



Carnegie Shul Chatter

December 1, 2020



We Invite You to Zoom in for Services

With the Allegheny County Department of Health's stay-at-home advisory still in effect, we will not be able to gather in our building for Shabbos services for the next few weeks, but that doesn't mean we can't hold services anyway, albeit a little differently.

And so, this week the Little Shul That Could will be holding an abbreviated Shabbos service via Zoom, beginning at 10 am and expected to last for about an hour.

The service will be conducted with no one in the building to insure maximum safety. We will be using our Birnbaum siddur which you may find on line and which can be downloaded for free using the link below.

Some Things Never Change

Everything is different this year. There are stay-at-home orders. People are shopping online instead of in stores. People are working from home. Kids are being schooled at home. We are now having services from home.

But some things are still the same.

Our services still include prayers like Alenu and Ein Kelohenu and Adon Olam that we have recited seemingly forever. And, of course, there is the Shema, a prayer that goes back to the time of Moses, that declares the oneness of God.

And we still study Torah, and the lives of our forefathers, just as our parents and our grandparents did before us.

Yes, things are different now, but we still have the one constant that has been with us forever. We have our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and we have our covenant with the Almighty, and even in troubling times such as these, he is our shepherd and we shall not want, for He is with us now, and he always will be.

Please join our services by using the following Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6444674407?pwd=ZnRYalNiVjhJaWZRRkdtN2E4NUVadz09>

Meeting ID: 644 467 4407

Passcode: 9UHMsr

Link to “Birnbaum siddur”

<https://opensiddur.org/compilations/liturgical/siddurim/kol-bo/hasiddur-hashalem-by-paltiel-birnbaum-1949/>

You may also download the siddur using this link:

[https://ia801204.us.archive.org/35/items/PhilipBirnbaumHaSiddurHaShalemTheDailyPrayerBook1949/Philip%20Birnbaum%20-%20ha-Siddur%20ha-Shalem%20\(The%20Daily%20Prayer%20Book,1949\).pdf](https://ia801204.us.archive.org/35/items/PhilipBirnbaumHaSiddurHaShalemTheDailyPrayerBook1949/Philip%20Birnbaum%20-%20ha-Siddur%20ha-Shalem%20(The%20Daily%20Prayer%20Book,1949).pdf)

Here is the order of the service we will follow:

- Shema - pp. 343-349
- Torah Portion in a nutshell (from Chabad.org)
[Appears below]
- Torah Commentary
- Mi'sheberachs for the sick – p. 371
- Prayer for the Congregation
- Prayer for the Government
- Psalm 145 – ירשא - pp. 385-387
- Ein Kelohenu – p. 407
- Alenu - p. 413
- Psalm 92 – תבשה סויל ריש רומזמ - pp. 419-421
- Current and Upcoming yahrzeits
- Mourner's Kaddish – pp. 413-415 [if 10 participants on ZOOM]
[Mourner's Kaddish – transliterated – last page of the Birnbaum siddur]
- Adon Olam – p. 423

Vayishlach in a Nutshell

Genesis 32:4–36:43

Jacob returns to the Holy Land after a 20-year stay in Charan, and sends angel-emissaries to Esau in hope of a reconciliation, but his messengers report that his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men. Jacob prepares for war, prays, and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of livestock) to appease him.

That night, Jacob ferries his family and possessions across the Jabbok River; he, however, remains behind and encounters the angel that embodies the spirit of Esau, with whom he wrestles until daybreak. Jacob suffers a dislocated hip but vanquishes the supernal creature, who bestows on him the name Israel, which means “he who prevails over the divine.”

Jacob and Esau meet, embrace and kiss, but part ways. Jacob purchases a plot of land near Shechem, whose crown prince—also called Shechem— abducts and rapes Jacob’s daughter Dinah. Dinah’s brothers Simeon and Levi avenge the deed by killing all male inhabitants of the city, after rendering them vulnerable by convincing them to circumcise themselves.



Jacob journeys on. Rachel dies while giving birth to her second son, Benjamin, and is buried in a roadside grave near Bethlehem. Reuben loses the birthright because he interferes with his father’s marital life. Jacob arrives in Hebron, to his father Isaac, who later dies at age 180. (Rebecca has passed away before Jacob’s arrival.)

Our Parshah concludes with a detailed account of Esau’s wives, children and grandchildren; the family histories of the people of Seir, among whom Esau settled; and a list of the eight kings who ruled Edom, the land of Esau’s and Seir’s descendants.

How to Avoid Being a Victim of a Scam or a Fraud

Presented by the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s office

Monday, December 7 at 7PM on Facebook Live

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Temple Emanuel welcomes speakers Amy L. Schulman, Senior Deputy Attorney General from the Bureau of Consumer Protection and Emily J. Shope from the Public Outreach Division to share valuable information we all need to know!

The Attorney General is Pennsylvania’s top law enforcement official, with a wide range of responsibilities to protect and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth. Covid-19 has generated additional pitfalls for consumers. Learn how Attorney General Josh Shapiro’s Office can help you avoid being a victim of a scam or a fraud.