

October 2008

For the week ending Shabbat 25th

Bereishit, Mevarichim

26th Tishrei 5769: Shabbat

***Dear Members & Friends***

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**Timetable for the new week attached.  
Rabbi Kacev's Dvar Torah attached.**

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**Rabbi Gary Rogoff will be standing for Rabbi Kacev, who will be away, this Shabbat.**

Rabbi Rogoff will deliver **all the usual** Shabbat Sermons & Dvar Torahs' including the 8.00AM Shabbat morning Drasha.

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**Four Day Weather forecast below**

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**Shul Hoshana Rabba Pictures on our Website:**

Digital photos of the Hoshana Rabba service, Monday 20th Oct 08, taken at West St Shul will be available on the Shul's Website, **from Monday 27th October 08**. Pictures courtesy of Justin Joffe  
<http://www.weststreetshul.co.za>

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**THE BROCHA .**

The Brocha this Shabbat is being sponsored by Benji Schleider.

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**YAHRTZEITS**

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

SATURDAY 25th :- **SHERYL KAPLAN (M)**

SUNDAY 26th :- **EVELYN ZADIKOFF** (F)  
MONDAY 27th :- **ADELE COHEN** (M)

**Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan:**

Wednesday 29th[30th Tishrei] & Thursday 30th October[1st of Cheshvan]

**Long Life:**

West St Shul wishes **Yael Kacev & her family** a Long Life on the passing of Yael's grandmother, Chaya Gita Bas Chana, on Simchat Torah

**Mazaltov-a baby boy**

A hearty mazaltov from West St Shul to **Liora & Antony Meltzer** on the birth of a baby boy on 2nd day Sukkoth

Proud grandparents **Monty & Arlene Ketz, Stevan & Eda Meltzer & Fay Meltzer**

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**Rabbi, Sir Jonathan Sacks**

**26th Tishrei 5769**

**Bereishith**

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**Extracts:**  
**Covenant & Conversation**

**Union of Two**

." Elokim is G-d as we encounter Him in nature, in the vastness and intricacy of creation. It is a Noun not a Name

Hashem, by contrast, is not a noun but a **name**. It refers to God not as a power, or even the totality of all powers, but as a person, a "Thou."

Hashem is The One who speaks to us .....

God is described as Elokim. In chapters 2 and 3, He is called Hashem-Elokim. In chapter 4, for the first time He is called Hashem alone

. ....It is only when Adam gives his wife a proper name that the Torah uses the word Hashem alone. It is only after he has become aware of his wife as a person that he is capable of understanding G-d, *a perception as if of a 'person'*.

Judaism was much more than the discovery of monotheism, that there is only one God. That idea is contained in the word Elokim. It was also the discovery that God is an 'entity' relatable as 'person' ...thou.

The fact that we are persons, with loves, fears, hopes and dreams, is not an accidental by-product of evolution but is an echo of the ultimate reality of the cosmos. ....each of us unique, irreplaceable, here because God wanted us to be. That is the world-transforming concept of Hashem - and it was only when Adam responded to Eve as a person that he could respond to God as '*thou'...the perception of 'person'*'. That is why the commands between us and God are inseparable from the commands between us and our fellow human beings.

..... Discovering his mortality, Adam knew that he could only live on through his children, born through an act of love. That was when he realised that immortality cannot be achieved by one alone, but only by the union of two. For the first time he looked on his wife as a person in her own right, and expressed this by giving her a proper name. Having done this, he was able to experience God through His proper name, Hashem. At that moment humanity ceased to be a mere biological species and became homo religiosus, man-in-search-of-God who meets Hashem, God-in-search-of-man. That is the profound message of the first three chapters of Bereishith, a story about language, relationships and what it is to be a person. Judaism is the story of how the love we feel for another person leads to the love of God, and robes us in garments of light

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**.Four Day Weather forecast for Johannesburg :October 08**

**Friday 24th**



25° C | 13° C

Partly Cloudy

**Shabbat 25th**



19° C | 10° C

Chance of Rain  
30% chance of precipitation

**Sunday 26th**



22° C | 12° C

Clear

**Monday 27th**



24° C | 9° C

Scattered Clouds

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