

#### Shabbat, October 30, 2021 (Cheshvan 24, 5782)

### Chayei Sara - Shabbat Mevarchim

tinyurl.com/Shabbat10-30-21

#### **Service Times**

Masks are no longer required for indoor services or activities. However, we ask that those not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors.

Babysitting is available from 9am to noon on Shabbat.

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

## **Erev Shabbat Friday, October 29 (Cheshvan 23)**

5:24 pm - Early Candle Lighting 6:05 pm - \* Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv 6:13 pm - Late Candle Lighting

## Shabbat Saturday, October 30 (Cheshvan 24)

9:00 am - \* Shacharit 10:19 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

> 5:40 pm - \* Mincha / Seudah Shlishit 7:09 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Ezra & Ilisa Cappell In honor of Liat's birthday.

#### **Upcoming Sponsors**

11/6 -Available 11/20 - Available

#### **Classes**

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 5212585813 Contact Dovid for details. dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com

#### **Contributions**

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

- **>** Abby Leibowitz
- In honor of Gabi Zucker's Bat Mitzvah
- > Debbie, Greg, & Truere Rothschild
- In honor of Stuart Feldman's birthday
  - > Jeri & Marty Perlmutter
  - In honor of Barry Warren.
- In memory of Barry's brother, Edward Warren.

#### **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 <u>Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-Nov-Meeting</u> for updates and details.

#### **Community Events & Programs**

\* P2G Fellows Q&A - Nov. 14th, 2:00 pm

P2G Fellows Jasmine & Benny join us through Zoom to share about their experience in Israel so far. Go to jewishcharleston.org/sefellowevent to register.

#### **Refuah Shleima**

To have a name added or removed, contact <a href="mailto:charlessteinert@gmail.com">charlessteinert@gmail.com</a>.

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**

> Stuart Feldman (10/30) > Joseph Barger (11/4)

#### **Anniversaries**

➤ Edward & Judy Kramer (11/4)

#### **Yahrzeits**

- ➤ Julius M. Zucker, Uncle of Lenny Zucker (10/31)
- ➤ Joseph Zucker, Grandfather of Lenny Zucker (11/1)

#### **Announcements**

- > THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, November 1st.
  We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.
- ➤ **New Mask Protocol:** Masks are no longer required for indoor services or activities as new cases of Covid infection within Charleston County and the State have decreased. See our Full Safe Services Update at <u>Dortikvah.org/services.html</u>.



# Chayei Sara A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

Our sages teach us, 'יפה שיחתם של עבדי אבות לפני המקום מתורתן של בנים' – the everyday mundane conversation of the servants of our patriarchs is more pleasing to G-d than the formal instruction that followed (Bereshit Raba 60:3).

This saying refers to Eliezer, who was sent by Avraham Avinu to Mesopotamia (a historical region of Western Asia), to find a wife for Yitzchak. This story is featured in Chapter 24 - the longest chapter in the whole book of Bereishit. Its 67 verses depict Eliezer's thoughts, his plans for the test at the well side, the execution of his plan, and its outcome; it's all very expansive. However, later on in the Torah, when we are given the specific 'do's and don'ts' of Jewish law, then everything is very concise.

Now let's imagine a class at school are performing a play about this week's Parasha, and a child arrives home and announces to his family 'I'm going to be Eliezer!' Everybody would be really proud, because that is the key role in the Parsha.

Interestingly however, let's take a look at the number of times in which people's names are mentioned in the Parasha. Avraham's name is mentioned on no less than 37 occasions, the name Yitzchak comes up 13 times, Rivkah 12 times, Sarah and Ephron both 9 times, Bethuel 4, Lavan 3, and Eliezer's name comes up a sum total of 0 times. **He is the main character, yet his name does not appear once.** He is either referred to as המבך – the servant or המבך – the man.

Indeed, from this man - who wasn't a part of our faith - we learn a very profound message. We have internalised his values, we have taken on his message, and he is there as the role model in the longest chapter in the book, but it's not his name that counts; it's what he taught the world that matters.

In similar fashion, the great heroes and heroines of this world are mainly those men and women who are great people behind the scenes, who contribute to their community. Their names might not be in neon lights, but they are our most outstanding characters.

They are the Eliezer's and his name says it all. 'אליעזר' means 'my God is my help'. The Almighty certainly helps those who live an entire life in order to help others.

Shabbat Shalom!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran