

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOV 22

- » Candles 5:04 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:05 PM
- » Sunset 5:22 PM

SHABBOS DAY, NOV 23

- » **NEW EARLIER TIME: Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"SS 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- » Mincha 4:50 PM
- » Sunset 5:21 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 6:03 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:11 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:33 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "WHENEVER I FEEL THE NEED TO EXERCISE, I LIE DOWN UNTIL IT GOES AWAY."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Michal Leah bas Devora (Daughter of Devorah bas Heni)
- » Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Mother of Jeff Luftig)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
- » Naama bas Devorah Miriam (Granddaughter of Rabbi & Rebbetzin Rich)
- » Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

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- » Shalomo and Ruth Hernandez

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 24, 2024)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00 - 6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 - 1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Mishnayos Shabbos 7:30 PM
- » **Maariv 8 PM**
- » Gemara Bava Basra 8:15 - 9:00 PM

- » CTC Nightly for Ladies: Rabbi Avigdor Miller's sefer on Emunah nightly S-Th from 9:30-9:40pm. Feel free to join as often as you like. Here's the call in information: (605) 313-5857. Access code: 8607470 #

REBUILDING PROJECT by Marshall Lestz.

(We are excited to share this column with you each Shabbos in the spirit of helping to repair our relationships and thereby contribute to rebuilding the Beis HaMikdash.)

YUCK! I MEAN, MMM, CILANTRO!

When I was a little kid, I remember sitting in the kitchen tasting a certain drink for the first time. I think it was my mom's hot tea. I took a sip and, "Uch!"-- it was awful! I recall my mom saying something like, "It's an acquired taste, Marshall. Some foods and drinks take some time to acquire a taste for them." I'm pretty sure my unstated reaction was something to the effect of, "That's ridiculous! Why would anyone waste valuable "eating time" on something they didn't like?! Why force down a yucky food that you hope to start liking one day when you could be eating something you love right now?!"

"Acquiring a taste for food" is kind of a funny concept when you think about it. And it's fascinating that it works! Isn't it amazing that we can go from disliking, oh I don't know I'll just mention one of my wife's preferred herbs--cilantro--and then after years of "cilantro-ing" you can actually acquire a taste for it! (I got my wife's permission to say that.)

Friends, why in the world don't we apply this concept to people! Of course, we don't want to acquire a taste for other people's negative character traits, attitudes and values. But I'm talking about acquiring an acceptance for other people's idiosyncrasies that we find unpleasant. Instead of thinking YUCK every time a friend, colleague or family member does something you find distasteful, just tell yourself CILANTRO! You know what I mean-- just tell yourself you're on the way to acquiring a taste for whatever that currently unpleasant thing is. It doesn't have to eventually taste "delicious," it just has to become a little easier to swallow.

After all, if we have the ability to acquire a taste for stuff like cilantro, olives and BEETS, then we can grow to like almost anything! Let's do this!

Have a cilantrorific day everybody!

Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Chayei Sara • November 23rd • 22 Cheshvan 5785

As of Maariv this past Wednesday, November 20th, Shemoneh Esrei will have been recited ninety times with the inclusion of Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGeshem. Therefore, after this point, one who is unsure if he added Mashiv HaRuach can halachically be presumed to have said it correctly, and need not repeat Shemoneh Esrei (applicable for Nusach

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Ashkenaz; Nusach Sefard mispalleim [who say Morid Hatal in the summer months] never need to correct). Note: One who served as a sheliach tzibbur during this period may count his chazaras hashatz towards his count of ninety.

Yom Kippur Katan is observed on Thursday, November 28th.

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Bava Basra 151 • Yerushalmi: Bikkurim 23. The siyum on Bikkurim and Seder Zerayim is this Tuesday; mazal tov! Seder Moed begins next with Masechta Shabbos • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Basra 4:7-8 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitza 22b-24b.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and Rebbe to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to connect with them as well!

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is next Shabbos, Parashas Toldos.

Chanukah begins on Wednesday evening, December 25th.

CHAYEI SARAH: Sarah passes away • Avraham acquires the Me'aras Hamachpeilah from Efron and buries Sarah there • Avraham sends Eliezer to find a wife for Yitzchak • Eliezer prays to find a girl who excels in kindness • Rivka, daughter of Besuel, offers Eliezer and his camels water to drink • Eliezer gives her gifts of jewelry • Rivka's brother Lavan hears of the gifts and enthusiastically invites Eliezer to stay with them • Eliezer relates the day's events to Rivka's family and proposes her marriage to Yitzchak • Lavan attempts to delay the marriage, but Rivka chooses to leave immediately • The blessings of Sarah's tent return upon Rivka's arrival • Avraham marries Keturah and bears six sons; they are sent away with gifts • Avraham passes away at the age of 175; Yitzchak and Yishmael bury him in the Me'aras Hamachpeilah • Yishmael's 12 children • Yishmael dies at the age of 137

Haftarah: By carefully selecting an appropriate soulmate for his son Yitzchak, Avraham Avinu sought to ensure the continuity of Klal Yisrael as well as its growth, both in numbers and in nobility. David Hamelech (Melachim Alef 1:1-31) sought continuity of his kingdom and the Jewish nation as well by designating his son Shlomo Hamelech as heir to the throne.

Parashas Chayei Sara: 105 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

"And I asked her who's daughter she was... and I placed the nose ring on her nose..." (Berieishis 24:47)

In recounting his encounter with Rivka, Eliezer tells her family that he first conversed with her and afterward gave her the jewelry. However,

according to the preceding account in the Torah he gave her the jewelry, even before conversing with her. Rashi explains that he did so out of concern that they would take issue with the fact that he gave the jewelry without knowing her identity. One may question that Besuel had already stated that "mei'Hashem yatza hadavar" and the hashgacha was obvious to all. If so, why would this minor inconsistency in Eliezer's approach derail the shidduch? Furthermore, Chazal say that through divine intervention, Besuel was poisoned in order that he would not stop the shidduch. Did he not already agree that this match was heavenly ordained?

Rav Yitzchok Feigelstock zt"l explains that negiyos (personal biases) and ulterior motives negatively affect other nations to a higher degree. Even though through logic they can see the truth, when it comes to taking action, these subconscious feelings take hold of their decisions and direction. Although it was obvious to all parties that this shidduch was destined to be, Eliezer's minor inconsistency may have caused them to move away from pursuing this marriage.