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Shabbat Noah 5777

04/05 November 2016 – 03/04 Cheshvan 5777

**Friday 04 November – 18.00 Kabbalat Shabbat service;** Shabbat chocolates sponsored by the Sweke family;  
**18.00 Kids' Club with Kendyll**

**Saturday 05 November – 08.30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10.00 Shabbat Morning Service – Bar Mitzvah of Troy Eloff.** The service is followed by a b'rachah sponsored by Angela Eloff and Brian Eloff in Troy's honour; **10.00 Youth activities with Kendyll.**

**Sunday 06 November – 10.15 Unveiling Lionel Desmond Frank** (Pretoria Jewish Cemetery);

**09.00 – 13.00 Food collection for feeding schemes.** Please contact Lesley Rosenberg 0832366823 if you can help for an hour or more.

**Friday 11 November – 18.00 Kabbalat Shabbat FAMILY service** followed by a light supper (sponsors welcome); (No Kids' Club)

**Saturday 12 November – 08.30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10.00 Shabbat Morning Service** followed by a b'rachah; **10.00 Youth service and activities with Kendyll.**

**Friday 18 November – 18.00 Kabbalat Shabbat service; 18.00 Kids' Club with Kendyll**

**Saturday 19 November – 08.30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10.00 Shabbat Morning Service – Bat Mitzvah of Megan Soll; 10.00 Youth service and activities with Kendyll.**

#### **About Troy Eloff – Bar Mitzvah - Shabbat Noah 05 November 2016**



I am a Grade 7 student at Craighall Primary School. I play water-polo and Rugby at school and I am also a member of the Diggers Rugby Club. This year I received Full Colours for Rugby. Next Year, I will be going to King Edward VII High School.

Neo is my older brother. He goes to Bryanston High and celebrated his Bar Mitzvah two years ago at Bet David.

At home I have 2 dogs – JJ and Sofia.

My hobby is playing x-box; I spend a lot of time playing with my friends on the x-box, unless I'm doing sport. Troy

#### **Mazal tov**

**Troy Eloff**, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat at Bet David.

**Happy birthday to all who have birthdays during the week 01 – 06 November –** Derek Cohen; Ryan Sweke; Genevieve Edwards; Amanda Rogaly; Warren Oshry; Carol Alexander; Carol Cowan; Margaret Taback; Brett Steingo; Morris Kotzen; Marion Hassall; Monty Hacker; Mike Goodman; Shirley Cohen; Jessica Joselowitz; **Children under 14 years –** Jessica Bennett.

#### **Speedy Recovery-Refuah Shleimah**

Alan Goodman; Arthur Kruger; Jul-Andra van Dyk; Leah Livni; Melanie Bailey; Rochelle Rossi-Zalmans; Peter Alexander. *Please contact Glynnis to report a hospitalisation or illness and direct us in the most appropriate way to respond.*

#### **Weekly Yahrzeits**

**Judah Christoph Thobakgale** remembered by **Jacob Thobakgale**; **Isaac Aronson** remembered by **Adrienne Yates**; **Molly Goodman** remembered by **Mike Goodman**; **Lionel Helfer** remembered by **Gail Scheuble**; **Dr Louie Becker** remembered by **Lydia Kruger**; **Sarah Keet** remembered by **Jules Keet**; **Edie Hacker** remembered by **Monty Hacker**; **Julius Garb** remembered by **Mark Garb**; **Annie Kupowitz** remembered by **Rebecca (Bucca) Jankes**; **Joan Plimsoll** remembered by **Pam Sher**; **Betty Ann Weitzmann** remembered by **Ashley, Desmond, Ryan and Jordan Sweke**; **Cyril Mayers** remembered by **Philip Mayers**; **Leo Fish** remembered by **Margaret Fish**; **Doris Solomon** remembered by **Linda Beale**; **Delyse Kramer** remembered by **David Kramer**. *Zichronam livracha, may their memory be for a blessing.*

**We gratefully acknowledge recent donations**

**Yahrzeit – Lydia Kruger** in memory of **Dr Louie Becker; Theresa Sobel, Deborah and Louise Isaacs** in memory of **Boet Marais; High Holy Days – Neebashnee Kristnasamy.**

**B'rachah sponsorship – Angela Eloff and Brian Eloff** for the b'rachah in honour of Troy's Bar Mitzvah  
*If you would prefer your donation to remain anonymous, please advise the office.*

**Bet David Kehillah**

**The Sisterhood are running a drive to donate: 1. Disposable Nappies** to The Hole in the Wall in Hillbrow, and **2. Sanitary towels** to disadvantaged teenagers.

