

**DECEMBER 2016**

**No Birthdays**

**No Anniversaries**

**JACOB BECOMES ISRAEL**

After spending twenty years in Haran, southern Syria, working for his Uncle Laban, Jacob and his family decided to return to Beer Sheba, the city of his birth.

He is afraid, however, of meeting his twin brother Esau who may seek revenge for the fact that he received his father's blessing, which was destined to Esau. At this very moment, Jacob has a dream in which he is fighting with himself. We can almost hear him say, "Until now, I have often responded to difficult situations by cheating. I deceived my father and I ran away from Esau. But I hereby resolve that I will not continue living that way".

This new resolution is confirmed in a change of names: Jacob - "the deceived" in Hebrew - becomes Israel "he who has striven with God and with people" or "he who has prevailed and surrendered to God". This spiritual transformation will enable Jacob-Israel to assume the leadership of his family and to lay the foundations of the people of Israel.

**WELCOME ברוכים הבאים**



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**RABBI LEO M. ABRAMI**

***Candle Lighting 5:04 pm***

**SHABBAT VAYISHLACH**

**December 16, 2016 , Friday Night**

**Service, 7:30 p.m.**

Conducting the Services

Rabbi Leo Abrami

Announcements

Joseph Weintraub

**Oneg will be sponsored by the Congregation**

**"All are Welcome"**

**December 17, 2016 Saturday Morning**

**Service, 9:00 a.m.**

Preliminary Service

Rabbi Leo Abrami

Chanting Sabbath Services

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Genesis 32:4-33:20 pp. 122-127

Haftorah

Obadiah 1:1-21 pp. 137-140

Chanting Musaf Services

Announcements

**The Kiddush will be sponsored by the Congregation**

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If anyone wants a name listed for a *mishebeirach*, please call the office by Wednesday of the week and the name will go into the bulletin for that week.

A prayer for healing can be said at any time and does not require a *minyan*. The Amidah (page 113 in Siddur Sim Shalom) shows a format that can be used: "May it be your will, Lord our God and God of our ancestors, to send perfect healing, of body and soul, to \_\_\_\_\_, along with all others who are stricken".

**George Allen, Melissa Engber, Thom Hannagian, Evie Martinez, Adrienne Flisser, Howard Marshall, Harry Newman, Michael Newman, Rosalyn Podbielak, Abraham David Silverman, Marcia Turkiewicz, Claire Walter**

We wish "*Refuah Shelemah*," a speedy recovery to congregants, family and friends who are ill. We encourage

Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu  
May the source of strength  
Who blessed the ones before us,  
Help us find the courage  
To make our lives a blessing  
And let us say, Amen

Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu  
M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu  
Bless those in need of healing  
With *refuah shelemah* -  
The renewal of body,  
The renewal of spirit  
And let us say, Amen

Please advise Rabbi Abrami of anyone who is ill and would like to be visited. Call the office to provide details.

Rabbi Abrami is available for counseling on Mondays from 9 to 11 am (by appointment). Please call 623-584-7210

**No Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may be said on Friday evening December 16, 2016 & Saturday morning December 17, 2016.**

**El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am *Minyan*.**

Dec.	Kislev	Deceased	Relationship	Observant
16	16	Arthur Kaplan	Father	Sue Geller
19	19	Bessie Geller	Mother	Marvin Geller
19	19	Anna Margolis	Mother	Norma Weintraub
23	23	Ethel Gottlieb	Mother	Peggy Markowitz
23	23	William Pinkus	Father	Marilyn Newberg
23	23	William Pinkus	Father	Rhoda Lessner

The *Minyanaires* is a dedicated group of Jewish individuals who meet on Monday and Thursday at 8:00 am to pray *shacharit*, the morning service. Everyone is welcome, whether saying *kaddish* or not.

Bereavement Group with Ellie Schwartzberg  
Thursdays 10 am- 2:00 pm at Beth Emeth

Please call Ellie at 602-452-4660 for more information or to make an appointment.