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Shabbat Yitro 17/18 February 2017 / 21/22 Sh'vat 5777

Friday 17 February – 18:00 Kabbalat Shabbat service, 18:00 Kids' Club with Kendyll for children aged 3 -10 and the **FIRST Netzer Night** for children aged 11 – 18 years.

Saturday 18 February – 08:30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10:00 Shabbat Morning Service includes the **Bar Mitzvah of Shayne Windrum** and farewell blessing for **Daniela and Ariel Rosenfeld** who will be making Aliyah. The service is followed by a b'rachah in Shayne's honour sponsored by Martin and Sylvia Borstein and Maxine Windrum; 10:00 Youth activities with Kendyll; 12.45 **Modern Jewish Philosophy discussion** with Brett Steingo (conclusion)

Sunday 19 February – 10.00 – 16.00 **Gabbaim, Bimah Duty and Service Leader Seminar** with Rabbi Schell (in the Temporary Shul). Please RSVP for catering purposes.

Friday 24 February – 18:00 **FAMILY Kabbalat Shabbat** service includes **February Birthday blessings**. Light supper follows (sponsors welcome); **No Kids' Club**.

Saturday 25 February – 08:30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10:00 **Regular Shabbat Morning Service** 10.00 **Parallel Yoga-Shabbat Service** followed by a b'rachah (sponsors welcome); 10:00 **Youth activities with Kendyll**.

Friday 03 March – 17:00 **Bat Mitzvah Project Presentation by Samara Churba-Doyle** on Human Rights and the Right to Education (in the shul); 18:00 **Kabbalat Shabbat service, 18:00 Kids' Club with Kendyll**. Finger foods served after the service sponsored by Carolina, Padraic and Samara Churba-Doyle.

Saturday 04 March – 08:30 Cheder; 08.45 Torah Breakfast; 10:00 **Shabbat Morning Service includes the Bat Mitzvah of Samara Churba-Doyle**. Service will be followed by a b'rachah in Samara's honour, sponsored by her parents Carolina and Padraic Doyle; 10:00 **Youth activities with Kendyll**.

Sunday 05 March – 09.00 – 13.00 **Food Collection at Pick n Pay Hyde Park, Morningside and South Road**. Please contact Lesley Shipton on 082 535 0701 if you are able to help.

Shayne Windrum – Bar Mitzvah 18 February 2017

Hi, my name is Shayne Windrum. I am in Grade 7 at Cedarwood College. I enjoy studying and learning about Space and the planets that surround us. When I have finished my homework, I relax by playing *Clash Royale*. I have an older sister, Gemma, who helps me a lot. My mother, Maxine, is always around to guide me. I look forward to celebrating my Bar Mitzvah at Bet David, where I have been a member my whole life.

I have been inspired to help others. Having lived with cats my whole life, I am dedicating my Bar Mitzvah project to the care of cats that are unfortunate not to have a loving family like mine to look after them.



Netzer Night

Netzer Gauteng is launching their monthly Friday Netzer Night's at Bet David. This is aimed at all children aged between 11 and 18. This week they will be hosting a Netzer treasure Hunt, which promises to be a whole lot of excitement and fun. Please join in the fun on Friday 17 February. For more info please contact Thandi on

ijhb@netzer.org.za

Hebrew Ulpan Conversion Course

Weekly Hebrew classes on Mondays at 18.30 at Bet David for beginners and advanced students. Interested? Please call the office for details.

NOTICE OF AGM - BET DAVID AND BET DAVID KEHILLAH

Dear Congregants,

The **45th Annual General Meeting of Bet David** and the **43rd AGM of Bet David Kehillah** will take place at Bet David on **Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 18h30**. This is an important event in the annual Bet David programme and an opportunity for our congregation to get feedback on the past year's activities of Bet David and its affiliate organisations as well as to discuss the future. An update on the Bet David Campus development will be provided as well as details of other planned activities. Official notices, the agenda and a summary of the audited figures for Bet David will be sent to the email addresses on record.

Please get involved in this exciting period of Bet David's development. We invite you to stand for elections for the next Management Committee and Kehillah committee.

Additional nomination forms can be sent to you by email on request. Nominations to stand for the Management Committee should be submitted at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and welcome your support.

Desmond Sweke, Chairman

NOMINATION FORM

I,, am willing to stand for election to the **Management Committee** of Bet David for the year **2017/2018**

NAME**SIGNATURE****NOMINEE:**

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PROPOSER:

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SECONDER:

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To be signed by the Nominee, Proposer and Secunder.

