

Shabbos Parshas Chayei Sarah 5786

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 14

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:10 PM
- » Candles 5:08 PM
- » Sunset 5:26 PM

SHABBOS DAY, NOVEMBER 15

- » **Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » **Chassidus in the Parsha** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul 4:00-4:45 PM
- » Women & Children S"Sh at Rich Home 5:00 - 6:15 PM
- » Mincha 4:55 PM
- » Sunset 5:26 PM
- » Maariv 6:07 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:15 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:37 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "THE ROAD TO EXCELLENCE STARTS WITH WHAT YOU DO BEST, CONTINUES WITH DEVOTION AND NEVER REALLY ENDS."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush sponsored by Harriet Goldman in gratitude to Hashem for reaching her birthday.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 16, 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.
- » Shemone Perakim 7:30 PM
- » Maariv 8:00 PM
- » Mishnayos Shabbos (Sun-Thur) 8:15 PM

TIDBITS

Parashas Chayei Sarah • November 15th • 24 Cheshvan 5786

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev. Rosh Chodesh is next Friday, November 21st. The molad is THURSDAY afternoon at 1:38 PM and 9 chalakim. As of Shacharis this past Tuesday, November 11th, Shemoneh Esrei has 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 (this is applicable for Nusach Ashkenaz; Nusach Sefard mispallelim [who say Morid Hatal in the summer months] never need to correct). Note: One who served as a shaliach tzibbur during this period may count his chazaras hashatz towards his count of ninety.

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is this Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sarah.

Rosh Chodesh Kislev is next Friday, November 21st.

Chanukah begins Sunday night, December 14th.

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 Be-suel, offers Eliezer and his camels water to drink • Eliezer gives her gifts of jewelry • Rivka's brother Lavan sees the gifts and 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 Sarah: 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" - this was brought forth by Hashem, 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 with the help of divine intervention, Besuel was poisoned in order that he would not stop the shidduch. But 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.