CONGREGATION
TORAS CHAIM

Chayei Soroh 5787

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 6

» Candlelighting: 5:15 PM
» Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 5:15 PM
» Sunset: 5:33 PM

SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 7

» 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 is cancelled this week.
» Mincha 5:00 PM
» Sunset 5:33 PM
» Maariv 6:15 PM
» Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:23 PM
» Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:43 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "WORRY NEVER ROBS TOMORROW OF ITS SORROW, IT ONLY SAPS TODAY OF ITS JOY."

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.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 8, 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 CHAYEI SARAH, NOVEMBER 7TH, 27 CHESHVAN 5787

This week is Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev. Rosh Chodesh is this Tuesday & Wednesday, November 10th-11th. The molad is Monday night at 10:27 PM and 3 chalakim.

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is Thursday night, November 12th. The final opportunity is Monday night, November 23rd.

Shabbos Mevorchim Chodesh Kislev is this week, Shabbos Parashas Chayei Sarah.

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

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 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 who bears him 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 whose daughter she was…and I placed the nose ring on her nose…" (Bereishis 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 greater 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.

Halachos of Chanukah - Menorah: What to Light?

It is preferable to use olive oil. Other than the shamash, one should use either oil or candles, but not a mix of both. There should be enough oil in the cup at the time of lighting for the Menorah to burn for at least a half hour after nightfall (tzeis hakochavim). If, inadvertently, any of the candles go out before tzeis, it is not necessary to re-light them, so long as the original lighting was done from shekiah and onward. However, it is praiseworthy to re-light them without a berachah. Unlike Neiros Shabbos, most Poskim say one cannot use an electric Menorah, even under extenuating circumstances.