DATE**Mazal Tov**

Shayne Windrum on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat, at Bet David;

Happy birthday to all who have birthdays during the week 13 to 19 February – Morris Jammy;

Margaret (Peggy) Kling; Michael Taitz; Gary Levitan; Laurie Fineberg; Elaine Levin; Tom Jackson;

Tatiana Linde; Sally Licht; Jason Hoff; Herman Rothenberg who celebrated his 96th birthday on 15 Feb.

Children under 14 – Zara Abramsohn; Samuel Abrahams; Mia Tchetchik; Shayne Windrum.

Speedy Recovery-Refuah Shleimah

Dr Arnold Levin; Arthur Kruger; Isaac Livni; Marlene Nelson; Matthew Jankelow; Misha Coetzee;

Rachelle Rossi Zalmans; Rita Bancroft (mother of Jack Bancroft); Ruth and Greg Jordan.

Please contact the office to report a hospitalisation/illness.

Weekly Yahrzeits

Hilda Reese remembered by **Sandra Beswick**; **Augusta Lewin** remembered by **Elaine Levin**; **Ralph Klipin**

remembered by **Ron Klipin**; **Ingrid Paul** remembered by **John Paul**; **Elfi Peiser** remembered by

Monica Solomon; **Harold Bailey** remembered by **Martin Bailey**; **Jack Maserow** remembered by **Cynthia**

Maserow; **Rebecca Sack** remembered by **Jacqui Sack** and **Sharon Sack**; **Sharon Levin** remembered by

Arnold Levin, **David Levin** and **Michael Levin**; **Julius Sutton** remembered by **Carol Cowan** and **Alan**

Goodman; **Reginald Nathan Rubin** remembered by **Gail Rogaly**, **Lauren Kupritz**, **Gavin Rogaly** and **Caryn**

Margolius; **George Hennig** remembered by **Lali Gerber**; **Philip and Elsie Borstein** and **Benjamin and Yetta**

Barwin remembered by the **Borstein and Windrum family** on the occasion of Shayne's Bar Mitzvah.

Zichronam livracha, may their memory be for a blessing.

We gratefully acknowledge recent donations

Yahrzeit – **Ron Klipin** in memory of **Ralph Klipin**; **John Paul** in memory of **Ingrid Paul**;

Shabbat Chocolates – **Peter and Carol Alexander**; **Maxine Windrum**.

Yitro - Shabbat rest becomes a taste of the redemption

Our Torah portion includes the "10 commandments". While most of us recall the commandments not to murder or to honour our parents, many forget one of the 10 statements is to observe the Shabbat day. According to our tradition, this law is as important as any others. But why?

Why do we observe Shabbat rest?

The most common response to this question is learned from this week's Torah portion: we rest on Shabbat, because God rested on Shabbat. Thus, Shabbat becomes a "remembrance of Creation." Our reading highlights the connection between Shabbat and Creation: *"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God: you shall not do any work... For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and sea, ... and He rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:9–11).*

This powerful motivation for sanctifying the seventh day is certainly sufficient. Yet, we learn another rationale for resting on Shabbat from next week's *parashah*. In Parashat Mishpatim, which is primarily concerned with civil and moral laws, the Torah teaches: *"Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labour, in order that your ox and your ass may rest, and that your bondman and the stranger may be refreshed" (Exodus 23:12).*

This verse is strikingly different from the presentation of Shabbat in the Decalogue. Here, Shabbat observance is part of ethical and humanitarian living. In the verses preceding this discussion of Shabbat, the Torah warns against subverting the rights of the needy and oppressing the stranger. This idea of social justice and freedom is also linked with Shabbat in Moses' reiteration of the Decalogue in the Book of Deuteronomy: *"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave... or the stranger in your settlements, so that your male and female slave may rest as you do. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and the Lord your God freed you from there with an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day" (Deut. 5:13–15).* In this beautiful passage, Shabbat rest becomes a taste of the redemption from slavery in Egypt. Just as God saved us from the unrelenting toil of Egyptian servitude, we must create a society in which our servants and animals find rest from their labours.

So why do we rest on Shabbat? The Torah portions of this and next week illustrate the multifaceted nature of Jewish ritual. Shabbat observance evokes two important themes in Jewish theology: God's Creation and God's Salvation. In both cases, God's actions serve as a model for our own. By refraining from work on Shabbat, we express our faith in God as Creator. Six days a week, we engage in partnership with God as builders of the world around us. On Shabbat we rest and reflect on God's ultimate role as Architect of the Cosmos. By refraining from work on Shabbat, we also express our heritage as redeemed slaves. The experience of liberation from work and weekday burdens reminds us the importance of overcoming oppression in the world.

May our Shabbat rest this week resonate with the echoes of Creation and Liberation. May we fashion our lives in the light of God's ways, creating a world enriched with holiness, justice and freedom.

