

בְּרֵאשִׁית

פרשת תולדות

Parashat Toldot

5 Kislev, 5784 / November 18, 2023
Triennial Cycle Year II: Genesis 26:23-27:27
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1. (26:23-33) Abimelech makes a peace treaty with Isaac, seeing Isaac's prosperity as a sign of God's blessing.
2. (26:34-35) Esau marries two Hittite women, to his parents' distress.
3. (27:1-27) Isaac, his sight now dim, announces his intention to bless Esau, but Rebecca and Jacob conspire to trick him into blessing Jacob instead.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Please check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding services, classes and events

Saturday, November 18

9:30am Services/Rabbi Kunin Installation
(Sanctuary/Streaming)
11:30am Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
5:38pm Havdalah

Sunday, November 19

9:30am Minyan (Zoom)
9:30am Religious School (Classrooms)
11:00am Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)

Monday, November 20

7:00pm Minyan (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 21

10:00am Torah Study with Rabbi Kunin (Beit
Midrash)
7:00pm Minyan (Zoom)
7:00pm Silicon Valley Intro to Judaism (Offsite)

Wednesday, November 22

7:00pm Minyan (Zoom)

Thursday, November 23

Administration Office Closed
Thanksgiving
10:00am Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Offsite)
7:00pm Minyan (Zoom)

Friday, November 24

Administration Office Closed
4:34pm Candle lighting

Saturday, November 25

9:30am Services (Sanctuary/Streaming)
11:30am Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
5:35pm Havdalah

PRAYER FOR CAPTIVES

אָחינוּ כָּל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הַתְּנוּיִם בְּצָרָה וּבִשְׁבִיָּה הַעוֹמְדִים בֵּין בָּיִם וּבֵין בִּיבְשָׁה
הַמְּקוֹם יָרַחם עֲלֵיהֶם וְיוֹצִיאֵם מִצָּרָה לְרָחוּקָה וּמֵאֲפֵלָה לְאוֹרָה וּמִשְׁעֶבֶד לְגְאֻלָּה
הַשְׁתָּא בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזַמְן קָרִיב
וְנֹאמַר אָמֵן

Acheinu kol beit yisrael, han'tunim b'tzara, uvashivyah, haomdim
bein bayam uvein bayabasha. Hamakom Y'racheim Aleihem
v'yotziem mitzara l'rvacha um'afaila l'orah umishiabud lig'ulah,
hashta ba'agala uvizman kariv. V'nomar amen.

As for our fellow Jews who are in distress or captivity, on sea or
land, may the Ever-Present have compassion on them and bring
them relief from distress and deliver them from darkness to light,
from subjugation to redemption, at this moment, swiftly and
soon. And let us say: Amen.

Giving Tuesday is November 21

Please consider donating to the Beth David Annual Campaign
which support programming for all ages.
beth-david.org/annual-campaign

1SEE ALL UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES



beth-david.org/calendar
for details or follow code.

Mah Jongg (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 19, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Event is full. Join the wait list <https://tinyurl.com/5n75zzey>

Torah Study with Rabbi Kunin (Beit Midrash) Tuesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Join this informal Torah study session held on a drop-in basis. The
Torah is our timeless treasure, with answers for the pivotal
questions of the past, present and future. Each week we will
examine ideas and issues from the weekly parasha and, through
discussion and argument, discover meaningful connections
between the wisdom of our Torah and our modern lives.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Offsite)

Thursday, November 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal, 13601 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga

Join with others for an uplifting service of thanksgiving and
community. This year's service is in person only.

Crafters' Guild (Beit Midrash)

Monday, November 27, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Ricki Gafter and Ann Tavan

Join us for crafting or simply for camaraderie. For more information
contact Ann Tavan ann@tavan.com.

The Drama of the Siddur: Theater Techniques as a Way to Encounter Jewish Prayer (Beit Midrash)

Tuesdays, November 28 & December 12, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
with Rabbi Roller

Learn techniques originally developed by actors to prepare for a
role and apply them to the siddur as a way to deepen our personal
prayer experiences. Session 2 (11/28) will focus on the use of
metaphor in prayer. Session 3 (12/12) will focus on the structure of
prayer and the use of rhythmic beats in prayer.

Balance and Stretch Morning Class (Beit Midrash)

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Resumes 11/29

This class is full.

Undiscovered Jewish Sects in History (Beit Midrash/Zoom)

Wednesday, November 29 & December 13 & 27, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Kunin

From the Essenes to the Karaites and the Sabbateans, not to
mention the Samaritans and the Frankists, there have always been
multiple expressions of our tradition. Each session will feature one
sect as a standalone lecture. Zoom registration required to meet
online. See beth-david.org/calendar for link.

