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MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

The Mishna in Avos says "עשרה נסיונות נתנסה אברהם". Avraham Avinu faced 10 challenges in his life and withstood them all. Almost all the commentaries consider the 10th and final נסיון, as the possuk declares, "עתה ידעתי כי ירא אלוקים, "Now I know that you fear God."

However, the רבינו יונה in his פירוש on אבות says the עקידה was only the 9th test, and the episode in this week's parsha when Avraham tries to find a burial plot for שרה אמינו is the final נסיון. Avraham is faced with a difficult negotiating partner and the challenges of navigating such a delicate ordeal while grieving the loss of his beloved wife, and only after that experience does the Mishna say "ועמד בכלם", "He withstood them all," "להודיע כמה חבתה", "To declare how intense his love was for הקב"ה."

So we see that even after the עקידה and his unwavering will to give up everything dear to him for God, he has not passed the ultimate test. What more can he do? How does this challenge prove something the others did not?

I believe this final test could only have come after the עקידה, after Avraham had risen to the greatest spiritual heights a man can reach, after having God declare Avraham to be a true ירא אלוקים, with a promise never to forsake him or his generations after him. Returning from this supernatural, Godly experience, Avraham is challenged to interact with Man, and expressions of our basest humanity. He seeks a burial spot for his wife and is confronted by Efron over land promised to him by the רבש"ע. How will he react? Will he wave the banner of his unique relationship with Hashem? Will he be harsh with those standing in his way? Will he question God's intent in this experience, after he has withstood all? This event is a precursor to the Golus of his descendants, a microcosm of thousands of years of oppression that lay ahead, and his response guides us today: אברהם responds to those men with respect and dignity - he doesn't question God as to how can this be. This is the ultimate test. After all the growth, to stay true to the mission.

We as Jews in the United States of America have been so blessed to be afforded the opportunity to practice our faith so freely, to have our institutions safe and protected as no other time in the history of our exile. Last week we were reminded that in we remain in Golus, despite these conditions. And that hate seems to have no barrier. How we respond to these events is our נסיון. As a people who gather together daily and each Shabbos to strengthen our relationship with הקב"ה through תפילה, we must enhance those moments and intensify that commitment.

Have a good Shabbos,
יוסף צבי ווייס

SHABBOS ZMANIM

	Candle Lighting.....	5:46 PM
	Shkia.....	6:04 PM
	Mincha/Kabbolas Shabbos.....	5:51 PM
	Shacharis.....	7:00, 9:00 AM
	Sof Zman Krias Shema.....	10:13 AM
	Youth Groups.....	9:30 AM KIDS DAVENING 9:45
	Mincha.....	2:00, 5:36 PM
	Maariv.....	6:51 PM

SHUL NEWS

MAZAL TOV to Shua & Stephanie Landau on the wedding of their daughter Yaeli to DC Lowinger of New York this Sunday! Mazal Tov to Ms. Gitty Lowinger and Mr. Elie Lowinger, and the entire extended Landau and Lowinger families. May Yaeli and DC be זוכה לבנות בית נאמן בישראל בע

MAZAL TOV to Rafi and Mikki Wassner on the birth of a baby boy! The Shul is warmly invited to a Shalom Zachor tonight in the Heather Ridge Clubhouse beginning at 8:00 PM. May they be זוכה לגדלו לתורה לחופה ולמעשים טובים!

YOM KIPPUR KOTTON will be this week Wednesday, November 7 at 4:00 PM.

LADIES PAINT NIGHT The Ohr Hachaim Sisterhood invites all women to eat, drink, and be creative at our **Ladies' Paint Night** on Sunday, November 11 from 8-9:30 in the Social Hall! Bring a friend and have a great time with dairy refreshments and a painting to take home. Visit the Shul website or send us an email to reserve your spot.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chana Boehm (Monday, 11/5)



YARTZEIT

Malka Esterson's father (*Ludwig Stiefel*) (Monday, 11/5)



ELECTION DAY (Tuesday, 11/6)

Rabbi Weiss and the Shul encourage everyone to **VOTE!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

NWCP ANNUAL DINNER On November 17, Motzei Shabbos, Parshas V'yatzai, the Northwest Citizens Patrol will be having its annual Anniversary Reception, at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion at 8:00 pm. This is a very important event for the community, especially since many local, city and state officials will be attending including many members of the police command staff. Community presence is critical, and everyone should please make every effort to attend. Please call 410-664-6927 extension 8 or email rsvp@nwcp.info, as soon as possible to make your reservation.

AGRA D'PIRKA KOLEL Agra D'Pirka morning Kollel takes place every morning, Mon-Thu in Rabbi Heber's shul, 6811 Park Heights Ave. 9-10am, Gemora Sukkah Shiur from Rabbi Yankel Herskovitz. 10:40-11:40am, Daily guest speakers from various Rabbonim from the community. Light refreshments served daily.

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KOL HANEARIM.....\$72 HOT KIDDUSH.....\$360
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WEEKDAY ZMANIM

Shacharis.....6:55, 7:30, 8:20 AM
 Sunday Shacharis..... 9:00 AM
 Mincha.....1:25, 3:05 PM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:45 PM
 Maariv.....8:00, 9:45, 10:45 PM

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

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LEARNING	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	שבת
Shabbos Chumash & Chassidus							8:30 AM
Early Morning Kollel		6:30 AM	9:00 AM				
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Weiss)	7:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	
Daf Yomi (w/ Rabbi Bergman)	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	8:20 AM	
B'nei Yissoscher	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב	מנחה/מעריב		
Kollel Mekadshei Shevi'i						4:30-7:00 PM	4:30-7:00 PM
Kol Hanearim							7:45 PM
Shivti Chabura (כבוד ועוגן שבת)	9:00 AM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM	8:15-9:00 PM		
Night Kollel (עבודה זרה)		8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM	8:15-9:45 PM		
Blatt-A-Week Shiur (ערכין)		9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM	9:00-9:45 PM			
Sforno on Chumash Shiur					10:00 PM		
Women's Rosh Chodesh Shiur	<i>Women's Shiur by Rabbi Weiss on significance of the Hebrew month. Date & time to be announced monthly.</i>						