We will welcome any donations to these worthy causes. Please be kind enough to either drop your donations in to the two boxes provided at the back of the temporary shul or hand in to the Bet David office or phone Cynthia Rosen – 083 5555755 or Gail Scheuble – 083 2289365. Thank you for your support!

**Monthly Feeding Schemes Food Collection** — Next collection dates: **06 November** and 27 November (final for 2016) at Pick n Pay Hyde Park, Morningside and South Road. Please contact Lesley Rosenberg 0832366823 if you can help for an hour or more. Please also continue to drop off non-perishable groceries via the office or leave in the temporary Shul for our feeding schemes.

**Bet David Kitchen**—There will be no take-home orders from the kitchen until further notice.

**The Lewandowski Chorale's Berlin Showcase Concert 2016**

If you aren't able to join us for our performances in Berlin in December, here is your chance to hear our entire Berlin Festival repertoire at a delightful soiree in one of the most beautiful and historic settings in Johannesburg, **The Music Room at Villa Arcadia, 22 Oxford Road, Parktown, on Sunday 27 November.**

Please join us from **17:30** for sherry on the veranda to enjoy the view. The concert, conducted by Adam H. Golding, will begin at 18:00. The

Lewandowski Chorale will be performing some of the glorious works of Louis Lewandowski, Salomon Sulzer and Salomone Rossi among others. The performance will feature instrumentalists, Kyle Nel on keyboards (organ and harpsichord), Clare Vandeleur on cello, Dillon Davie on guitar and Natasha Haslam on tenor recorder, as well as Glynnis Kanar as one of the soloists. Cheese and Wine will be served in the Cloistered Courtyard after the concert.

Tickets are available in advance from [ticketweb.co.za](http://ticketweb.co.za) @ R185 or at the door @R200 cash only. Seats are unreserved.

**Bar Bat Mitzvahs for children born 2004 and 2005**

Bet David is currently scheduling 2017 and 2018 Bar & Bat Mitzvahs.

Parents should please contact Glynnis in the office in this regard.

**International Mitzvah Day is**

coming up on Sunday  
27 November 2016.

We will be hosting children from the Alexandra Orphanage Childcare Centre at the Ernest Ullmann Park.

This is also part of Jayde Soekoe's Bat Mitzvah Project, and all contributions will be welcome.

For more information, please speak to Kendyll or Jayde

**Parashat Noah: After the Flood**

After the great flood, Noah and his sons Shem, Ham and Japhet are instructed to exit the ark that has preserved life in its diversity. The world that the rain transformed is ready through its own vital energy to heal and regrow. The first instruction to the human survivors is p'ru u'revu—be fruitful and multiply. The repetition of this commandment—seen by Jewish tradition as the first to humans—marks the degree to which the ancient record sees this moment as a renewal of creation, covenant and human effect upon the world.

The distinctive identities of Noah's sons, and the names of their earliest descendants identify an ancient view of the people of the world. Ham's descendants are identified with Canaanites; their interaction with the ancient Israel is central to an understanding of the way that Judaism grew and became identified over time with the Land of Israel.

The descendants of Japhet are connected by tradition with Greece and the Hellenic peoples. Like ancient Egypt which will become home to Ancient Israel, over the millennium (and a bit more) that the Temple stood in Jerusalem, the influences of the ancient Hellenistic culture were of great significance for the development and changes that occurred to make Biblical faith into Judaism.

The descendants of Shem—the third son—are the Jewish people.

