

Parshat Chayei Sara Shabbat Mevarchim

Friday 3rd November 2018

Candle Lighting	6.45pm
Mincha	6.30pm
Maariv	6.45pm

Shabbat 4th November 2018

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	7.50pm
Maariv	8.04pm

Rosh Chodesh Shevat falls on Thursday & Friday 8th & 9th November.

A word from the Rabbi

"Sarah's lifetime was one hundred years and twenty years and seven years; the years of Sarah's life."

At the beginning of the parsha, Rashi explains why the noun "years" is repeated after each unit of her age:

"It is in order to teach that each 'year' is expounded on its own: to teach that when she was a hundred years old she was like twenty with respect to sin... when Sarah was a hundred years old, she was without sin. And when she was twenty years old she was like seven years old with regard to beauty."

The character of Sarah was such that even after a life well lived, she had maintained both her innocence and her purity. She was never corrupted by the frivolities and vanities of life.

How would the Torah depict our lives?

"They lived eighty-seven years" – "at the age of eighty they complained exactly as they did when they were seven. When they were eighty, they were as intolerant as they were at seven. At eighty they were as impatient as they were when they were seven."

Sarah maintained the positive characteristics of her youth well into old age. We, on the other hand, prematurely lose our innocence yet hold tightly onto our character flaws, seeing them as issues of nature, rather than of nurture. A life well lived acknowledges every moment. Even if there are 127 years worth of moments, they are opportunities to make a difference.

Sarah's life was one of difference, and we, the Jewish people, are the evidence of her contribution.

Shabbat shalom

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:

Tamara Reinhardt
Tali Segel

Leah Reinhardt
Isabella Trope

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:

Ian and Glenda Sandler

Ralph and Darryl Schaefer

We wish long life to the following Members who commemorate Yartzeit this week:

Misha Atlas	for his father	Yel Atlas
Jacqueline Gordon	for her mother	Annabelle Barlow
Desmond Cohen	for his mother	Pearl Cohen
Frank Fingleson	for his father	Leslie Fingleson
Rayna Sandler	for her mother	Noeline Gerszt
Robyn Cohen	for her father	Melville Hill
Dianne Fuchs	for her father	George Hollis
Gail Zinn	for her mother	Rose Hotz
Mark Kady	for his brother	Kenneth Kady
Ada Berger	for her sister	Dorothy Newstead
Cheryl Miller and		
George Rosettenstein	for their mother	Freda Rosettenstein
Barbara Rothenberg	for her brother	Stephen Bonert

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