

# TEMPLE TIMES

| Lubbock, Texas |

## Announcements

Most Kabbalat Shabbat Services are on **Friday nights at 7 pm.** Be sure to check weekly email for updates.

Seeking mensches to host **Onegs** or **Shabbat dinners** so we can nosh and kibitz with Rabbi Fenves! Please contact Stephanie Shine at [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu) if you would like to be a host!

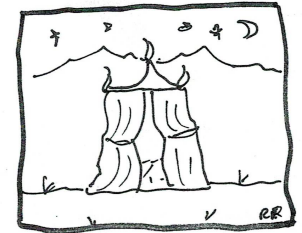


## CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

Jan 12  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

4805 S. Loop 289 Frontage Rd.  
Building #100  
11:45-1:15  
If you would like to join us, contact Christo at [HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com](mailto:HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com)

## Excerpts from Vayishlach Parsha by Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy



-Ruth Rubin

### “See Me”

As a young student, I discovered the two most anxiety-inducing words in existence: “See me.” Appended to an essay or email, these two little words created an entire universe of worry. Versions of a conversation would begin to unfold in my head. I’d imagine arguments, defenses, emotional outbursts. Ten versions of the meeting would play out in my head before any real interaction, and all of them foretold disaster.

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Perhaps that is why I feel a special empathy for Jacob, who deals with this same challenge in this week’s parshah. As parashat Vayishlach opens, Jacob’s past is catching up to him. Quite literally, in the form of his brother Esau and his tribe of warriors. Though it has been many years, Jacob still remembers that they parted on bad terms. He had stolen Esau’s birthright, and then fled when Esau threatened to kill him. Now, he was terrified. Yet, ever the pragmatist, he split his followers into two camps to ensure that one would survive when Esau’s inevitable attack struck the other.

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That night, as Jacob prepares for the coming battle, he is blindsided by a figure. As Jacob helps move his family across a river, a man attacks him and they begin to wrestle. This contest lasts all night, and even though the man dislocates Jacob’s hip, he refuses to let go until the man agrees to bless him. The man then names him Yisrael, one who wrestles with God. Israel.

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### January Yahrzeits

- 2 Sarah Feingold Rosen  
2 Tevet Ida Silverstein
- 3 Sidney Skibell  
3 Tevet Helen Sandberg
- 4 Scott A. Beason, Jr.
- 5 Irvin Skibell
- 7 Jennie Allon
- 8 Seth Isador Hirshorn  
Gertrude Konym
- 10 Clarence Rochmill Solnick
- 11 Kappy (Delmar) Kaplan
- 12 Ethel Mogil
- 14 Susanne Margarete Fried  
Spielman
- 15 15 Tevet Avrom Kirschner
- 16 Anna Miller  
Louise Dreyfoos Marks
- 18 Selma Singer
- 21 Max S. Levenson
- 23 23 Tevet Sarah Gittel Kirschner
- 28 Ida Jane Barshop  
Susan Kvashny
- 31 Maurice M. Cohen

## Donations

*Donations may be sent to:  
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P.O. Box 93594  
Lubbock, Texas 79493-3594*

- Operating Fund:**
- **Juan & Yolanda Blancas**
  - **Mike & Carla Calfin** in memory of **Mitch Wachtel**
  - **Leon & Fela Shturman** in memory of **Mitch Wachtel**
  - **Anonymous**
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- Sisterhood:**
- **Danny & Eileen Nathan** in honor and appreciation of **Rabbi Fenves**

- Building Fund:**
- **Sandy Lehman** in memory of **Dr. Robert Lehman** and **Leonard Shopmaker**

- Kitchen Remodel Fund:**
- **Richard & Randee Rosen**

*Thank you to all our donors, past, present, and future. When you send us a donation, please make note of:*

- The designated fund (without a designation, your donation will be directed to the General Fund)
- The purpose of the donation (Is it dues? Is it in memory or honor of someone?)

**We are on Facebook Check us out. <https://csitemple.org>**



Congregation Shaareth Israel



Refuah Shleimah

We offer Mi Sheberach, a prayer for healing, to those who are sick, and to all the people who love and care for those who are sick. If you would like a name listed please go to the link below. The list will begin afresh each January and August.

<https://forms.gle/GS91avcqqjtPH6J8>

- Myra Bahme
- William Biswa
- Stanley Ehrenpreis
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- Hayden Thornburg
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If any member would like to add a name to the monthly Yahrzeit list, please send the name, date of celebration, and relationship to Leon Shturman ([leonsdesk@gmail.com](mailto:leonsdesk@gmail.com)).

**January Shabbat Services**

- 3rd Vayigash- 7:00 pm  
Genesis 44:18 - 47:27
- 10th Vayechi - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 47:28 - 50:26
- 17th Shemot - 7:00 pm  
Exodus 1:1 - 6:1
- 24th Va'eira - 7:00 pm  
Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
- 31st Bo - 7:00 pm  
Exodus 10:1 - 13:16

**Thank You!**

- Thank you to **Beth Cobb** and **Mike Calfin** and **Leon Shturman** for leading Shabbat services in December.
- Thank you to the following people for helping with the oneg set-up and or clear-up: **Fela Shturman, Ron Shane, Ryan Olesh & Quynh Hoa Do**, and **Christo Chaney**.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman, Barbara Singer, Christo Chaney, Leon Shturman**, and **Stephanie Shine** for making delicious latkes.
- Thanks to **all who brought treats** for Onegs with Rabbi Fenves and Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy in December!
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** for sending out Hanukkah cards!
- Thank you to **Christo Chaney, Leon Shturman** and **Dillon Holloway** for virtual support!
- Thank you to **Christo Chaney** for securing the Temple!

## Hebrew Name Registry

There are times in Jewish observance when we invoke a person's Hebrew name and the Hebrew names of their parents. To make sure that we have names on record, we are offering the opportunity to store the Hebrew names of members and their families. If you would like to participate, contact [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu) for the link to the Hebrew Name Survey. If you need help deciphering a Hebrew name or giving a child a Hebrew name. Shaareth Israel will maintain this list as a service to members and their families.

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<https://www.jnf.org/ways-to-help/support-israel>



## ONEGS!

**Do you like to talk to others after Sabbath services? You are in luck. We will now have an Oneg Shabbat after Rabbi- and Student Rabbi-led services. But we need your support.**

- **We need someone to set up (set out the paper goods, etc.)**
- **And someone to clear up (no, you don't have to wash dishes or scrub floors – just make sure things are put away).**
- **There will be a check-off list in the kitchen to help you remember what to do, so don't worry about that.**
- **We will ask people who attend to bring treats for the Oneg**

**If you would like to volunteer for either set-up or clear-up, or if you have questions or suggestions, please email Barbara Singer at [bsingerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:bsingerfamily@gmail.com) or call 775-722-2816.**

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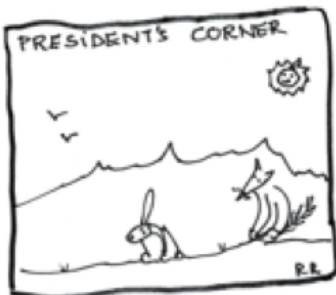
The newly named Yisrael looks up and sees his brother approaching. He divides his family members between his wives. Then he prepares for the dreaded meeting with his brother. And what does Esau do when he sees his younger brother, who screwed him all those years ago and ran away? “Esau ran to meet him; he embraced him, flung himself upon his neck, and kissed him. And they wept.”

Jacob expected his brother to kill him. He could not have been more wrong. His attitude, all of his preparations, had been misguided. He had thought his fight would be with Esau, but instead the real fight had caught him completely off-guard.

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“Man plans, God laughs.” We descendants of Jacob, how many times have we formed the most meticulous plan, only to have it blow up in our faces? And when our plans fail and God laughs at us, how often do we feel like we are the butt of some great cosmic joke?

Yet parashat Vayishlach offers us a different truth, daring us to remember that sometimes our plans fall apart and the result turns out better than we could have hoped. Vayishlach reminds us that it is not too late to reconcile with our brother Esau, and that potentially hard meetings between people are not problems to solve. They are an embrace, and it is we who choose if that embrace will be a wrestling match or a reunion.



– Ruth I. Rubin

## *What's the Board Up To?*

The board met on Dec. 10, 2024 and heard reports about the Rabbinic search from Elissa. The search committee is now in the stage of conducting first round Zoom interviews with candidates. Applicants come from the CCAR Small Congregations Collaborative, the CCAR Rabbinic Search, and the American Conference of Cantors Cantorial Search. Charles reported on the state of the roof which has sustained hail damage. Andrew discussed the progress of the children of the religious school. The Board thanked Rabbi Fenves for serving as Interim Rabbi for the past 18 months. Rabbi Fenves thanked Shaareth Israel for the warmly supportive and well attended last service and noted that many members participate in the life of our congregation - but that the bench could be deeper. The Board thanked Andrew Friedman for his long service as Vice-President. Andrew will leave the Board but will serve on the Finance Committee (Charles, Jonathan, Leon, Stephanie, Sandra Sabatini). Beth Cobb steps up as Vice President this January. Congregation Spring Board meetings are scheduled for Jan. 29, Feb. 18, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, and May. 28.



In Memoriam  
Mitch Wachtel

May 22, 1959 - November 17, 2024  
*May his memory be a blessing.*

Mitch and his wife June Wagner were beloved members of Shaareth Israel for almost 20 years before they moved to Florida in 2021. Mitch shared his unfailing good humor, his knowledge of esoteric topics, and his zest for observing holidays with spirits. His memory brings a fond smile to those who encountered him and he will be greatly missed.

*June writes: Mitch and I were married 40 years, and despite the many ups and downs of life, his love, care, and brilliance were an integral part of my life, as essential as breath or food. He showed the same care and compassion in his career as a pathologist, always putting the patient first and thinking about how his diagnoses would affect their surgery and treatment.*

*When Covid first struck, he himself became a patient and nearly died. But he prevailed with courage and perseverance despite the many physical challenges of that terrible illness. His life as a doctor, husband, son, and uncle has been cut far too short. Mitchell, we will love you, treasure you, and miss you forever.*



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**for information, see below.**

**Urgent Matters** - Please contact **Stephanie Shine** at (806) 470-1340 or email **stephanie.shine@ttu.edu**.

**Bulletin Submissions** - News, reports, information, etc. can be submitted to the bulletin editor at **csi\_bulletin@hotmail.com**.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

**Bulletin Design: Jonathan Meyer**

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