But there are other Semitic peoples as well across the sweep of the Middle East from the Tigris-Euphrates valley to North Africa. That kinship connects Israel to the Arab peoples even as later events in Genesis will connect Judaism and Islam. Anti-Semitism, derived from the name of our progenitor, Shem, is commonly misused to reflect the conflict of modernity between Israel and Moslem nations.

The Biblical tale is limited to the people known to the ancients. African, Asians and Native Peoples around the world are subsumed into the three sons of Noah. Once again, religious text is not scientific despite the many significant lessons that it teaches. [Rabbi Robert Jacobs]

Podcast of Rabbi Schell's weekly Sermons Tuesdays on Radio Today (10h30) or: <http://goo.gl/LsHQrY>.

**Torah Reading for Shabbat Noah**

Genesis 6:9-11:32 (Gen 7:22-8:22)

Plaut p. 19; Hertz p. 2

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

*In our Parasha*

- *God decides to cause a flood that will destroy the world, sparing only Noah's family and the animals that Noah gathers together on the ark. (6:9-8:22)*

- *Later, Life starts over again after the Flood. The Noahide Commandments are listed, and God uses a rainbow to make a symbol of the first covenant. (9:1-17)*

- *But man hasn't changed after the flood, People start to build a city and the Tower of Babel disobeying God. Therefore, God scatters the people and gives them different languages to speak. (11:1-9)*

- *The reading ends with a list of the ten generations from Noah to Abram. (11:10-29:2)*

**SHABBAT SERVICES & EVENTS**

**FRIDAY EVENING: 18:00** Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**KIDS' CLUB YOUTH ACTIVITIES 18:00 - 19:00** for ages 3–10 weekly with Kendyll, excl. Family Services

**FAMILY SERVICE 18:00** – 11 November; 09 December

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**—Last Friday of every month 25 November

**SHABBAT MORNING: 08:30 - 12:00 CHEDER** – Term 4: 15 October – 03 December

**10:00 SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE**

**10.00 - 11.00 CHILDREN'S SERVICE; 11.00 - 12.00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES** every Saturday with Kendyll

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As an added security measure, instead of setting your home address as “Home” on your GPS, rather put in a petrol station or other public building a few blocks away.

**Report any security or medical emergencies to the CSO Control Room 086 18 000 18.**

## EXTRAORDINARY SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR WOMEN OF THE WALL by ANAT HOFFMAN



*History was made today! For the very first time - this morning - we were able to pray with not one, not two, but fourteen (14!) Torah scrolls in the women's section of the Western Wall.*

The first day of the new month of Heshvan was transformed into Simchat Torah. There are moments in life in which you know you are making history. This morning we actualized a line from the Israeli national anthem, HaTikvah: "To be a free people in our land."

This achievement came with a price: we were assaulted and attacked under the eyes of an utterly passive police force which, without shame, stood on the sidelines as some of us were thrown to the ground; others were hit; all were jostled. I was scratched and had my watch torn from my wrist.

As we arrived, followed by hundreds of friends and supporters, the pressure of the crowd pushed aside the security guards who were trying to stop us. It came with a great blessing: we were surrounded by friends, among them Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the president of the Union for Reform Judaism and Rabbi Steven Wernick, president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. They marched in a line of ten rabbis and Jewish lay leaders, each carrying a Torah scroll, representing millions of Jews around the world.

It felt like a miracle, but this should be our reality every day. We hope that Prime Minister Netanyahu heard us loud and clear. His statement, issued this afternoon, alluding to dialogue and to compromise, makes a mockery of our three years of negotiations with a government that has failed to enact an agreement signed almost a year ago.

It is yet another example of his deafness to a majority of the Jews on earth. The next time he addresses North American Jews - to whom he promised justice at the Western Wall only a year ago - will be in mid-November, when he is expected to be a keynote speaker at the upcoming Jewish Federations General Assembly. We expect the General Assembly to follow in our footsteps today, and in a clear and unified voice, demand pluralism, equality and tolerance at the Wall.

If you want to experience what we did this morning, please visit our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Snapchat channel (@WomenoftheWall) and leave your comments and reactions.

**Yours, Anat Hoffman** [article published 2 November 2016]