

## **SHABBAT SHALOM!**

Welcome to



**Rabbi Robert Jacobs**

**Rabbi Emerita: Barbara AB Symons**

**November 1-2, 2024 1 Cheshvan 5785**

***Parashat: Noach/Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan***

**Weekend Services Led by Carol Congedo and Randy Boswell**

**President: Randy Boswell**

**Rabbi Emeritus: Rabbi Jason Edelstein, z”l**

**Torah Portion: Gen. 6:9-11:32. Pgs. 57-71**

**Haftarah: Isa. 54:1-55:5 Pgs. 85-87**

Noah is among the most universally known of Biblical roles: yet he is a most ordinary person, causing 11th century commentator Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac of Troyes (France) to opine that were he of the generation of Abraham. He would not have been considered righteous at all. Yet among the generation of the flood-- Dor ha-mabul – God singled him out to build the ark, save the animals and become the witness and survivor of the flood. Noah’s tale, however, like the parallel Gilgamesh epic unearthed at Sumer, perhaps the oldest of all epics from Mesopotamia, is not child’s play. Pairs of animals are adorable, saving endangered animals laudable, but the epic is concerned as much with human survival as with the animals.

While Gilgamesh seems to be angling for status as a minor god, Noah remains totally human. His excursion into the pleasures of wine, and a drunken stupor that followed. One son (Ham) saw his privates exposed. The other two (Shem and Japhet) walked backwards to cover the unseemly. In later tradition, Ham suffers for what he saw; Japhet is known as Greece, and Shem becomes the forebear of the Jewish people. Noah remains a significant figure based on the rainbow covenant that follows the flood. Even more important for the story arc of Genesis, we are introduced to the line of Abraham whose heritage remains the Jewish origin story until our times.

Parashat B’reishit is the 1st weekly Torah portion in the annual Jewish cycle of Torah reading. We start at the very beginning, the first words of Torah:

We pray for healing for our fellow congregants; please bring those prayers beyond the sanctuary via a phone call, a visit, a note or assistance. Please notify the Rabbi or Debbie, if you would like to add or delete a name from this list. We pray for people in America and around the world in need of healing.

In consideration of privacy, the names have been removed from this online version of the service handout. If you would like to have the name of a loved one said aloud during this service, please write it in the chat preferably including his/her relationship to you.

We remember, with love, the Six Million whose lives were taken during the Holocaust. We also remember, with love, those who were taken from our midst this week in years past. *When you hear the name of your loved one, please rise in place. We will all rise as a community to say kaddish.*

### Sheloshim

Allen Marc Cohen, husband of Ann Cohen

Marilyn Perlman, cousin of Jay Goodman

### Yahrzeits: 2 Cheshvan (November 1-2)

Joni Feldman	Morris L. Harris	Marilyn Freeman	Kenneth C. Jacob ☆
Ethel Krauss ♪☆	Beverly Levine ♪☆	Sydney Kleya ☆	Dora Brenner Miner
Louis Berger	Beverly Levine ♪☆	Susan Gurrentz ♪☆	Morton Gurrentz ♪☆
Theodore Lacov	Bessie Leof Kuseroff ♪	Norman A. Levine	Daleton Boswell
Mark T. Singer ☆	Gertrude Leof ☆♪	Mark T. Singer ☆	Ronald L. Berrott ♪☆
J. Benjamin Alpern ♪☆	Herman Norman	Sidney G. Lewis☆	Robert Krauss ♪
Samuel Pollock ♪	Greta Katz		

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**Temple David Week at a Glance:**

**November 2 (1 Cheshvan)**

***Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Day 2***

***Torah Talk Led by: Deb Scheib***

***Shabbat Morning Worship led by: Randy Boswell 10 AM***

**Sunday, November 3 (2 Cheshvan)**

**Yom Limud**

**Set Your Clocks Back**

**NO Weiger Religious School**

**Monday, November 4 (3 Cheshvan)**

**Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM**

**Tuesday, November 5 (4 Cheshvan)**

**Election Day**

**Mah Jongg 11:30 AM**

**Wednesday, November 6 (5 Cheshvan)**

**Weiger Religious School 4:30 PM**

**Thursday, November 7 (6 Cheshvan)**

**No Meetings or Events**

**Friday, November 8 (7 Cheshvan)**

**Erev Shabbat Worship Led by Rabbi Jacobs 7:30 PM**

**Music Led by: Tom and Carol Congedo**

**Saturday, November 9 (8 Cheshvan)**

**Torah Talk Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 9 AM**

**Shabbat Morning Worship Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM**

## **Special Events Reminders:**

### **Yom Limud Teacher Training**

Sun., Nov. 3 –NO SCHOOL

### **Brotherhood Steeler Watch Party**

Sun., Nov 10 @ 1 PM

Come dressed as your favorite Steeler player! Prize for best costume, stadium-style food including hoagies, wings, soft drinks, beer and other snacks!

### **MIM Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering**

Time and Location are still to be announced.

### **Ongoing Collection for Sylvie Casher's Bat Mitzvah Project**

Please consider contributing to Sylvie Casher's bat mitzvah donation drive for the Pittsburgh Humane Animal Wildlife Rescue: new or gently used blankets, pet food, acorns and pinecones all welcome! Curious for more donation ideas? A list of items needed is in the Temple David front lobby by the donation box. Collections are ongoing until November 16th.

