

CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL

Shabbos Parshas Vaeira

FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN 24

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:30 PM
- » Candles 5:30 PM
- » Sunset 5:52 PM

SHABBOS DAY, JAN 25

- » **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 5:25 PM
- » Sunset 5:53 PM
- » Maariv 6:28 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:43 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 7:05 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "YOU MISS 100% OF THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE." — Wayne Gretzky responded with this statement when asked how we should feel about making phone calls for the 2025 CTC Matching Fundraiser.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Aharon Mishulem Faish ben Rus Beilah (Friend of Jonathon Marcelino)
- » Hillel ben Simcha (Jeff Lubin)
- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Bayla Gittel bas Lefsha (Grandmother of Shmuel Rothberg)
- » 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)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » **Kiddush is sponsored by the members of the Guarantee Kiddush Club.**

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Jan 26, 2025)

- » 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 women: 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 #
- » Parsha Shiur for women with Rabbi Michael Bodenheimer at the Rich Home, 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas 75252, Sundays 8 PM.

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CTC Matching Campaign Fundraiser

January 26-27, 2025 | Kickoff is this Sunday, 9:15 AM at CTC

With your help, we can continue to grow and provide for the needs of our kehilla. But we can't do it without you. Every donation, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal and strengthens the foundation of our community.

TIDBITS

Parashas Vaeira • January 25th • 25 Teves 5785

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Shevat. Rosh Chodesh is next Thursday, January 30th. The molad is Wednesday morning at 6:17 AM and 17 chalakim.

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Shabbos Parshas Va'eira

This week is the second week of the six weeks of Shovavim.

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!

Tu B'Shevat is Thursday, February 13th.

VA'EIRA: Hashem reaffirms to Moshe that He will bring the redemption

- An overburdened Klal Yisrael cannot absorb Moshe's message • The descendants of Reuven, Shimon and Levi are listed, leading up to Moshe's lineage • Hashem sends Moshe to Pharaoh • Due to a speech impediment, Moshe attempts to defer the role of primary prophet to his brother, Aharon • Hashem appoints Aharon as Moshe's spokesman • Hashem warns Moshe and Aharon of Pharaoh's obstinacy • Aharon's stick becomes a serpent • Pharaoh's sorcerers duplicate this feat, Aharon's stick swallows theirs • The Makkos begin: Dam, then Tzefardei'a, then Kinnim • To escape each Makkah, Pharaoh promises to concede, yet reneges each time • The sorcerers fail to duplicate Makkas Kinnim, and acknowledge that Moshe's is empowered by Hashem • With Makkas Arov, Pharaoh offers compromise, allowing sacrifices in Mitzrayim • Moshe insists on leaving Mitzrayim to bring sacrifices • The Makkah of Dever is followed by Shechin and Barad • Egyptians who heeded Moshe's warning to shelter their animals are spared • Each Makkah lasts 7 days • Pharaoh appears to surrender, yet retracts when Barad is over.

Haftarah: The Navi Yechezkel (Yechezkel 28:25-29:21) relays a prophecy that there will be another episode where an Egyptian Pharaoh will suffer defeat, this time at the hands of Nevuchadnetzar, on account of his failure to come to the aid of the Jewish nation.

Parashas Va'eira: 121 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

And He commanded them regarding the B'nei Yisrael and regarding Pharaoh the King of Egypt to send out the B'nei Yisrael from the land of Egypt (Shemos 6:13)

The pasuk states that the command to set the Jews free was addressed to Pharaoh and also to B'nei Yisrael. What command did B'nei Yisrael receive regarding their own freedom from Pharaoh?

The Talmud Yerushalmi (Rosh Hashanah 3:5) explains that it was at that juncture that B'nei Yisrael were commanded in the mitzvah of Shiluach Avadim, to release Jewish slaves after a certain period of time. Our pasuk ("to send out the B'nei Yisrael") alludes to this commandment. But why were they given this mitzvah specifically at this time?

The Dubno Maggid presents a parable of a man who sheltered a king from a rebellion. After narrowly saving the king from certain death, the man asked, "Your Majesty, what was going through your mind when the rebels were so close to capturing you?" The king responded to this question by

condemning the man to death for his exceedingly brazen question. The man was brought to the gallows and the noose was placed around his neck. Suddenly, the king ordered the executioner to halt and remove the noose. He tells the 'condemned' man, "Now you have your answer, now you know how I felt!"

The optimal way to perform mitzvos bein adam l'chaveiro is to put oneself in the other person's position and try to understand his needs. And so just now, while the B'nei Yisrael were slaves and anticipating redemption, was the most opportune time for them to understand the mitzvah of Shiluach Avadim, as now they were experiencing the plight of an enslaved person. By contemplating how one would want to be treated, a person will be motivated to perform chessed and other interpersonal mitzvos in their highest forms.