Office Hours with Rabbi Kunin (In-person/Zoom)

Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Resumes November 30

No appointment needed! Zoom registration required to meet
online. See beth-david.org/calendar for link.

Programming Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, November 30, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join the program committee for a Zoom meeting to discuss and
plan events for the Congregation. See beth-david.org/calendar for
Zoom link.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Kunin (Zoom)

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

No class 11/24

The Talmud is the foundational document of rabbinic Judaism,
containing laws and lore which underlie how Jews approach the
world. No prior experience necessary. Zoom registration required.
See beth-david.org/calendar for link.

Scholar-in-Residence

Friday – Sunday, December 1-3

Professor Louis Newman

Professor Newman is one of the country's leading scholars of Jewish
ethics, he is the author of several books. If you are able to help with
baked goods, please sign up <https://tinyurl.com/SIR-baked-goods>
RSVP required for dinner. To RSVP and to see all events for the
weekend beth-david.org/scholar-in-residence.

Youth Congregation (Beit T'fillah)

Saturdays, December 2 & 16, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy an interactive and informal Shabbat service experience. Youth
participate in traditional prayer, Torah readings, games or
discussions inspired both by the weekly Torah portion and current
events. Adults/parents welcome.

Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Roller (Beit T'fillah)

Saturdays, December 2 & 16, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

This is a relaxing, lighthearted, interactive, Shabbat program for tots
and their families. Join Rabbi Roller for singing, stories, movement
and more!

Pies with the Guys (Offsite)

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Jakes of Saratoga, 12175 Saratoga Sunnyvale Rd Suite "E"

Join us at Jakes in Saratoga for appetizers and pizza, compliments of
Men's Club. Please RSVP mensclub@beth-david.org by December 1.

Empty Nestors Coffee and Chat (Offsite)**Tuesday, December 5, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

This is a social group for empty nesters. We meet at Paris Baguette in Cupertino. To join the mailing list, or if you have any questions, please email Dafna Dafi.sorokin@gmail.com

Ritual Committee Meeting (Zoom)**Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to log on and attend the monthly meeting of our ritual committee. Zoom registration required. See beth-david.org/calendar for link.

Jewish Book Discussion (Beit Midrash)***The Man Who Sold Air in the Holy Land*****Saturday, December 9, 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

by Omer Friedlander, led by Joanne Cornbleet

Omer Friedlander probes Israeli society through the lens of the people who inhabit it. Stories often touch upon the familiar: checkpoints, mandatory conscription, the echo of the Shoah.

Hanukkah Beit Café (Social Hall)**Saturday, December 9, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Join us for Havdalah, then for our Beit Cafe with espresso, cappuccino – even regular coffee or tea and of course sufganiot (donuts). BYO if you want anything else. A presentation of artistic color photographs by Rabbi Kunin will be on display. Do you have talent that you want to share? Be it music, slam poetry, short expressive readings or other, email Barbara to be on the talent list Biran@beth-david.org. RSVP to attend <https://tinyurl.com/hanukkah-beit>

Hanukkah Family Learning Experience (Classrooms)**Sunday, December 10, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.**

With Rabbi Roller

Celebrate Hanukkah with us! Connect with our tradition and each other through games, music, art and food! Open to the community!

Annual Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom)**Sunday, December 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

You are warmly invited—and strongly encouraged—to attend the Congregation Beth David Annual Meeting. If you can't attend in person, register for Zoom. See beth-david.org/calendar for link.

Hazak Hanukkah Extravaganza (Social Hall)**Sunday, December 10, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

A delightful evening celebrating the 4th night of Hanukkah. New York Deli Supper, Latkes & Dessert. Enjoy the company of your friends and a delightful movie! RSVP to hazak@beth-david.org

Board Meeting (Zoom)**Monday, December 11, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

All are invited to join us in-person or online. Zoom registration required to meet online. See beth-david.org/calendar for link. If you are interested in the agenda for the meeting, please email secretary@beth-david.org.

Vodka, Latkes and Poker (Conference Room)**Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Join us from 6-7pm for latkes and a sip of vodka (or wine) sponsored by the men's club. All are welcome, but please RSVP. There is a suggested donation of \$15. Afterwards from 7:30-9pm we will play poker (all buy-ins of \$20 cover refreshments and will be donated to Men's Club). Please RSVP mensclub@beth-david.org by 12/10.

Beth David Women Hanukkah Lunch (Social Hall)**Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 (ish) p.m.**

Cost is \$25 and we are requesting a gift card of a minimum \$10 that will be given to a local non-profit. Thanks to Rabbi Kunin for committing to join us. Please sign up [2023 BDW Hanukkah Lunch](http://2023BDWHanukkahLunch).

Yahrzeits Week of November 17/18, 2023

Rosie Berlin, Aunt of Eleanor Dickman

Mary Bernard, Mother of Alan Bernard

Elizabeth Evelina Bouman Bodenstein, Grandmother of Irene Spector

Mary Burum, Sister of David Ammerman

Shirley Cramer, of Blessed Memory

Anna Drabkin, Grandmother of Mike Drabkin

Lawrence Ehrlich, Brother of Donald Ehrlich

Mikhail Eydinov, Husband of Lina Eydinova

Leon Fankushen, of Blessed Memory

David Ferguson, Father of Bryan Ferguson

Raphael Fils, Father of Robert Fils

Jeanette Sapiro Finkelstein, Aunt of Donna Frankel

Thelma Fleck, Mother of Frank Fleck

Alice Flomp, Mother of Rita Schlosser

Solomon Lazar Goldstein, Father-in-Law of Robert Mehler

Evelyn Greenfield, Aunt of Judy Holtzman

Sydney Halem, Father of Robert Halem

Ben Hellinger, Uncle of Judy Faktor

Frank Hubka, Father of William Hubka

Malka Indelman, Grandmother of Gene Tenberg

Lena Itzkowitz, Grandmother of Barbara Silverstein and Gloria Levy

Jeanette Jeger, Aunt of Judy Borah

Al Joseph, Father of Wendy J. Glasser

Jutta Kaplan, Mother of Georgette Silver

Adolph Kinsey, Father of Stephen Kinsey

Sallie Koenisberg, Aunt of Lynne Kinsey

Joseph Kostetsky, Grandfather of Robert Swedroe

Edward Kurtzman, Uncle of Andrea Ammerman

Ben Larky, Grandfather of Jan Larky

Mollie Lubin, Great Aunt of Jeremy Bloom

Harry Isaac Mack, of Blessed Memory

Doug M. Maggio, Friend of Susan Rojo Firsty

Vera Margolis, Mother of Susie Pierson

Isaak Mayer, Grandfather of Debbie Cohen

Yaffa Miller, Mother of Jacob Mor

Riva Milstein, Grandmother of Svetlana Veksler

Pearl Mitnick, Grandmother of Andrea Ammerman

Arthur Paymar, of Blessed Memory

Ruth E. Perkins, Sister of Mike Sabes, Sister-in-law of Robin Sabes

Evelyn Ruth Rathbun, of Blessed Memory

Max Reiser, Father of Yael Alcheck

Bessie Resnick, Grandmother of Harvey Checkman

Pauline Roman, Mother of Susan Ehrlich

Heinrich Rosenfelder, Great Grandfather of Linda Weiss

Shirley Rubin, Aunt of Sheila Weisberg

Norman Saichek, Father of Thomas Saichek

Eva Seltzer, Mother of Rita Sauvage

Marion Schwartz, Sister-in-law of Martin Schwartz

Leon Shultz, Grandfather of Samuel Shultz

Philip Siegel, Father of Barbara Goldstein

Fanny Skilken, Grandmother of Daniel Skilken

Walter Spector, Grandfather of Walter Spector

Joan Taubman, Sister-in-law of Charles Taubman

Norman Teifeld, Uncle of Barbara Green and Jan Krum

Sigrid Wahba, Mother of Debbie Cohen

Morris Weslock, of Blessed Memory

Refuah Shleimah – A Complete Recovery – as of 11/18/23

Meira bat Zahava, Meira Peretz (niece of Betty Becker)

Michaela Yacova bat Ruchel Saushe v'Nachum Chanan, Micaela Abramovitz (daughter of Rachel and Norman Abramovitz)
 Liora bat Genia (member and mother of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
 Marina bat Venina Marina Leitman (friend of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
 Hannah Leah
 Carol Rosenberg (friend of Betty Becker)
 Tamara bat Iris v'Yosef
 Rivka bat Esther v'Yehuda (mother of Joseph Bendahan)
 D'vera Reevah bat Fradel
 David Meyer (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Keith Cicerone (Brother-in-law of Seema Cicerone)
 Bernard Olfman (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Susan Brown (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
 Craig David (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
 Sue Ritz (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Bob Ritz (friend of Seema Cicerone)
 Mayer, Marcos Cicerone (family of Seema Cicerone)
 Chaim ben David, Harvey Checkman (member)
 Ina Checkman (member)
 Yacov ben Chaim u'Malka, Jerry Daniel (member)
 Marc Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
 Kitty Amone (aunt of Barbara Davis)
 Soni Hoover Weiss (aunt of Barbara Davis)
 Esther Asher bat Yael, Eleanor Dickman (member)
 Yonah Yitzhak ben Etel (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)
 Israel Mayer, Meyer Heller (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)
 Anika Reyes (friend of Dorothy and Richard Dorsay)
 Maggie Reyes (friend of Dorothy and Richard Dorsay)
 Cookie Wynman Knapp (cousin of Hillary Farkas)
 Usher Zalek, Chuck Dashevsky (friend of Donna and Steve Frankel)
 Heidi Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
 Axel Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
 Ari Yehuda ben Malka Ariella
 Razel bat Pearl, Bobbie (cousin of Ria Friedman)
 Malka, Marla Dorfman (cousin of Ria Friedman)
 Rivka Leah bat Shlomo v'Sarah
 Steven Friedman (uncle of Hindy Ganeles)
 Sharon Friedman (aunt of Hindy Ganeles)
 Hinda Leba bat Fivel u'Bracha, Hindy Ganeles (member)
 Annette Gavens (mother of Lee Gavens)
 Zvi Leib ben Esther
 Peretz Sa'ar ben Kayla (friend of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Chaim ben Moshe, Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
 Allen Goldstein (son of Howard and Sheila Goldstein)
 David Garfinkle (brother-in-law of Rhonda Raider Gould and Don Gould)
 Tikva bat Katania, Allyson Guggenheim (daughter of Scott & Shannon, granddaughter of Karen & Allen Guggenheim)
 Vellya bat Shmuel haKohen v'Chana Chaya, Vivian Herman (member)
 Catherine Pieck (sister-in-law of David & Debby Hoffman)
 Charles Butler (friend of David and Debby Hoffman)
 Gail Gitt (friend of David and Debby Hoffman)
 Zaev ben Yosef v'Beila Eila (friend of David and Debby Hoffman)

