

January 2009For the week ending Shabbat **17th****21th Tevet 5769:Shabbat Shemoth***Dear Members & Friends***Detailed timetables will resume later in January.****Rabbi Kacev's Dvar Torah below****Four-Day Weather forecast below.***Candle Lighting Friday 16th January 6.15pm**Rabbi Kacev's Tanach[Isaiah Chpt8] Shiur,resumes : 17th January :8.00AM :**Shabbat Mincha & SE'UDAH SHLISHIT:17th January :6.25pm**Shabbat Ends 17th January 7.39pm***Brocha this Shabbat:**

The Brocha this Shabbat is being sponsored in **honour of Issy Schlapobersky**.Issy's grandson David Frankle is sponsoring the event as his farewell gesture relating to the Frankles pending emigration to Boston.Members can expect some historic speeches.

Grade One Siddur Presentations at West St Shul this Shabbat:

Children entering Grade-one this year who will be presented with a Siddur are:

Netanel Kacev,Yonit Kaplan,Mila Davidowitz,Sam Lisoos

New Appointment

West Street shul welcomes Rabbi Yochanan and Tanya Ziegler,new youth leaders, to West St Shul.

Shul Strategy Meeting: Reminder: Time now allocated

The Shul strategy meeting is scheduled for **Sunday night 25th January 2009 at 7.00 pm**The agenda will relate to the needs of members & direction of the Shul going forward. Open discussion . **Refreshments will be**

available

YAHRTZEITS

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

Monday 19th January Benji Schleider [Grand.M]

Wednesday 21st January Emma Rapp [M]

Wednesday 21st January Basil Wunch [W]

Rabbi Kacev

for Shabbat 12 Tevet 5769:17 Jan.2009

PARSHAT SHMOT

VALUES VERSUS POSITION

When Moshe goes out for the first time and sees the situation of the Jewish people, he is appalled. He cannot rest and must do something about it; he kills an Egyptian task master. He goes out a second time only to find two Jewish men fighting and he gets involved. All of this is to his detriment and could be in bad judgment because he very soon has to run away. Let us consider a different approach. Would it not have been far smarter for Moshe to have taken note of the problem and then remain quiet about it? Let him show leadership and eventually become the next Pharaoh who could then decree that all Israelite slaves are freed?

I recall seeing a wonderful answer to this question. There is no way that Moshe could have done that because that would have meant the loss of Moshe. Moshe's nature was that he could not tolerate the mistreatment of another human being. *Thus* to watch it quietly happen while plotting to get some political position was just totally in contrast to his personality.

This exemplifies Moshe's leadership. He was in a position of leadership yet clearly not interested in the accolades of leadership. He was far more interested in fighting for justice and that which is upright and proper. He was willing to lose the potential leadership of Egypt rather than become an apathetic bystander. Maybe that is why he was later chosen to lead Am Yisrael because he proved that ones **principles are far more important than ones position.**

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Kacev

Four-Day Forecast:Johannesburg:January 2009

Friday-16th	Shabbat-17th	Sunday-18th	Monday-18th
			
28° C 16° C	30° C 18° C	25° C 15° C	27° C 15° C
Clear	Chance of Rain 20% chance of precipitation	Chance of T-storms 30% chance of precipitation	Chance of T-storms 40% chance of precipitation
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