

Please include the following names in your prayers,  
So that each may be granted

**REFUAH SHLEIMAH:**

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• Ruven ben Raisel • Baruch ben Yosef •
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• Esther bat Chana • Chaya Rachel bat Simcha •  
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• Rivka Devorah Brainah bat Avigyl Faiga •  
• Sara bat Rachel • Adina Bat Esther • Esther bat Adina •  
Frayda Shulamit bat Marsha • Malka bat Frayda Shulamit •

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BNEI AKIVA EVENTS:** Shabbat 12/2: Chevraya Bet City Shabbaton with Bnei Akiva Houston - NO SNIF this shabbat. Wed 12/6: Israel & Ice Cream, 7pm @ Toppings. For more info contact Hagai: hkeisar@bneiakiva.org or (310) 387-0974.

**MOSHAVA CALIFORNIA:** Moshava California: Registration open for Summer 2018 - don't miss out on an unforgettable summer of adventure, ruach, and friendships that last a lifetime. Three & six-week sessions at Running Springs! Info & camper applications: www.moshavacalifornia.org or 855-MOSHAVA

**NCSY Connect** West Coast NCSY Connect, & OU's Birthright free Israel trip. Winter Trip Dec 17-28th. Contact Denise Badreau, denise@ncsy.org 310 229-9000 ext. 202

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets on Mondays at Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills. If you are interested in learning more about the group, please contact Ezra Network Social Worker Rochelle Shapiro, LMFT (323) 229-0235

May Hashem grant REFUAH SHLEIMAH, for our friend and co-worker **RAMIRO SAUCEDO** who underwent Emergency Brain Surgery Last week. If you wish to help with a contribution toward his Medical Expenses [www.gofundme.com/ramiros-medical-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/ramiros-medical-fund) we all pray for speedy and full recovery.

**IN MEMORIAM  
DEC 1 ~ 7**

- Jacob Blitzstein • Diane Finkel • Melvin Wruble •  
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- Avy Azeroual & Sandra Bohbot



**DECEMBER 1 ~ 7**



- Liel Shraga •
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**LUNCH AND LEARN WITH RABBI ELIAS**

WEDNESDAY 12-NOON on DECEMBER 6  
FOR THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION  
NON-MEMBERS WOMEN AND MEN WELCOME  
CALL 310-556-5609

Dear Friends, it is with deep sadness that this is my last Bulletin and Emails; as of this reading, after 10 years, I will have left Mogen David. Rabbi Elias has been the best boss anyone could have asked for. I Thank You all as well and wish you all only the best life has to offer. Regards, Elaine Dinces—Office Admin @CMD



# VAYISHLACH

DECEMBER 1 ~ 7, 2017 • 13 ~ 19 KISLEV\* 5778

## WELCOME TO OU SCHOLAR-IN RESIDENCE RABBI SHMUEL ISMACH

Weekly Schedule **ASHKENAZI MINYAN**

**Erev Shabbos — DEC 1**

4:26pm Light Candles  
4:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

**SHABBOS**

9:00am Shacharis  
4:10pm Mincha in Main Sanctuary  
5:20pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY**

8:00am Shacharis  
4:30pm Mincha

**Mon – Thurs**

6:30am Shacharis

**Mon - Thurs**

4:30pm Mincha

**Erev Shabbos — DEC 8**

4:26pm Light Candles  
4:30pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Congregation Mogen David  
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WELCOME TO SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

**RABBI SHMUEL ISMACH**

Speaking before Musaf in the Sephardic Minyan

**MAZAL TOV !** to  
**YOCHANAN and CHAVA HALWANI**  
on the **BAT MITZVAH** of their daughter  
**ADENA SARAH HALWANI**

**MAZAL TOV !** to Grandparents  
**Rosalind & Burton Milrod** and **Adina Halwani**.  
to Siblings, Eliyahu Baruch and Ariel Yosef  
and the entire family.

**RABBI GABE ELIAS, Senior Rabbi/Executive Director**  
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## BAT MITZVAH ADENA HALWANI

Weekly Schedule **SEPHARDIC MINYAN**

**Erev Shabbat — DEC 1**

4:26pm Light Candles  
4:30pm Mincha/Arvit

**SHABBAT**

8:45am Shacharit  
OU— SIR **RABBI SHMUEL ISMACH** (Sermon before Musaf)  
**Speech: by ADENA HALWANI** (after morning davening)  
3:00pm Rabbi Tsaidi will give a pre Chanukah Shiur  
topic: "The big difference between the essence of the Jewish  
nation To the essence of the Greek nation"

3:15pm Shiur Eliyahu Binyamin Moses

4:05pm Mincha  
5:20pm Havdalah

**SUNDAY**

8:00am Shacharit  
4:30pm Mincha

**Mon – Thurs**

6:30am Shacharit

**Mon – Thurs**

4:30pm Mincha

**Erev Shabbat — DEC 8**

4:26pm Light Candles  
4:30pm Mincha/Arvit

**IMPORTANT HALALHIC TIMES**

Earliest <i>Talit</i> & <i>Tefillin</i>	5:50am
Last Time for <i>Shema</i>	9:10am
Last time for <i>Shacharis</i>	10:01am
Earliest time for <i>Mincha</i>	12:07pm

**THIS WEEK WE THANK OUR SPONSORS**

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RABBI YEHUDA MOSES, Rav Kehila, Sephardic Minyan  
RABBI MICHAEL ABRAHAM, Assistant Rabbi/Hazan

# VAYISHLACH



It's been twenty two years and Yakov is on his way back home. He left home with only a staff in his hand. Now he is returning to Canaan from far off Haran with his wives, Rachel and Leah, and two concubines he has since married, Bilha and Zilpah. His family now consists of eleven sons (Binyamin not yet born) and many servants and animals. He is a wealthy man; but, living in fear not only for his life, but also for his entire family. Yakov is aware of his brother's uncontrollable passions, and the report that Esav was approaching with 400 men added to his fear. Yakov makes a decision; first, to approach his brother with humility and offering gifts of peace and love. Secondly, Yakov prays for salvation and communicates with Hashem that it was HE that ordered him home promising that this land will one day be his and his children's for eternity. (Yakov prays for heavenly assistance that his brother should make peace with him and not war.) Lastly, he prepares himself and his people for the worst; he prepares for war. After crossing the Yabbok River, Yakov is left alone and, the Torah details a heroic struggle in which Yakov, wavering, fearful, on the verge of despair; overcomes his uncertainty and renews his faith in Hashem.

He combats a mysterious stranger until early morning when the sun is about to rise, and the mysterious stranger asks to be allowed to leave in the midst of their struggle. Yakov asks for a blessing and is rewarded with a new name, Yisrael. Yakov realizes that he has fought with the angel of death (the angel of his evil brother Esav). His name has been changed from the one which denoted deceit and trickery to "Yisrael," contender with God, a name to be carried by all his descendants to this very day.

He is no longer Yakov, the supplanter, the deceiver, who survived by his wits, he is now Yisrael the one who strove with Hashem; he is now the champion of Hashem. Henceforth his descendants are the Bnai Yisrael, (the children of Israel).

His prayers answered, and now greatly encouraged, Yakov goes on to meet his brother whom he treats with the utmost deference. After they meet and embrace Esav returns to his evil ways and Yakov continues on to Shechem where he camps and calls the place Sukkot.

The Parsha teaches us that instead of reproaching Hashem, Yakov examined himself, and in honest humility felt himself lacking. The right path is not an easy one, but if one sincerely wants an answer it may well be a direction worth exploring.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Rabbi Gabe Elias

## Parashat VaYishlach

Chazal teach us that Parashat Vayishlach, which describes he encounter between Ya'akov and Eisav, provides a blueprint for Jewish-gentile relations throughout history. The topic of Jewish-gentile relations is obviously too vast for a single dvar Torah. Let us, however, focus on the pesukim which relates to one element of these relations.

Ya'akov accords Eisav great respect, yet firmly declines to travel together. What paradigm has Ya'akov established for Jews throughout Jewish history?

We accord gentiles respect in keeping with their human dignity, their status of the handiwork of Hakadosh Baruch Hu. R. Yochanan would greet everyone in the marketplace, Jew and gentile alike. Moreover, since their certainly is a universal dimension to Jewish life, we can cultivate a genuine friendship and collegiality. Colleagues in the lab or law firm can and do share common experiences. In addition, Jews are exceedingly respectful of governmental authority. The relationship which existed between Rebbe and Antoninus exemplifies these elements of Jewish-gentile relations.

It is, however, of paramount importance that friendship and/or collegiality not obscure or encroach upon the most basic fact of Jewishness: as Jews we have a unique mission and destiny, and consequently must safeguard our Jewish destiny. Accordingly, not withstanding his sincere desire for good relations, Ya'akov tells Eisav, "I will make my way..." We must always safeguard our uniqueness, and recognize we are part of an Am Segulah!

Shabbat Shalom!  
Rabbi Yehuda Moses

### KOLLEL & CLASSES

**Daily Classes SUN-FRI:** Chok Le'Yisrael w/Haim Dayan  
SUN@ 8:45am; Mon—Fri @7:30am

**WED Lunch & Learn 12:00 noon** Weekly Parsha w/R' Elias

### All Members and Friends

**Davening is the best way to start and end your day!**  
Connect with Hashem, your friends and the community.

Lately, we've had some trouble making minyan;  
both early morning and afternoon services.

Choose your schedule best fit and attend either service  
to ensure that we will always have a minyan.

If you can't participate every day, commitment to twice a week.  
We Thank You and look forward to seeing you!

Your Rabbis

Congregation **Mogen David**

## AVOT u'BANIM

Motzei Shabbat  
7:00 - 8:00pm



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Winter 2017-2018 session  
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RABBI DAVID FOHRMAN

### MOTZAEI SHABBAT MELAVA MALKA

7:45PM SPONSORS & TRUSTEE EVENT  
AT A PRIVATE HOME

7:45PM COMMUNITY MELAVA MALKA  
LINK KOLLEL AND SHUL

7:30PM YOUNG PROFESSIONALS EVENT  
BJBH

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 "LEARN LA" AT BJBH

9:15AM - 12 NOON

**Current Halachic Controversies**  
RAV HERSHEL SCHACHTER  
RABBI SHAY SCHACHTER  
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**Torah Values During Challenging Times**  
RABBI MOSHE HAUER  
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### New Insights in Tanach

IN MEMORY OF DR. BETH SHARON SAMUELS, A"H  
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12:15PM MINCHA