

SHABBAT SHALOM!

Welcome to



Rabbi Robert Jacobs
Rabbi Emerita: Barbara AB Symons
December 20-21, 2024 19 Kislev 5785
Parashat: Vayeishev

President: Randy Boswell
Rabbi Emeritus: Rabbi Jason Edelstein, z”l
Torah Portion: Gen. 37:1-40:23
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

The final Torah portions of Genesis, beginning with Vayeishev (Chapter 37) trace the arc of Joseph, older son of Rachel, favorite of Jacob. From the outset, the focus of Torah is on the exceptional personality who has become the source for books, plays and even musical theater in recent years. A trope is established early in these chapters: Joseph the dreamer, whose visions of greatness include all his half-brothers serving him. Later, it will shift to his interpretation of dreams. Joseph arouses envy among his brothers through his dreams and a special garment Jacob gives him, k’tonet Pissim—a striped cloak—that is distinctive. He is sent to them while they tend herds and flocks, but the angry brothers get revenge by first placing him in a dry well, then selling him to a passing Ishmaelite caravan from Midian [Gen. 37:26]. He is sold again, as a slave, in Egypt, but the narrative is diverted in the adults only chapter 38 adventure of Judah. The striped cloak, bloodied, is given to Jacob to explain Joseph’s disappearance.

In Egypt, Joseph rises to a position of trust in the household of a member of Pharaoh’s court. An attempt to seduce him by his master’s wife—rebuffed by Joseph—lands him in prison. The stage is set for the dreamer to become interpreter of dreams and the instrument who transforms them into a plan to save Egypt through years of drought and famine. That is, however, the rest of the story...

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.*

Sh'loshim

Andrea Haas, Temple David Member

Phyllis Kratovil Birk

Mother of Michelle (Sam) Rubin

Grandmother of Malka Rubin

Yahrzeits: 14-20 Kislev (Read on December 20-21)

Robert Ackerman  

Sylvia Casher

James Octave

Leona Mandel

Irma Meyer Serphos

Samuel Rosenberg 

Alvin Sigal

Bessie Cohen

John Jacobs 


Brent Nixon

Bernard Sherman

Joseph Reisz

Goldie Gimberg

Howard Friedman  

Jerold E. Jacobs 

Audrey Osman

Walter Reisz

Myer Norman Berman 

William Brand

Rachel Martin

Louis Parker 

Adella S. Rosenzweig

Carol Rein 

 Past TD Member  Memorial Plaque  Charter Member

Temple David Week at a Glance:

December 21 (20 Kislev)

Torah Talk Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 9 AM
Shabbat Morning Worship led by: Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM

Sunday, December 22 (21 Kislev)

No Weiger Religious School

Monday, December 23 (22 Kislev)

ALLEC 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 24 (23 Kislev)

No Mah Jongg

Temple Office Closed 1 PM

Wednesday, December 25 (24 Kislev)

First Night of Chanukah 🕎+🕎

Christmas Day

Temple Office Closed

NO Weiger Religious School

Thursday, December 26 (25 Kislev)

First Day of Chanukah 🕎🕎+🕎

Book Discussion: *The Matzah Ball* (Zoom) 7 PM

Friday, December 27 (26 Kislev)

Second Day of Chanukah 🕎🕎+🕎

Chanukah Dinner 5 PM

Erev Shabbat Worship Led by Rabbi Jacobs 6:30 PM

Music Led by: Randy Boswell

Saturday, December 28 (27 Kislev)

Third Day of Chanukah 🕎🕎🕎+🕎

Torah Talk Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 9 AM

Shabbat Morning Worship Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM

Special Events Reminders:

Book Discussion led by Debbie Moltz Thurs. Dec. 26, 7 PM on Zoom.

The Matzah Ball: A Novel by Jean Meltzer. Show your favorite chanukiah and tell the story where it came from! Copies will be available at the temple.

Chanukah Celebration Fri. Dec. 27 @ 5 PM

Please Join Temple David along with Parkway Jewish Center and B'nai Israel for dinner and lighting the giant Chanukiah. Please bring your personal Chanukiah and 4 candles to light. Activities for children, including dreidel and grab bags. Dinner will include chicken, roasted broccoli, carrot souffle, and LATKES! RSVP to 412-372-1200 or templeoffice99@gmail.com.

Lunch with the Rabbi Thurs. Jan. 23 @ Noon @ Pugliano's

There is no agenda. Our monthly lunches are simply a lovely way to gather, share a good meal, meet new TD members and connect with friends, even if it is your lunch break.

The Temple David office will be open from 9 AM to 1 PM on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 and closed on Dec. 25 and Jan 1.