Shmuel ben Tzipporah (member)
 Gabriel Cervantes (friend of Lorraine Isaac)
 Gwen Broomfield (friend of Madelyn Isaacs)
 Holly Marsh (friend of Carol King)
 Chaya Leiva Eita Moshe Meyer v'Yehudit - Lynne Kinsey (member)
 Levi ben Lina v'Eliyahu (father of Rabbi David Kunin)
 Tova bat Clara v'Mordechai haKohen (mother of Rabbi David Kunin)
 Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
 Kristi Hernandez (friend of Paula & Marc Levitt)
 Daniel Seth ben Yaffa v'Yitzchak haKohen, Daniel Lewis (son of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Aharon ben Tziporah, Aaron Rubinstein (cousin of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Jim Rooney (cousin of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Shalomite bat Shanea Gittel, Frederica Gallack (cousin of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Roger Lustig (friend of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
 Gershon Arye ben Avraham haLevi
 Nessia bat David, Kaela Gaertner (friend of the Lichy family)
 Miriam bat Bluma (member)
 Leibel Yehuda ben Shmuel Yisroel v'Sheindl, Leonard Metz (member)
 Danny Dean (relative of Andrew Passett)
 Shimshon ben Brayna v Avraham Moshe, Sheldon E Penn (member)
 Esther bat Crayna Elka v'Shimshon
 Sander ben Avraham u'Martha, Alexander Rodstein (member)
 Feigel bat Lily (mother of Bettina Rosenberg)
 Harry Ratner (father of Julie Sachse)
 Lailie Sachse (daughter of Matt & Julie Sachse)
 Moshe, Misha Frenklak (son of Marina Salzman)
 Hannah Staroselsky (friend of Marina Salzman)
 Elaine Khororkovsky (friend of Marina Salzman)
 Tatiana Menaker (friend of Marina Salzman)
 Chaya bat Devona, Ellen Yetvin-Haven (friend of Rachel Schwab)
 Asher ben El Hanan, Joel Schwartz (member)
 Mary Ann Pinsler (cousin of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)
 David Hai Isaac (cousin of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)
 Matana bat Rahma, Myrtle Schwartz (member)
 Malka bat Mendel v'Goldie, Marilyn Sefchovich (member)
 Karli Sharp
 Haika bat Yitzhak v'Hannah, Corinne Sherman (member)
 Yudif Golda bat Yente, Yulia Shvarts (member)
 Heather Berkeley (friend of Bonnie Slavitt)
 Dorit bat Gavriel (friend of Joe Sorger)
 Marc Suhler (brother of Irene Spector)
 Adam Yavim ben Avraham v'Sarah, George Steres (member)
 Rachmiel ben Yoheved (member)
 Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel (member)
 Matt Clark (friend of Irene Swedroe)
 Yael bat Tzvia, Susan Gould (member)
 Hannah Leah bat Avraham v'Sarah, Ann Tavan (member)
 Chaim ben Davida
 Sarah Fegie bat Natan v'Shifrah, Sandi Weinstein (member)
 Chava Leah bat Zalman haKohen v'Tzivia, Zoe Weitzman (daughter of Susie Weitzman)
 Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
 Annabel Rubin (relative of Dina Yevelev)
 Bela bat Bronya (cousin of Dina Yevelev)
 Sonya bat Emma (friend of Dina Yevelev)
 Rita bat Sonya (friend of Dina Yevelev)

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