CONGREGATION
TORAS CHAIM

Toldos 5787

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 13

» Candlelighting: 5:10 PM
» Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 5:10 PM
» Sunset: 5:28 PM

SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 14

» 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 5:28 PM
» Maariv 6:10 PM
» Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:18 PM
» Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:38 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT FOR EVERY MINUTE YOU ARE ANGRY YOU LOSE SIXTY SECONDS OF HAPPINESS."

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 15, 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 TOLDOS, NOVEMBER 14TH, 5 KISLEV 5787

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

TOLDOS: Yitzchak and Rivkah pray for children • Rivkah is expecting a child, experiences pain, receives word of twin children • Birth of Eisav, followed by Yaakov • Eisav sells his firstborn rights for lentil soup • Hashem commands Yitzchak not to leave Eretz Yisrael • Yitzchak settles in Gerar • Fearful for his life, Yitzchak claims Rivkah is his sister • Avimelech becomes aware of their true relationship and assures their protection • Yitzchak prospers and the envious Avimelech sends him away • Avimelech's men claim Yitzchak's wells • Avimelech comes to make a treaty • Yitzchak's men find water at Be'er Sheva • Eisav marries at the age of forty • Yitzchak wishes to bless his son, Eisav • Rivkah commands Yaakov to intercept the blessings • Eisav is bitterly disappointed and vows to kill Yaakov • Rivkah sends Yaakov to stay with her brother Lavan • Yitzchak tells Yaakov not to marry a Canaanite woman; Eisav adheres as well • Eisav marries Yishmael's daughter in addition to his other wives.

Haftarah: Despite Eisav being the firstborn, it was divinely ordained for Yaakov to be granted the bechorah and to merit the twelve Shevatim and to build the nation. The nevuah of Malachi (1:1-2:7) speaks of the love of Hashem for Yaakov and His hatred for Edom, the descendants of Eisav. Yet even with His love for our forefathers, each Jew individually must strive to be deserving of inheriting Hashem's love.

Parashas Toldos: 106 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

"Yitzchak pleaded with Hashem [for a child] opposite his wife… Hashem accepted his prayers, and his wife Rivkah conceived" (Bereishis 25:21) Rashi quotes the Midrash that notes that although they both davened earnestly for a child, it was Yitzchak's tefillos, not Rivkah's, that effected salvation, as Yitzchak was the son of a Tzaddik and Rivkah was the daughter of Besuel, a wicked man. One may wonder, if it was Yitzchak's tefillos that accomplished a yeshuah and not those of Rivkah, why does the Torah even mention that Rivkah prayed at all? Similarly, we find that the Torah describes that Hagar davened for Yishmael who was deathly ill in the desert. However, the Torah says that Hashem heard "kol hana'ar", that it was Yishmael's prayers that were accepted. So why does the Torah tell us about Hagar's tefillos?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l answers that we can derive from here that certainly Rivkah's prayers played a role in securing their salvation. However, ultimately, it was Yitzchak who secured salvation from Hashem. Hagar's prayers were vital as well, yet ultimately it was the ill person, Yishmael himself, whose cries accomplished the salvation. Rav Yitzchak zt"l explains that every tefillah is received by Hashem and there is no such thing as a prayer going to waste. Although we may not notice the effectiveness, each and every tefillah brings about a measure of good and salvation.

Halachos of Chanukah - Menorah: When to Light? There are various minhagim as to the optimal time to light the Menorah, and whether Maariv should be davened prior to lighting. Opinions vary from shekiyah until tzeis hakochavim and people should follow their minhag. In cases of extreme necessity, there may be room to allow lighting as early as p'lag haminchah (approximately an hour before shekiyah).

One should preferably not take a nap, engage in an absorbing task, or begin a meal (including eating a large amount of pas haba'ah b'kisnin [bread-like mezonos foods]) in the half hour before the z'man, lest he forget about the upcoming mitzvah. Once the z'man arrives, one must stop all activity and perform the mitzvah. One who is unable to perform the hadlakah until a later time should appoint a shomer or set an alarm to remind him, which then removes the above restrictions. If one is lighting late, it is best to have someone on hand to witness his lighting.