

# Shabbat, October 23, 2021 (Cheshvan 17, 5782)

tinyurl.com/Shabbat10-23-21

**Vayera** 

#### **Service Times**

Masks are required for all indoor services and activities. Babysitting is available from 9am to noon on Shabbat.

\* Sign up for services at Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minvan.

# **Erev Shabbat** Friday, October 22 (Cheshvan 16)

5:29 pm - Early Candle Lighting 6:15 pm - \* Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv 6:20 pm - Late Candle Lighting

# **Shabbat** Saturday, October 23 (Cheshvan 17)

9:00 am - \* Shacharit

Bat Mitzvah of Gabi Zucker

10:17 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

5:45 pm - \* Mincha / Seudah Shlishit 7:16 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by Anita Zucker & David Popowski and Janet & Ron Mendola in honor of Gabi's Bat Mitzvah.

#### **Upcoming Sponsors**

10/30 - Ezra & Ilisa Cappell 11/6 - Available

#### Classes

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 5212585813 Contact Dovid for details. <a href="mailto:dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com">dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com</a>

## **Contributions**

Contributions to CDT can be made at <a href="DorTikvah.org">DorTikvah.org</a> or by mail.

➤ Rifka Monderer

> Linda, Ilana, & Josh

➤ Esther & David

Scheer

Beckmann

- In honor of Gabi Zucker's Bat Mitzvah

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> Sharon & Michael Stricker To the Ida Fisher Memorial Fund for Israel Education & Action

- In memory of Barry Warren's brother, Edward Warren
  - In memory of Marian Yarus' father, William Newell

### **Dor Tikvah Events & Programs**

\* B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron & Danya Manaker Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Join us for the celebration of Aaron & Danya's B'nai Mitzvah!

\* Congregational Meeting - Nov. 14th, 3:30 pm Go to Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-Nov-Meeting for updates and details.

### **Community Events & Programs**

- \* Conversation with James Clyburn Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm Jewish community members from across SC join in a conversation with US House Majority Whip, James E. Clyburn on Zoom. <u>bit.ly/jcrcjamesclyburn</u> for details.
- \* Three Rabbi Panel Oct. 27th, 7:30 pm

Rabbis Alexander (Reform), Ravski (Conservative), and Hoberman (Orthodox) discuss different approaches to questions on the meaning of Judaism. Zoom: bit.ly/threerabbipanelfall21

In-Person: bit.ly/threerabbipanelrsvp

## **Refuah Shleima**

To have a name added or removed, contact **charlessteinert@gmail.com**.

Talia bat Shoshana Peretz ben Chaim Elijah Meyer ben Chaya Nachama Chana bat Tzipporah Rachel

Hank Legare Simcha ben Ettie Esther bat Alitza Hodel bat Raozel

# **Life Cycle**

#### **Birthdays**

➤ Samantha Goldberg (10/24)

➤ Marian Yarus (10/26)

#### **Yahrzeits**

- > Connel B. Shawinsky, Father of Arlene Rosenthal (10/24)
- ➤ Miriam Sobel Dulitz, Mother of Fran Grossman (10/28)
- > Florence Zelda Katzen, Sister of Marvin Katzen (10/28)



# A Letter From Rabbi Mimran

Vayera



Dear Congregation,

This week's Torah portion tells us how Abraham learnt of G-d's plan to destroy the city of Sodom. As soon as our patriarch heard the news, he began praying for its survival. One of the defenses Abraham resorted to is brought in Chapter 18:23, "Will You also wipe out the righteous along with the wicked?"

Q. What is difficult to understand is that Sodom's lifestyle was diametrically opposed to Abraham's way of life and teachings. Abraham was the epitome of *chesed* (loving kindness). His whole life revolved around helping others. However, in Sodom *chesed* was considered a crime! One could get executed for just giving charity to a pauper or for welcoming a guest. Why then did Abraham pray on behalf of the corrupt inhabitants of Sodom?

A. We learn a powerful message concerning kindness from this story. Often people preach kindness, but they get angry and hate those who dispute their values. This is because their kindness is coming from the love that they have for themselves. They are trying to build up their own confidence and self-esteem. **Abraham's kindness, however, was based on his true love for other people.** It is true that the people of Sodom were doing wicked acts, yet Abraham loved them nonetheless, and therefore anger and animosity did not play any role in whether or not to pray for them.

There is actually an easy way to tell where one's kindness is coming from. When doing acts of kindness out of true care and concern, the generosity will continue, even when it's hard and difficult. A raw example of this is the fact that a person takes care of their children even when it's difficult. One's love for their child overrides any personal feelings that they may temporarily have. Furthermore, this type of selfless compassion can really help someone to grow and become a greater person. This is what we learn from our forefather Abraham.

I would like to wish Jonathan, Laura, Anita, David, Janet, Ron, and the entire family a hearty **MAZEL TOV** on the occasion of Gabi's Bat Mitzvah. I wish I could be there to celebrate with you all! The Zucker's are a truly kind-hearted and generous family, and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know them recently.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran