CONGREGATION
TORAS CHAIM

Vayeira 5787

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 30

» Candlelighting: 6:21 PM
» Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 6:21 PM
» Sunset: 6:39 PM

SHABBOS, OCTOBER 31

» Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM
» 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
» Women & Children S"S at Rich Home 6 PM.
» Mincha 6:10 PM
» Sunset 6:38 PM
» Maariv 7:20 PM
» Shabbos Ends (50 min) 7:28 PM
» Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 7:49 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "KNOWLEDGE IS WEALTH, WISDOM IS TREASURE, UNDERSTANDING IS RICHES, AND IGNORANCE IS POVERTY."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

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

Women

» Chana Esther bas Miriam Dina (Friend of Rebbetzin Rich)
» Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
» Sipke Grune bas Lillian (Jeff Luftig's Mother)
» Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)
» Chana bas Hendel (Friend Of Yael Bodenheimer)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

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

ELECTION DAY

» Tuesday, November 3, 2026 is Election Day. Please don't forget to vote, if you haven't already!

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 1, 2026)

» Mon - Fri - 6:00-6:30 AM: Gemara Zevachim
» Mon - Fri - 6:30 AM: Shacharis followed by Mishnayos Shekalim
» Sun - Fri - 12 -1 PM: Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
» Sunday - 7:30 PM: Marriage Chaburah followed by Maariv
» Mon - Thur - 7:30 PM: Mishnayos Keilim followed by Maariv
» The Soul of the Matter – A Journey into Tanya: Women: Mon & Wed 9:30-9:45 PM; Men: Tue & Thu 9:30-9:45 PM. Email Rabbi Rich for Zoom address.

TIDBITS

Parashas Vayeira • October 31st • 20 Cheshvan 5787

As of Shacharis on this Shabbos Parashas Vayeira, October 31st, Shemoneh Esrei will have been recited ninety times with the inclusion of Mashiv HaRuach U'Morid HaGeshem. Therefore, from 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 mispalleim [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.

This Motzaei Shabbos, at 2 AM November 1st, the USA will move the clock back one hour, shifting from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time. (In Eretz Yisrael, Daylight Savings Time ended this past Motzei Shabbos Parashas Lech Lecha.)

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is next week, Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sara.

Chanukah begins on Friday night, December 4th. This year there will be two "Shabbos Chanukah"s.

VAYEIRA: Hashem appears to Avraham, who, despite his weakened condition and the unbearable heat, seeks guests • Avraham rushes to greet three "nomads" (who are actually Malachim) • One 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 • Thinking that civilization has been destroyed, Lot's daughters get their father drunk and bear their father's children, naming them Ammon and Moav • Avimelech, king of Gerar, 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 for 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 turn 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 (as the Midrash tells us she was 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!