

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Vayeira

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOV 15

- » Candles 5:07 PM
- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:05 PM
- » Sunset 5:25 PM

SHABBOS DAY, NOV 16

- » **NEW EARLIER TIME:** Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women following Kiddush
- » Women & Children S"Y 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- » Mincha 4:55 PM
- » Sunset 5:24 PM
- » Talmud Shiur: Gemara Avoda Zara following Mincha
- » Maariv 6:06 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:14 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:36 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "MY FEELINGS ARE TOO LOUD FOR WORDS AND TOO SHY FOR THE WORLD."

This quote, "My feelings are too loud for words and too shy for the world," captures a sense of intense emotion that is difficult to articulate or express openly. It suggests a state where one's inner experiences or emotions are overwhelming—too powerful or complex to easily describe—but at the same time, they are held back or hidden because of a sense of vulnerability, fear, or self-consciousness. It reflects the tension between wanting to express deep feelings and the hesitation or inability to do so because of perceived judgment or insecurity. It can resonate with people who feel deeply but struggle to communicate or reveal those emotions.

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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- » Rabbi Yaakov & Susan Rich in honor of Yerachmiel & Shira Martin for the Chassan Torah Kibbud.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 17, 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

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.)

A LIFE OF IMPACT, REQUIRES IMPACT

If we could wave our magic wands, I have a sneaking suspicion there's a part in all us that yearns for our lives to be perfectly smooth. You know, straight forward, no surprises, "A to B," and hardship-free. Ahhhh, it's kind of nice just thinking about it...

BUT, you know what else is really smooth and straight with no surprises?

The gutter of a bowling alley!

A gutter ball never changes course, no unexpected turns, no surprises, no contact or interaction with anything. It's all smooth sailing. But at the end of its journey, it gets a big zero.

But what about a strike? Think about all the obstacles it has to overcome! It's banging into stuff left and right... lots of contact and uncertainty. And unlike a gutter ball, it makes an "impact!" It makes a difference!

Going for a strike is precisely how we build our resilience, courage, and persistence muscles. It's how we overcome our fears, build trust in Hashem, and utilize the amazing potential He blessed us with. It may not be comfortable at times, but it's incredibly meaningful and rewarding.

So as we move forward today, even if it gets bumpy, feel good that you're taking life head on. It's not about getting a "perfect" score. In fact, it's even okay to get a gutter ball-- as long as we're aiming for the pins. Whether or not we knock some down is ultimately up to Hashem. So let's just keep going for it, because every ball we get is a priceless gift from Hashem. Let's make every one of them count!

Have a meaningful and productive day everybody!

Keep on Rollin'! And Keep on Building!

TIDBITS

Parashas Vayeira • November 16th • 15 Cheshvan 5785

As of Maariv on Wednesday, November 20th, Shemoneh Esrei will have been recited ninety times with the inclusion of Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid

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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 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.

The final day of BeHaB is this Monday, November 18th.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Friday night, November 15th (ideally it should be recited prior to Friday night).

Daf Yomi - Shabbos: Bavli: Bava Basra 144 • Yerushalmi: Bikkurim 16 • Mishnah Yomis: Bava Basra 3:1-2 • Oraysa: Next week is Beitzta 20a-22a

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

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Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is in two weeks, Shabbos Parashas Toldos.

Chanukah begins on Wednesday evening, December 25th.

VAYEIRA: Hashem appears to Avraham, who, despite his weakened condition and the unbearable heat, seeks to welcome guests • Avraham rushes to greet three "nomads" • An angel foretells that Sarah will bear a child, Sarah laughs • Two angels leave for Sedom • Hashem tells Avraham that He intends to destroy Sedom • Avraham (unsuccessfully) pleads with Hashem to spare Sedom • The angels arrive at Sedom, Lot hosts them • The people of Sedom attempt to attack the guests • The angels extract Lot's family from the doomed city, commanding them not to look back at the destruction • Lot, his wife and two unmarried daughters escape the city • Lot's wife looks back and turns into a pillar of salt • Lot and his daughters settle in a cave • Lot's daughters get their father drunk and bear their father's children, naming them Ammon and Moav • Avimelech takes Sarah, Hashem appears to Avimelech in a dream • Avimelech returns Sarah along with gifts • Yitzchok is born, and then circumcised at eight days old • Sarah worries about Yishmael's influence on Yitzchok • Hashem commands Avraham to heed Sarah and banish Hagar and Yishmael • Yishmael is saved from death in the desert; an angel promises that Yishmael will be a large nation • Akeidas Yitzchok • Avraham is promised great blessings for passing the test • Rivkah is born to Avraham's extended family.

Haftarah: Avraham Avinu is renowned with his great acts of chessed. The haftarah discusses chessed which was performed by Elisha on two

occasions (Melachim Beis 4:1-37). Both Ovadiah's widow and the Isha Hashunamis who benefited from Elisha's chessed performed chessed in kind with others.

Parashas Vayeira: 147 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

"They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' [Avraham] said, 'She is in the tent'" (Bereishis 18:9)

The Gemara (Bava Metzia 87a) explains that the Malachim knew of Sarah's whereabouts; yet they inquired in order to endear her to her husband by bringing attention to her excellence in the middah of tznius. Rashi adds that in this attribute Sarah was a Tz'nuah Yoser Meichavroseha, that her trait was extraordinary amongst her peers.

Rav Elya Baruch Finkel zt"l explains that even beyond complimenting a trait of Sarah's, the Malachim highlighted a unique characteristic that she possessed. One can continually strengthen a relationship with others by focusing on their unique attributes and abilities. This leads to genuine admiration and appreciation.

Rabbi Zlotowitz z"l would point out that we are discussing two of the greatest people in history, Avraham and Sarah, who at this point were married for many, many years. Yet still, the Torah notes that a Malach sought to compliment her to her husband. How much more careful and proactive must spouses be nowadays in fostering mutual endearment!