SHABBAT BULLETIN

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Rosh Chodesh Kislev is on Tuesday, November 14 / Molad is on Monday, November 13 at 7:17am and 2 chalakim

Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sara Haftara: Melachim Alef 1:1 - 1:31

Friday, November 10

4:05pm Minha et Kabbalat Chabat -

Minyane Sépharade - Lower

Level Chapel

4:12pm Candle Lighting

4:15pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat -

Main Sanctuary

4:30pm Sh'kiah

Shabbat, November 11 / 27 Cheshvan

8:00am Shacharit - Hashkama Minyan 8:30am Shaharit - Minyane Sépharade 8:40am Parsha Shiur with Rabbi Claman 9:00am Shacharit - Main Sanctuary 9:13am Sof Zman K'riyat Shma 9:30am Kef Club Shabbat Programs for Kids - Lower Level Classrooms

9:30am Youth Minyan - Youth Lounge 10:15am *The Zone* for Kids in Gr. 1 to 3 -

Library

10:45am The Zone for Kids in Gr. 4 to 6 -

Library

3:28pm Plag Hamincha

3:30pm Bnei Akiva Walking Group leaves for HA from TBDJ - pick

up at HA after Shabbat

3:45pm Minha, Seoudah Shleesheet

et Shiour - Minyane Sépharade Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet

4:05pm Mincha, Seudah Shleesheet and Maariv - Main Sanctuary

4:29pm Sh'kiah

5:16pm Havdala

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mincha / Maariv: 4:10pm

Shacharit

Sunday: 8:00am

Monday and Thursday: 6:50am Tuesday (Rosh Chodesh): 6:45am Wednesday and Friday: 7:00am

Friday, November 17

Minha - Minyane Sépharade: 15h55 Candle Lighting is at 4:04pm Mincha - Main Sanctuary: 4:05pm



מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב הוּא יְבָרַךְּ אֻת חַיָּלִי צְבָּא הָגַנָּה לְיִשְׁרָאֵל הָעוֹמְדִים עַל מִשְׁמֵר אַרְצֵנוּ וְעֲרֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ. מִן הַלְּבָנוֹן וְעַד מִדְבֵּר מִצְרִים וּמִן הַיָּם הֹּיוֹל עַד לְבוֹא הָעְרָבָה בִּיבָּשָׁה בְּאַוִיר וּבַיָּם. יַמֵּן הֹ' אֶת אוֹיְבֵינוּ הַקְּמִים עָלִינוּ נָגָפִים לְפָנֵיהֶם. הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא יִשְׁמֹר וְיַצִּיל אֶת חַיָלִינוּ מָכָּל צָרָה וְצוּקְה וּמְכָּל נֶגַע וּמַחָלָה וְיִשְׁלַח בְּרָכָה וְהַצְּלָחָה בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדִיהֶם. יַדְבֵּר שׁוֹנְאֵינוּ תַּחְמִיהֶם וִיעַטְרֵם בְּכֶּתְר יְשׁוּעָה וּבְעַטֶּרֶת נִצְּחוֹן וִיקֵיֵם בָּהֶם הַכְּתוֹב: כִּי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הַהֹלֵף עַמֶּכֶם לְהִלְּחֵם לָכֶם עִם אֹיְבֵיכֶם לְהוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם וְנֹאמֵר אֵמֵן

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to **Natania Etienne** and her family on the occasion of her grandson Zacharya Moshe Etienne becoming a Bar Mitzva on Shabbat, November 4 - Parshat Va'yeira - in Toronto. Proud parents are Yoel & Esther Etienne. Lovingly remembered at this is Zacharya's grandfather Gerard Etienne z"l. Zacharya Moshe is the great grandson of Rabbi David Feuerwerker z"l and a tenth generation maternal descendent of Dov Ber ben Avraham of Mezeritch - the Maggid of Mezeritch.

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Kiddush for the Hashkama Minyan is sponsored by **Joelle & Martin Sacksner** in memory of Martin's beloved mother Joan Beverly Eisenstadt Sacksner z"l (Shayna Miriam bat Yosef Hillel - 27 Cheshvan).

