



Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Creative Spirit Dwells Here

Friday, 26 December 2025 ~ 6th of Tevet, 5786

Parashat Vayigash

Shabbat Shalom from Krakow, Poland,

Jeff and I arrived in Krakow yesterday and have been wandering through Old Town, enjoying the sights and sounds of the season. Tonight, we will welcome Shabbat at the Krakow JCC. Tomorrow we will celebrate Shabbat at the Galicia Jewish Museum as Ruby becomes Bat Mitzvah.

This morning, we found ourselves wondering what our great-grandparents would have thought of this trip. Would they have marveled at the idea of a Bat Mitzvah in Krakow? Would they be worried for our safety here? What would they want us to know about this city?

In the coming days, we hope to learn about Krakow's history. We will visit Schindler's factory, the salt mines, and Auschwitz. Both Jeff and I feel so grateful to have the opportunity to be here. We're confident we will have much to share upon our return.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Rudin



Prepare for Shabbat

Prepare for Shabbat with song,
Sfatai Tiftah, Deborah Sacks
Mintz

Prepare for Shabbat with a
thought-provoking Podcast,
For Heaven's Sake

Prepare for Shabbat through
text, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z'l