



THIS WEEK AT GATES

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A Special Shabbat

By Rabbi Lexi

This week's Torah portion, "Chayei Sarah" or the "Life of Sarah" is curiously titled, since the portion begins with the death of Sarah.

"Sarah died in Kiriath-arba—now Hebron—in the land of Canaan; and Abraham proceeded to mourn for Sarah and to bewail her."

One possible answer can be found in the Talmud (Berachot 18a) which states, "The righteous in their death are called living." Sarah embodied strength, resilience, and faith. When we read this Torah portion, we lift up her voice and her experience. We recognize the ways that Sarah's story has had a ripple effect throughout our history, providing a model for Jewish women's empowerment across the generations.

Inspired by this Torah portion and the legacy of our matriarch Sarah, this Friday night will be the first installment of our annual Chayei Sarah Speaker Series, featuring female leaders, thinkers and scholars in the Jewish community.

Please join us this Friday evening for our inaugural presentation by Rabbi Hara Person, the first female CEO of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rabbi Person will be joining us virtually to present "Transformation and Challenge: Approaching Fifty Years of Women in the Rabbinate" following Shabbat services. Rabbi Person's lecture will be screened live from the sanctuary, and will also be viewable on our livestream on Facebook and our web site.

A special thank you to the committee who worked so hard and under very unexpected circumstances to bring this program into reality - Joanne Fried, Lynn Friedman and Gina Nádas. If you have any questions, please contact rabbierdheim@gatesofprayer.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

6:15pm - 7pm Kabbalat Shabbat

7pm - 8pm Chayei Sarah Speaker
Rabbi Hara Person

SATURDAY

9:15am - 10:00 Torah Study

Live in the Bart Room and via zoom

10:30am - 11:30 Shabbat Worship

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