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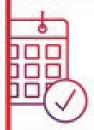
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Monday, November 20 - 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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A SHABBAT MESSAGE FROM REVEREND AMIEL BENDER

The Shalshelet Note - Reaching Beyond Ourselves

In Parashat Chayei Sarah, Avraham sends his faithful servant Eliezer on a mission, to find a wife for his son Yitzchak. Avraham makes Eliezer swear that he will not choose a Canaanite woman as a wife for Yitzchak. Rather, Eliezer is to return to Avraham's hometown, to Aram Naharaim, to find the suitable mate for his master's son. Eliezer asks: Perhaps the woman shall not wish to follow me to this land, shall I take your son back to the land from which you departed? Avraham answers: Beware not to return my son to there! Hashem, G-d of heaven, Who took me from the house of my father and from the land of my birth, Who spoke concerning me, and Who swore to me saying 'to your offspring I will give this land - Israel' - He will send his angel before you and you will take a wife for my son from there. (Breisheet 24:5-7).

We learn from commentary that Eliezer is inwardly challenged by this mission. Eliezer is torn, because he too has a daughter, and as Avraham's faithful and devoted servant, he would obviously have loved for his daughter to be Avraham's chosen mate for Yitzchak. The problem is that Eliezer is not a relative of Avraham. He is a descendant of Canaan, the son that Noach cursed, and therefore his daughter would not be suitable for this marriage.

The words of the Torah teach us that Eliezer's hope is not lost. Avraham adds the following words at the end of the instructive dialogue with his faithful servant: But if the woman will not wish to follow, you shall then be absolved of this oath of mine... (Breisheet 24:8) If the woman of choice in Aram Naharaim refuses to return with Eliezer to marry Yitzchak, the condition is off and he is not responsible to fulfill his oath and bring a woman from Aram Naharaim.

How easy would it be for Eliezer to return from Aram Naharaim and deviously inform his master that he couldn't find the right woman for Yitzchak? Maybe then a marriage between Eliezer's daughter and Yitzchak could materialize. Failure would mean Yitzchak would not marry, and Eliezer, being the closest aide to Avraham, would be the next in line to carry on the covenant. Alternatively, as the midrash suggests, perhaps, if he did not find a wife on this journey, Yitzchak would end up marrying Eliezer's daughter. Either way, lack of success on this mission, may have ended up personally benefiting Eliezer.

In this week's Torah portion Chayei Sarah, there is a shalshelet, a rare Torah cantillation note which appears only four times in the Torah. The elongated shalshelet, composed of twenty-seven notes is unique in its musical pattern as it goes up and down three times for a duration of about eight seconds. The shalshelet symbolizes a hesitation, a pause... The next scene in our Torah portion finds Eliezer at the well in Avraham's hometown and the verses summarize Eliezer's words: And he said: 'Hashem, G-d of my master Avraham, may You so arrange it for me this day that you do kindness with my master Avraham. Behold, I am standing by the spring of water and the daughters of the townsmen come out to draw water. Let it be the maiden to who I shall say, 'Please tip over your jug so I may drink,' and who replies, 'Drink and I will even water your camels,' her will you have designated for Your servant Isaac; and I know through her that you have done kindness with my master. Eliezer's experience at the well opens with his plea to Hashem with the word va-yomar - and he said. Atop the word va-yomar is the shalshelet note. Perhaps, deep down, Eliezer did hesitate. In his heart of hearts, he may not have wanted to succeed. Commentary suggests that it was at this point that Eliezer paused to think about possibly not finding the suitable wife for his master's son and having his daughter become Yitzchak's wife.

Rabbi Avi Weiss writes: The shalshelet looks like a crooked line that begins on the ground and reaches upward. It is telling us that personal feelings are real and human. But it is also teaching us that sometimes we should abandon those natural human inclinations and reach beyond ourselves. Then we will be able to reach the heavens. In other words, Eliezer reached beyond himself in his mission to ensure the future of the Jewish nation by finding the right wife for Yitzchak, even if it meant that Yitzchak would not marry his daughter.

The Shalshelet: a hesitation... a pause... to reach beyond ourselves...

Eliezer was quiet. There is no indication from the text and the Torah commentaries that Eliezer ever told Avraham that he wanted his daughter to be Yitzchak's wife.

I find, that at this present challenging time in our lives, many of us are quiet as well. There is a frightening pause in our lives, an imposing shalshelet which is casting sadness, anger and fear, amidst a wide array of emotions in our global Jewish world. We have come face to face with the worst evil imaginable. Our thoughts and hearts are consumed with the unthinkable anguish of the hostages taken by the enemy, the out of all proportion attitudes in the anti-Israel political world and the enmity towards Israel as "oppressors". I have found that while conversational words help us speak our minds, they don't provide much comfort. At the rallies that are held, most speakers aren't saying what I want to hear. I, for one have tried in the past few weeks to reach beyond myself in my anguish and pain by choosing prayer and silence. Silence sometimes speaks louder than words. The power of prayer is obvious. Otherwise, there isn't much to say...

