

## Parshat Vayeira

### Friday 3rd November 2017

Candle Lighting	6.45pm
Mincha	6.30pm
Maariv	6.45pm

### Shabbat 4th November 2017

Shacharit	9.00am
Mincha	6.50pm
Maariv	8.06pm

### A word from the Rabbi

*All the descendents of Avraham, both Yishmael, Yitzhak and their respective dynasties, have inherited the great trait of 'Hachnasat Orchim' – welcoming guests. The idea of welcoming strangers into your home and making them feel truly welcome is something that is often preached more than practised.*

*I recall a number of years ago when a friend hosted an Israeli backpacker who had a distant connection to the family. Let's just say he was not the most polite of guests; he made frequent international calls without asking permission, he gorged himself on the contents of the pantry and fridge without concern for others, he left laundry on the floor and never cleaned up after himself.*

*As one can imagine, my friend was at the end of her tether. After all, "What a chutzpah!"*

*It suddenly dawned on me the beauty of what was unfolding...*

*"Didn't you tell him to make himself at home," I asked? "It appears he took you at your word."*

*If you've ever had the privilege of being hosted by an Israeli family, you'll often find them getting annoyed if you keep asking to use the phone or have something to eat.*

*"I have told you to make yourself at home! Stop asking!" will be the response. We don't ask our parents if we can use the phone or have something to eat. We westerners are quite deceitful in asking others to feel at home if what we really mean is, "Don't make yourself feel at home – always feel like a guest."*

*This is the inheritance of the people of Avraham. Hopefully one day we can truly live by its code.*

**Shabbat shalom**

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

David Glaser  
Gavi Grauman

Justin Gordon  
Craig Segel

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

Ian and Glenda Sandler

Ralph and Daryl Schaefer

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

Delene Blumberg  
Simon Gruenewald  
Mo and Simcha Levitt  
Jeremy Levitt  
Hugh Levy  
Basil Melnick  
Melvin Miller  
Ian Rosenbaum  
Lindsay Zeloof  
Simone Rutovitz and  
Helene Schofer  
Rochelle Trakman

for her step-father  
for his mother  
for their son  
for his brother  
for his father  
for his father  
for his mother  
for his mother  
for her father  
for their mother  
for her brother

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