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Shabbat Nitzavim and Rosh HaShanah 5777

30 September/01 October 2016 – 27/28 Elul 5776 and 03/04 October – 01/02 Tishrei 5777



*"On Rosh Hashanah it is written... On Yom Kippur it is sealed. May it be written and may it be sealed that you have a new year that brings fulfilment and happiness, peace and prosperity - all of the very best things in life. Have a Happy, Healthy New Year!"*

*Desmond Sweke, Rabbi Adrian M Schell  
ManCom, Kehillah and Staff of Bet David*

### Schedule for Shabbat Nitzavim and Rosh Hashanah

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Friday 30 September	18.00	Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and September birthday blessings, followed by a light supper with Pizza (sponsors welcome)	Bet David (Rondavel)
Saturday 01 October	10.00	Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Williams. The service will be followed by a b'rachah sponsored by Peter and Justine Williams in Jessica's honour. <b>There will be no service at Bet David</b>	Beit Emanuel, 38 Oxford Road, Parktown.
<b>Rosh Hashanah</b>			
Sunday 02 October	18.00	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	Crawford College*
Monday 03 October	10.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah Service,	Crawford College*
	10.00	Children and Youth Service and Activities	Crawford College*
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*\*Services for the High Holy Days will take place at **Crawford College, Waterstone Drive, Benmore, Sandton***

*\*\*Those participating in the Tashlich Ceremony will leave from Crawford College following the Rosh Hashanah 1<sup>st</sup> Day Service or meet at the designated venue. Please bring bread for throwing.*

**Message from the Rabbi**

This Shabbat is a time of endings and new beginnings: It is the last Shabbat of 5776, Jessica's Bat Mitzvah, and the Torah cycle is nearly finished. We are bidding farewell to the past, and moving forward into something new. Like the ancient Israelites we are poised to enter what is metaphorically a new land: our new buildings and a brand new year. Have you ever thought what an appropriate season this is to begin a new year?

Spring is a time for looking both forwards and backwards. As we see nature awaking, and seeing the new flowers blossoming, and the sun shining brighter and lighter than before, we prepare for the next season as well. And so it is with our lives. In the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we seek to rid ourselves of the habits, the thoughts, the actions that blemish our lives, and enter new paths, leading us to become better people.

And how can we bring more light and colour into the new year? One way is through our teshuvah. Teshuvah is far more than repentance. *"It is,"* argues Adin Steinsaltz, *"a spiritual awakening to the possibilities within us. It is not just remorse, but a profound change of one's life, a break, a reformation. We alone of all creatures have this power to turn, to recreate ourselves anew. Teshuvah at its heart is a creative process. It is not a turning back, but rather a turning forward, a turning to a new creation. Our teshuvah allows us to turn to who we have always possibly been and indeed are meant to be, but have not yet become. We turn to the growth and possibility that is inside us, but which has lain dormant. Like the sculptor who creates a work of art from what appears to be a block of stone, we create the person we truly are but which we may have kept locked inside us, not knowing how to release it or perhaps even afraid to do so."*

This process is not always easy. We might face both an intellectual and an emotional block to our teshuvah, yet, teshuvah, though sometimes painful can also be joyous. As we create our true selves, we truly become partners with God in the process of creation.

We all stand here in the doorway of a brand new year. What will we do? We have the opportunity and the potential to create both ourselves and the world anew—today, tomorrow and in this new year.

*Chayim joins me in wishing you and your families a blessed New Year filled with love, peace, joy, health, prosperity and Yiddishkeit*

**וְחֵתִימָה טוֹבָה May you be inscribed and sealed for a good new year**

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**About Jessica – Bat Mitzvah 01 October 2016**

My name is Jessica Williams. I am 12 years old and I go to Crawford Sandton. I have a younger sister Mia, 2 dogs and 2 cats. My favourite sport is gymnastics. I am a level 6 gymnast and I have got my Gauteng colours. In just a few days I will be going to Cape Town to take part in a national competition. I also enjoy swimming, netball and hockey. My favourite subjects are Drama, Technology, Physical education and Hebrew. I enjoy going to parties, being with friends, spending time with my family, and holidays at the beach.

**What South African Progressive Jews have to say about Progressive Identity**

In time for the High Holy Days the newest issue of the SAAPR Journal has been published. The journal collects contributions from Monica Solomon, Rabbi Schell, Prof Bilchitz, Merle Williams, Rabbi Alexander, James Lomborg and Rabbi Shaked. A copy of the journal can be downloaded from our website: [www.betdavid.org.za](http://www.betdavid.org.za)

**Bet David's Mitzvah Project**

For the last time in the current Jewish year nearly 30 members and friends of Bet David supported the cleaning of the stillborn section at the Jewish Cemetery. And for the first time the group managed to clean the whole section, collecting 74 bags of leaves and rubbish. David Webber, Funeral Director of the Chevrah Kadisha, via a personal email to Monica Solomon thanked everyone for the time and the effort.

**Thank you to all who helped and dedicated their time!**

**Torah Reading for Shabbat Nitzavim and Rosh Hashanah**

**Shabbat Nitzavim:** Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 (Reading: 29:20-30:16 - Plaut p.1373; Hertz p.878)  
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10-63:09 (Plaut p.1382; Hertz p.883)

**1st day of Rosh HaShanah:** Genesis 22.1-24 (GoR 124) - Maftir Numbers 29.1-6  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 31.1 (GoR p.201)

**2nd day of Rosh HaShanah:** Genesis 21.1-21 (Handout) - Maftir Numbers 29.1-6  
Haftarah: Samuel 1 (GoR p.128)

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

**Mazal tov**

**Jessica Williams** on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat.

**Tatiana and Roland Linde** on the birth of their son on 27 September 2016.

**Happy birthday to all who have birthdays during the week 26 September to 02 October** – Ivan Walt; Helen Kaplan; Jack Taback; Jeremy Kahn; Isaac and Leah Livni; Peter Levenberg; Michael Ross; Monika Stransky; Edwin Reiser; Martin Rosen; Stephen Kaplan; Warren Ross; Vickey Jacoby  
**Children 14 years and under** – Logan Rosenberg; Ben Abramsohn.

**Speedy Recovery-Refuah Shleimah**

Arthur Kruger; Carli Eikelis (sister of Bianca Jutan); Cornelia Schell (mother of Rabbi Schell); Fred Plein; Hendrik Carstens (cousin of Tertius Carstens); Leah Livni; Melanie Bailey; Rochelle Rossi-Zalmans; Rona Rosen; Sharon Sack; Tessa Marietta.

*Please contact us to report a hospitalisation or illness and direct us in the most appropriate way to respond.*

**Weekly Yahrzeits - 30 September/01 October:**

**Lily Moss** remembered by **Michael Beder**; **Ethel Milner** remembered by **Ben Milner and Eric Milner**; **Ann Weitzmann** remembered by **Ashley Sweke**; **Barbarah Hanauer** remembered by **Anthony Hanauer**; **Mark Berell** remembered by **Barbara Gresak**; **Robert Diamond, Pearl Diamond and Leo Diamond** remembered by **Monty Diamond**; **Issy Beder** remembered by **Michael Beder**; **Jack Rose** remembered by **Angela Frankel**; **Judith Brittan** remembered by **Ryan Brittan**; **Raymond Tucker** remembered by **Justine Williams, Graeme Tucker and Pat Tucker**; **David Braun** remembered by **Caitlyn, Jenna and Gillian Braun**; **Nate Rudolph** remembered by **Valerie Rudolph**. *Zichronam livracha, may their memory be for a blessing.*

**We gratefully acknowledge recent donations**

**Yahrzeit** – **Lynne Raphaely** in memory of **Estelle Abro**

**General: Vickey Jacoby** for sponsoring the Rosh Hashanah b'rachah on the second day for her birthday  
**Thank you to all who have generously responded to the High Holy Day appeal.**  
High Holy Day donations will be acknowledged in Ad Kan after the Yom Tov period.

**Bet David Kehillah**

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

**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**— 30 September; 11 November; 09 December

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**—Last Friday of every month 30 September

**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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**High Holy Days 5777**

**Admission Tickets** have been **emailed** to members in good standing. Kindly bring your ticket with you to services. You may be asked to show it to security officers at the gate and at the entrance to the Crawford College Campus. Because security is particularly important, please have your ticket ready at the gate. Your friendly co-operation with the people in charge of access control will be appreciated. If you have not received your ticket via email, or if you do not have email, please contact the office.

**Entry tickets** for guests of Bet David members are available from the office for R350 each, while Visitors' Tickets cost R600 each. Payment arrangements for these tickets can be made with email [accounts@betdavid.org.za](mailto:accounts@betdavid.org.za).

**High Holy Day Appeal**

An exciting year is coming to an end. Many of the things we do at Bet David, and the services we offer, have only been possible because of the support we received from you, our congregants. We are very thankful for your help. As it is customary at this time of the year to make a donation to your synagogue, we appeal to you to give consideration to the needs of Bet David, your congregation and those whom we assist throughout the year. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

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<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>			
Friday 07 October	18.00	Kabbalat Shabbat for Shabbat Shuvah	Bet David, 3 Middle Rd
Saturday 08 October	10.00	Morning Service for Shabbat Shuvah	Bet David, 3 Middle Rd
<b>Yom Kippur</b>			
Tuesday 11 October	18.00	Kol Nidrei – Erev Yom Kippur Service	Crawford College
Wednesday 12 October	10.00	Yom Kippur Morning Service	Crawford College
	11.00	Children and Youth Service and Activities*	Crawford College
Wednesday 12 October	13.30	Shiur – Study Session / Yoga Session	Crawford College
	14.30	Yom Kippur Afternoon/Mincha Service	Crawford College
	17.00	Yizkor Service	Crawford College
	17.30	Neilah Service	Crawford College
	18.46	Fast Ends / Havdalah	Crawford College
	19.00	Congregational Breaking of Fast	Crawford College
<b>Sukkot / Simchat Torah</b>			
Sunday 16 October	18.00	Erev Sukkot Service	Bet David, 3 Middle Rd
Monday 17 October	09.30	Sukkot Festival Morning Service	<i>Beit Emanuel, 38 Oxford Road, Parktown</i>
Sunday 23 October	18.00	Erev Simchat Torah Service	Bet David, 3 Middle Rd,
Monday 24 October	10.00	Shemini Atzeret Festival Morning Service	Bet David, 3 Middle Rd,

*Shabbat Services will be held in the Temporary Synagogue in our new buildings*

***Bet David, 3 Middle Road / Cor. South Road, Morningside, Sandton***

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***Crawford College, Waterstone Drive, Benmore, Sandton***

*The Sukkot Morning service will take place at*

***Beit Emanuel, 38 Oxford Road, Parktown, Johannesburg***

*\*Please see separate schedule for all children and youth services and activities*