

מזל טוב Mazal Tov

This Shabbat we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of

DANNY EREL

son of Rachel and David, brother of Maya
and adored grandson of
Shoshana Avivi & the late Yisrael Zvi
and
Hana Erel & the late Zvi Erel.

We welcome and extend best wishes to the Erel family,
their relatives and friends at this special time.

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Wedding anniversaries

Harold and Railea Don
Jono Herrman and Mironne Golan

EVENTS DURING SUKKOT

Tuesday, October 14 2025

SHEMINI ATZERET

**Come along to welcome our
5786**

**Chatan Torah
STANLEY DYNE
and
Chatan Bereishit
PETER JANKS**

Wednesday, October 15 2025

SIMCHAT TORAH

DAF TSAFON

11 October 2025
19 Tishrei 5786

Shabbat
Chol HaMoed - Sukkot
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Rabbi Yaakov ben Asher the author of the Halachik work, Tur Shulchan Aruch writes, (Orech Chayim 417) that the three pilgrimage festivals, correspond to our three forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The festival Sukkot, the Tur writes, corresponds specifically to Jacob. What is the connection?

In Genesis, we read of the events surrounding Jacob's encounter with his brother, Esau. After fleeing from the family home, Jacob returns with his family. He receives a message that his brother Esau is approaching with 400 armed men. The Torah describes how Jacob fords the river with his family and divides them, in anticipation of his meeting. The Torah then describes how Jacob went back to the other side of the river, for he left some small jugs behind. It was there that the angel, with whom he wrestled the entire night, attacks him. He is left wounded by the encounter, but before he can recover he sees Esau. In the meeting, the brothers embrace. In the end, the brothers go their separate ways with Jacob journeying to Sukkot (Genesis 33:17). "And Jacob journeyed to Sukkot, and built himself a house, and made booths (sukkot) for his cattle; therefore the name of the place is called Sukkot." The fact that Jacob built booths - Sukkot for his cattle - is the link to our festival.

Clearly, there must be more than meets the eye.

The answer lies in the fateful night of the fight with the angel. As mentioned, Jacob went to fetch some small jugs that were left behind. Why would the great Jacob concern himself about a few leftover jugs? Wouldn't we think that the righteous would value the spiritual more than the physical?

The great Kabbalist, Rabbi Chaim Vital writes that Jacob and all righteous people share a common trait. They appreciate that every item in their possession, all money that comes their way, is theirs because God gave it them, to enable them to better serve Him. It is dear, beloved, cherished, and carefully protected. The righteous do not steal, they only have that which God blessed them with. They know that God gave them this gift to enable them to fulfil the precepts contained in His Torah. They therefore value their possessions as one would value a gift from God. This is why Yaakov returned to retrieve his small vessels.

Sukkot is a time when we leave our homes and venture outside. The Sukkah should remind us that our life in this world is temporary, just as is our dwelling in the Sukkah. Furthermore, the Sukkah should serve to remind us that just as God provided for those who lived in the desert with Sukkot to live in, so too does He provide for us. Jacob, the Torah tells us, made "sukkot", "huts", for his possessions. For himself however, he built a home. The Targum Yonatan interprets this not as a literal house, but rather as a House of Study, a "Beit Medrash". Jacob had his priorities straight. Jacob valued his possessions for the right reasons. He invested his money in that which has permanence, a house for Torah study. He provided only a temporary shelter for his "temporary" possessions. This temporary shelter is called a Sukkah.

Our Sukkah should teach us the same lesson. We must appreciate, right after the conclusion of the High Holidays, our purpose on this earth. We must value our possessions for the same reasons Yaakov did. We must ensure that we understand what the priorities are in our lives. Our Sukkah should remind us of Jacob's sukkah. Hence, the holiday of Sukkot and Jacob are indeed tied, as the Tur stated.

Chag Sameach and Shabbat Shalom.

Haftarah

Ezekiel 38:18-39:16 ArtScroll 1243 Hertz 979

It shall be on that day, on the day that God comes on the soil of Israel – the words of my Lord Hashem / Elochim – My raging anger shall flare up. For in My indignation and in My blazing wrath I have spoken. I take an oath that on that day a great earthquake shall come upon the soil of Israel. And there shall quake, before Me, the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that move on the ground, and every human being on the face of the earth. Mountains shall be overthrown, cliffs shall topple, and every wall shall topple to the ground. I will summon the sword against him to all My mountains – the words of my Lord Hashem / Elochim. Every man's sword shall be against his brother. I will punish him with pestilence and with blood; torrential rain, hailstones, and sulphurous fire upon him and his cohorts, and the many peoples that are with him. Thus will I be exalted and sanctified, and I will become known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am Hashem.

**Our congregation acknowledges the following
yahrzeit anniversaries and wishes long life to
those who are commemorating a yahrzeit
during the coming week.**

חיים ארוכים

Kurt Beck	father of Harry Beck, grandfather of Jacqueline Edwards and Tania Soulos
Lore Karoline Berg	mother of Peter Berg
Joseph Albert Blitz	father-in-law of Marion Blitz
Lionel Cohen	father of Sue Davis
Basil Don	brother of Harold Don
Matilda Ellitt	mother of Jacob Levy
Eve Forgacs	grandmother of Richie Brandon
Newton Goldman	husband of Janice Goldman
Philipp Hubner	father of Judy Marks
Solly Klotz	grandfather of Neville Kaye
Liron Krischer	wife of Mark Krischer, mother of Ze'ev Krischer
Leonard Lipman	father of Robert Lipman, grandfather of Justin Lipman
Simon Rapken	father of Sarah Zukerman, grandfather of Zara Zukerman, Leah Kirsner and Lana Oxnam
Gary Rock	father of Sam Rock
Leah Zev	mother of Marilyn Bark and Harold Zev
Bessie Ida Zwarenstein	mother of Heymann Zwarenstein