control and subjugate others, man or beast. Even as we eat the meat of animals, we avoid the sciatic nerve that allows the body to stand. This is a concept encompassing every form of interaction. & especially *guarding against attack on the weakness of others*

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5-Day Forecast for Johannesburg: Dec 2008

Thursday-11th	Friday-12th	Saturday-13th	Sunday-14th	Monday-15th
				
29° C 15° C	28° C 15° C	25° C 15° C	27° C 16° C	26° C 15° C
Clear	Chance of T-storms 40% chance of precipitation	Partly Cloudy	Chance of T-storms 30% chance of precipitation	Partly Cloudy

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