Some thirty years ago I attended a prayer vigil at one of our local synagogues following a terrorist attack. The speakers spoke the usual rhetoric that we are used to hearing when the community unites on these somber occasions. Rabbi Chananya Berzon, however, spoke about the underlying thought that was going through my mind and I'm sure, in the minds of many in the crowded Shul. He opened his words by telling the crowd that at the conclusion of our weekly morning services, we say the שיר של יום - the psalm/song of the day, psalms from the book of Tehillim that were carefully selected and amalgamated into our prayers. The Gemara in Rosh Hashanah (31a) teaches the connections of each psalm to it's respective day. The Rabbi commented on the psalm selected for יום רביעי - Wednesday, which begins with the words:

אֵל־נְקָמוֹת ה' אֵל נְקָמוֹת הוֹפִיַע O G-d of vengeance, Hashem; O G-d of vengeance, appear... Psalms 94:1

Why is it, the Rabbi asked, that we talk about the vengeance of Hashem on Wednesday's psalm for the day? Where does this fit in with the themes of the other days of the week which focus on creation? Commentary teaches that after Hashem created the sun, moon, and the stars on the fourth day of creation, man began to regard the luminaries as independent gods that should be worshipped. Because of this idolatry Hashem showed Himself to be a G-d of vengeance, for despite His patience and mercy, Hashem does not tolerate evil forever. In his answer, Rabbi Berzon tied in the idea of intolerance with evil. His message was, that it is the understanding of every believing Jew that we live with faith in Hashem, and that we accept and understand the rollercoaster of Jewish history, knowing with our perfect faith that we will eventually merit the complete redemption. We recite this psalm in the middle of the week - not in the beginning or end of the week - symbolizing that along our road through life there are times in our Jewish existence when we need to take a pause to express ourselves and cry out the emotions spelled out by the text of a verse 3 in this Psalm:

> עַד־מָתִי רְשָׁעִים ה׳ עַד־מְתַי רְשָׁעִים יַעֲלֹזוּ How long shall the wicked - Oh Hashem how long shall the wicked exult? Psalms 94:3

Rabbi Berzon stressed that there are times when we need to pray to Hashem for vengeance, for relief from the anguish, pain, and suffering. We need a break, a pause from our oppressive enemies! It is a time when we need to reach beyond ourselves and express what is inside of us, as individuals and as a community...

May our prayers be answered. May the wicked fall and may our hostages return home, safe and sound... עם ישראל חי!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rev. Amiel







Community safety has always been a top priority for Federation CJA, but our role has significantly expanded in recent years with the increase of antisemitic incidents and violent hate crimes both worldwide and close to home. **Our Jewish community has prioritized our safety**, ensuring that Jewish life in our institutions, synagogues, and Jewish day schools can continue to operate with a sense of security and normalcy.

The **Community Security Network (CSN)** was created four years ago for these exact reasons. Federation CJA is able to deal effectively with the current rise of antisemitism in our own backyard. Our CSN has served as a **point of contact for critical incident coordination, information and intelligence sharing, as well as safety and security training**. In partnership with experts in the field and over 33 local Jewish institutions, we have developed best practices to enhance the safety, security, and resilience of our schools, synagogues, and agencies.

The **CSN volunteer program** has been training community volunteers to **act as the eyes and ears of our community**. Both the war in Israel and the recent spike in antisemitism has shown just how important community volunteers are in such situations.

We are looking for volunteers to join our Community Security Network! To become a member, please note the following commitments:

- 8-WEEK MANDATORY TRAINING COURSE THAT MEETS ONCE A WEEK
- TRAINING SESSIONS TWICE PER MONTH
- SECURITY SHIFTS TWICE PER MONTH

We understand that this is a big commitment. Especially now with Israel at war, but also in our everyday lives as Jews when things are not as tense. We are grateful to have this dynamic team protecting the Montreal Jewish community and empowering us to be proactive about our own safety. Nobody knows our community institutions better than its members, so who better to secure them than you?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT JOINING THE CSN, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY RESPONDING TO THIS EMAIL.

Thank you!

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