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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that April is on vacation and will be back in the office on Wednesday, November 3.

If you would like to sponsor the upcoming **Chanukah edition of Hamodi'a** for \$108, please email April.

Upcoming Kiddush & Shalosh Se'udos Sponsors:

—October 30: Muhlenberg College Family Weekend

Kiddush is co-sponsored by the Jay S. Scherline Muhlenberg Kiddush Fund to welcome our Muhlenberg students and their families during family weekend and also by Rabbi Martin Goodman.

Join us for our exciting synagogue programs:

Daf Yomi: Weekdays at 7:30 AM (in person with Zoom option)

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Our rescheduled **Grand Re-opening of our Game Room** will be held Sun., Oct. 24th. The room is reserved for our youth, 5th grade and above, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and for adults from 7 to 9 p.m. Come have fun playing games while eating pizza. Volunteers are needed throughout the night. Please contact Ally to RSVP and let her know if you are able to help at programcsoi@gmail.com.

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Rabbi Andrews invites you to attend his new Tuesday night classes, a 3-part series entitled "**Mavericks and Mystics: Episodes from the Margins of Jewish History.**"

- ⇒ Oct. 26 — "Dr. Samuel Falk, the Baal Shem of London"
- ⇒ Nov. 2 — "The Infamous Get of Cleves"
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Classes begin at 7:30 p.m. in person at the shul and via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom link.

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Our next **Wednesdays are for Women** gathering will be held on November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. More information to follow soon.

Covid Update

During weekday minyanim, the seats in the back of the sanctuary will now be a mask optional seating area for those vaccinated. Masks are still required on Shabbat

During kiddush on shabbat, the back of the social hall is now designated as a mask-optional area for those wishing to socialize. Outside of this section, unless one is eating, masks are still mandatory.



קהילת בני ישראל Congregation Sons of Israel

Parshat Vayera
17 Cheshvan, 5782
October 22-23, 2021

Important Shabbat Times for Friday Evening:

Candle Lighting: 5:53 PM

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat 5:55 PM

Shkia (latest time to daven Mincha): 6:11 PM

Tzeit Hachochavimm (repeat Shema): 7:02 PM

Shabbat Day:

Gemara Class with Dr. Grossbard: 8:00 AM

Shacharit: 9:00 AM

Latest time for Shema: 10:04 AM

Kiddush presented by Peter & Karen Cooper in observance of the yahrzeits of Peter's beloved mother, Zelda Cooper, and Karen's beloved father, Fred Friedman.

Daf Yomi: 4:40 PM

Mincha, followed by Shalosh Se'udos: 5:40 PM

Shalosh Se'udos is sponsored by Barry & Carol Halper in observance of the yahrzeit of Carol's beloved mother, Janet Richman.

Shkia (latest time to daven Mincha): 6:09 PM

Shabbat Conclusion: 7:00 PM

Minyanim October 24-30

	Sunday 10/24	Monday 10/25	Tuesday 10/26	Wed 10/27	Thursday 10/28	Friday 10/29	Shabbos 10/30
AM	8:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	6:45 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	9:00 AM
PM	5:50 PM	5:50 PM	5:50 PM	5:50 PM	5:50 PM	5:45 PM C.L. 5:43 PM	5:30 PM

PARSHA IN A NUTSHELL

By Rabbi Nisan Andrews

Vayera

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1st Aliya (Kohen) – Bereishit 18:1-14:

Shortly after Avraham's brit milah, G-d appears to him in Elonei Mamre. Avraham greets three 'men' (in fact, angels – see Rashi) and serves them an excellent meal. One of them tells Avraham that Sarah will have a baby boy in a year's time. Sarah overhears and laughs in disbelief.

2nd Aliya (Levi) – 18:15-33:

G-d reveals to Avraham His plan to destroy the wicked city of Sodom. Avraham pleads with G-d to spare the city, in the merit of any righteous people who might live there. However, Sodom does not even have ten righteous people.

3rd Aliya (Shlishi)– 19:1-20:

Two of the men (angels) arrive in Sodom to rescue Lot, Avraham's nephew. Lot welcomes them into his house. The locals protest against Lot's hospitality and try to break down the door. G-d strikes the townsfolk with blindness. The 'men' tell Lot to flee with his family.

4th Aliya (Revi'i) – 19:21-21:4:

G-d rains down sulphur and fire from the heavens, overturning Sodom and its neighboring cities. Lot's wife turns to look back and becomes a pillar of salt. Lot hides in a cave with his two daughters. On consecutive nights, fearing that they are the last humans left, Lot's daughters get him drunk, and each conceives a child from him. Avraham moves to Gerar in the Negev. The local ruler Avimelech takes away Sarah, whom Avraham claims is his sister. G-d appears to Avimelech, warning him not to touch Sarah. Avimelech confronts Avraham, who defends his non-disclosure. Sarah gives

birth to Yitzchak, who has a brit milah on his eighth day.

Point to Consider: Which of Lot's two daughters is considered in a more negative light? (see Rashi to 19:37)

5th Aliya (Chamishi) – 21:5-21:

Sarah sees the negative effect that Avraham's wayward first son, Yishmael, could have on Yitzchak. She tells Avraham to send away Yishmael and his mother, Hagar. They travel in the desert and Yishmael nearly dies of thirst. An angel appears, telling Hagar that a great nation will come from Yishmael. G-d opens Hagar's eyes, and she sees a well of water.

6th Aliya (Shishi) – 21:22-33:

Avraham makes a peace pact with Avimelech, establishing Avraham's rights to the wells he had already dug.

7th Aliya (Shevi'i) – 22:1-24:

G-d tells Avraham to bring Yitzchak as an offering. Avraham obeys, showing his unconditional devotion to G-d. As Avraham raises the knife, an angel appears, telling him not to touch Yitzchak, presenting instead a ram to sacrifice. Avraham is praised for his faith and then informed of the birth of Rivkah, Yitzchak's future wife.

Haftorah:

The haftorah includes the moving story of the Prophet Elisha's miraculous resuscitation of a young boy who had been born to the Shunamite lady who used to host Elisha in her house. Elisha had previously prophesied the birth of the boy.

Yasher Koach to our Baalei Kri'ah, David Lampert, Dr Hartley Lachter, Rabbi Andrews

We wish a long life to those members of our community who are observing a Yahrtzeit this week, including:

Rabbi Mordechai Eskovitz (Sat.)

Pearl Schmier (Sun.)

Joan Lichtenstein (Sun.)

Diana Hirsch (Sun.)

Cooky Notis (Mon.)

Robert Simon (Mon. & Tues.)

Elaine Atlas (Mon.)

Norman Sussman (Mon. & Wed.)

Stuart Krawitz (Tues.)

Peter Cooper (Tues.)

Barbara Bassano (Thurs.)

Ilana Levy (Fri.)

Coats & Cocoa
DRIVE

Collecting brand new (tags on) winter coats for local boys and girls
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1. Purchase coat(s) and place in collection point boxes or call 610-821-8722 to make an appointment to drop off at JFS office

2. Purchase coat(s) online and ship directly to JFSLV at 6063 Palomino Drive, Allentown, PA 18106

3. Make a donation of any amount towards purchasing coats in this year's drive at jfsiv.org/donate and select "Coats & Cocoa" in the fund dropdown

Also accepting new hats and gloves!
And, of course, hot cocoa mix

Please contact Kristen Johnson with any questions at 706-755-4692.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

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