Shabbat Shalom Rabbi Adrian M Schell (Source: MATTHEW BERKOWITZ)

Torah Reading Shabbat Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23 (Ex 19:7-20:14)

Plaut p. 474; Hertz p. 292

Haftarah: Isaiah 6 Plaut p. 507; Hertz p. 302

In our Torah Portion: • *Yitro brings his daughter Zipporah and her two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, to his son-in-law Moses.* • *Moses follows Yitro's advice and appoints judges to help him lead the people.* • *The Children of Israel camp in front of Mount Sinai. Upon hearing the covenant, the Israelites respond, "All that God has spoken we will do."* • *After three days of preparation, the Israelites encounter God at Mount Sinai.* • *God gives the Ten Commandments aloud directly to the people.* • *Frightened, the Children of Israel ask Moses to serve as an intermediary between God and them. Moses tells the people not to be afraid.*

Gabbaim, Bimah Duty and Service Leader Seminar

A Sunday hands-on seminar for everyone who likes to take on a more active role in the service.

The daylong seminar will be held on 19 February from 10.00 to 16.00 in the Shul.

Please RSVP to Rabbi Schell (rabbi.schell@betdavid.org.za) if you like to take part.

Bet David Kehillah

TAKE – HOME ORDERS FROM OUR BET DAVID KITCHEN – Home-made delicacies are now available from our own kitchen! Place your orders by Monday with Sharon on 011-7837117/admin2@betdavid.org.za for collection on Friday 12h00.

SUPPORT KEHILLAH'S 'COLLECT A BREAD TAG PROJECT' TO BUY A WHEELCHAIR – Please collect your Plastic Tags/Seals from bread bags) and place in the jar provided at the back of the shul.

Monthly Feeding Schemes Food Collection – NEXT collection on SUNDAY 05 MARCH between 09:00 – 13:00 at Pick n Pay Hyde Park, Morningside and South Road. Please contact Lesley Shipton on 082 535 0701 or Lesley Rosenberg on 083 2366823 if you can help for an hour or more. Please continue to bring non-perishable groceries to shul for our feeding schemes.

Kehillah's 50/50 CLUB – Please join! For only R180 per year you can help raise money in a fun way. The more people who participate..... the larger the monthly prize.

Celebrate a Simcha with your community – We welcome sponsorship of Friday Erev Shabbat l'chaims; Shabbat morning b'rachot; Shabbat chocolates and/or birthday chocolates. Please contact the office.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join WPJ-Bet Menorah, together with United Sisterhood and Bet David Kehillah in celebrating **Women's World Day of Prayer** on Saturday 4 March 2017 - Time: **10:00 AM @ BET MENORAH, PRETORIA**. The service will be followed by a Brocha Lunch. For catering purposes, please contact either **Marian: 0116462409; Giddy: 0824430898; or Cynthia: 0835555755** before Friday 24 February

THE UNITED SISTERHOOD FUNDRAISER

For those of you who cannot go to Israel, how does a **cruise on the MSC OPERA** grab you? Win a 5-day cruise **FOR 2** from Durban to the Portuguese Island (includes air tickets to Durban). **Date:** 20 – 25 November 2017. **Please support us by purchasing your R100 raffle ticket now!**

You can either ask one of our Kehillah members or Kendyll to get one or contact Marian on 011 6462409 / marianq@unitedsisterhood.org.za

Your help with also selling books of tickets will be appreciated. For every 10 tickets sold, you qualify for a free ticket! Books are available from Giddy Lief 0824430898. Winners to be announced in August 2017.

[United Sisterhood, in support of the Jewish Family Assistance Fund AND Our Children's Fund]

Bat Mitzvah Project Presentation by Samara Churba-Doyle

My name is Samara Ciara and I invite you to my Bat mitzvah Project presentation.

It will take place at **5pm on Friday 3rd March, before the Shul service.**

I am passionate about Human Rights and especially the Right to Education.

I will present my research on the wonderful Mitzvah School, please come and share with me! There will be finger food after service. Thank you, *Samara*

SHABBAT SERVICES & EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENING: 18:00 Kabbalat Shabbat Service;

KIDS' CLUB YOUTH ACTIVITIES 18:00 - 19:00 for ages 3–10—

NETZER NIGHTS —Monthly: third Friday evening of each month — for 11 – 18 year olds

FAMILY-SHABBAT SERVICE 18:00—; **MONTHLY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS—**

SHABBAT MORNING: 08:30 - 12.00 CHEDER —

10:00 SHABBAT SHACHARIT SERVICE; 10:00 YOGA SHABBAT SERVICE—

10.00 - 11.00 CHILDREN'S SERVICE; 11.00 - 12.00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES—

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