

November 26th, 2016

כ"ה חשוון תשע"ז

PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH פרשת חיי שרה

Shaarei Tefillah is the destination for families and individuals from diverse Jewish backgrounds who share a common desire for strong Jewish values, relevant inspiration, personal growth and a warm welcoming community!



To **Marty Lebi** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Mazel Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Malka Lebi** and the whole mishpacha.

SHABBAT MEVARCHIM שבת מברכים

FRIDAY NIGHT

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:26 PM

MINCHA/MAARIV 4:35 PM

SHABBAT DAY

DAF YOMI 8:00 AM

MORNING SERVICES 9:00 AM

YOUTH PROGRAM 10:00 AM

BREAKAWAY w/ Rabbi Lipner 10:20 AM

MINCHA then SEUDAH 4:15PM

SHLISHIT

MAARIV/HAVDALAH 5:30 PM

WEEKLY DAVENING TIMES

SUNDAY

DAF YOMI 7:15 AM

SHACHARIT 8:15 AM

MINCHA/MAARIV 4:30 PM

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30 AM

MINCHA/MAARIV 4:30 PM

THURSDAY ROSH CHODESH

KISLEV

DAF YOMI 6:15 AM

SHACHARIT 6:15/7:15 AM

MINCHA/MAARIV 4:30 PM

FRIDAY

DAF YOMI 6:30 AM

SHACHARIT 6:30/7:30AM

CANDLE LIGHTING 4:23 PM

MINCHA 4:30 PM

Welcome to all our guests and members!

This week's parsha starts with the sad death of Sarah Imeinu. In stating the age at which she passed away, there is a famous Rashi on the pasuk below.

פרק כג: א וַיְהִי חַיֵּי שָׂרָה, מֵאָה שָׁנָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים--שָׁנֵי, חַיֵּי שָׂרָה.

Chapter 23: 1 And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years; [these were] the years of the life of Sarah.

As we have mentioned many times before, Rashi is always coming to answer a question that arises from the pasuk, and in this case he is bothered by the need for those last 3 words (or 9 words in the English translation); they seem redundant.

So Rashi responds that the end of the sentence is there to reinforce the fact that:

שני חיי שרה: כלן שוין לטובה:

[these were] the years of the life of Sarah: All of them equally good.

At first glance this is a beautiful idea – every day of Sarah's was as good as the next. However, while that seems great from outset, it would appear to be highly unrealistic.

Let's remember that Sarah was the one that could not conceive a child for 90 years and to add insult to injury, her maidservant was able to conceive before her; she was taken captivity not once but twice by foreign kings... not the makings of a "good life" all the way through.

But perhaps Rashi is teaching us that we will definitely encounter challenges along the way; that is not a "tough life", that is life. However, with the proper mindset and emunah, and with the understanding that everything fits together and each challenge has a purpose to it, then ultimately it is in fact "all good".

This is quite an appropriate message as we see an uncertain future in the world as a whole, not to mention with our friends down in the USA. From the pieces that we see, there seems to be uncertainty. However, if in fact we look at any US currency, it clearly states: "In God we Trust", and when we do that, it is in fact "all good".

May we have many more ups than downs in life, but when the downs come, may we merit the strength to see that somehow it is also שוין לטובה כן.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Lipner

Next week please join us for a breakout class during Mussaf with Rabbi Moshe Zionce who will be discussing : "Putting the Spark Back into your Marriage."

YASHER KOACH

Parsha Sheet is generously sponsored by **Diane Miles, Frances Sadoway and Harold Sadoway** in memory of their beloved mother, Raizel bat Meyer A"H whose yahrzeit will be observed on Rosh Chodesh Kislev. May her neshama have an aliyah.

Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan and Malka Lebi** in honour of their son Marty's Bar Mitzvah. Proud grandparents are Tibor and George Lebi, Kathy Hollinger and Allan Hollinger; great grandmother Eva Kertesz and siblings: Sarah, Hannah and Aaron. Mazel Tov!

Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Mrs. Esther Schwartz and Mr. Jeffrey Schwartz** in memory of their beloved husband and father, Saul Schwartz A"H whose 1st yahrzeit will be observed on the 26th of Cheshvan. May his neshama have an aliyah.

Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Eli and Leah Green** on the occasion of the birth of their daughter. Mazel Tov!

Seudah Shlishit is generously sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Jake and Vivian Anhang** in memory of Jake's father, Louis Anhang A"H whose yahrzeit was observed on the 22nd of Cheshvan. May his neshama have an aliyah.

Youth Kiddush is generously sponsored by **Mr. and Mrs. Jay and Amy Papernick** on the occasion of Layla and Eli's Birthdays. Mazel Tov!

Our Condolences to **Mr. and Mrs. Ari Bergel and Daniella Samuel** on the passing of their beloved grandmother, Rose Lazar A"H.

The Shaarei Tefillah Community invites you to join AHS families and friends for our 5th Annual

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT

Tefillah & Dinner B'yachad

Friday, December 16th
Tefillah 4:30 PM • Shabbat Dinner 5:20 PM

With Ora Shulman, Rabbi Dr. Rafi Cashman, and other special guests

Early Bird Special until December 2 - \$110 (includes 2 adults and all dependent children)
 \$45 Adult / \$18 Child 7-13 / \$10 Child 3-6 / Free Child 2 and Under
 Limited Seating available. Register today to guarantee your seats.
 Register online at: www.shaareitefillah.com by December 9th
 Committee members: Ayala Beck, Dohira Fisher, Robyn Goldberg, Shayna Kohn,
 Rivka Neiman, Daniella Samuel, Michelle Samuel



Saturday Night Shmooze

Join us for a casual evening with other young couples as we enjoy a few drinks, light dinner, enjoyable conversation with old and new friends, and a schmooze together with Rabbi Rafi & Shira Lipner as they share some insights that will help us parent with passion and purpose.

December 3rd at 8:30 pm
 Host: Yoram and Ayala Beck
 10 Burncrest Dr



RVSP to www.shaareitefillah.com/theshmooze
 by Wednesday November 23

Cost: None (but people are welcome to make a thank you donation, in support of our Youth Department)

ALL WEEKLY CLASSES MONDAYS

10:00 am - 11:00 am **in the Social Hall - Rabbi Shlomie Schwartz**
Heaven @ 10: A look at Jewish Spirituality or apparent lack thereof and how to make it come to life!

11:30am to 12:30PM **in the Social Hall - Rebbetzin Shira Lipner**
WOMEN'S SHIUR: An in depth text based study of Women in Tanach.

WEDNESDAYS

8:00pm **in the Beit Midrash Downstairs - Adam Friedmann**
Why do we do that? Explaining the things in Jewish life that you always wondered about but never thought to ask.

THURSDAYS

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm **in the Beit Midrash - Rabbi Shlomie Schwartz**
Praying: What am I saying while swaying?

FRIDAYS

1:30pm - Right before AHS pick up - **Rabbi Rafi Lipner**
PARK'N PARSHA Inspiration for your Shabbat Table to share with your kids. Beginning this Friday in honour of the Shabbat Project. Park in the shul parking lot and come on in.



SHAAREI TEFILLAH KNITTERS CLUB

YASHER KOACH to our Knitting Club for sending 12 hats to Israel with Elliot Wine.

If anyone is going to Israel in the near future and would like to deliver more hats, please notify the office and someone will meet you in the airport to receive them.

Donations to S.T. Knitting Club would be greatly appreciated and you will receive a tax receipt.

YAHARZEITS FOR THE WEEK

Deceased Name	Relationship	Name of Member
Itzhak Isakow	Father	Mrs. Sylvia Walt
Sarah Migdal	Mother	Mrs. Florence Goldwasser
Saul Schwartz	Husband	Mrs. Esther Schwartz
Esther Bragman	Mother	Mrs. Edith Malkin
Victor Pollock	Brother	Mr. Percy Pollock
Rozalia Goldstein	Mother	Mrs. Annie Ushky
Florence Rogers	Sister	Mrs. Sandra Genesove

Please note: All Parsha Sheet submissions and Shabbat sponsorships must be submitted to the office by Wednesday to be included.