

# KJ HAPPENINGS

## Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Natan Halevy

Shalom,



In this week's parasha, Vayera, we read about Abraham and Sarah being visited by three angels who appear as men. They come to bless Abraham and Sarah and give them the great news that they will merit having a special son, Isaac. According to the commentaries, Abraham is involved in a discussion with G-d when the angels appear. Abraham asks G-d to wait so he may serve these 'guests.'

At first glance, this seems to be quite rude! Interrupting a conversation with Hashem to receive guests?

The Talmud makes a great claim based on this: "from here we can see that receiving guests in one's home is greater than receiving the Divine presence." This aligns with the answer of Hillel to the convert who wanted to learn the entire Torah in a short time: "Love your fellow like yourself," this is the entire Torah." The rest of the Torah is a commentary on this commandment.

Maimonides states, regarding the mitzvah of receiving guests, "This is the way that

Abraham paved and the way of kindness in which he acted. He would feed passersby and accompany them on their way after." By making this claim, Maimonides seems to contradict himself. In another place, he states that this commandment is part of the commandment stated in the Torah of "loving our fellow like ourselves."

The resolution can be found in a third statement: "The stories and events of our forefathers are a sign for their children." While the mitzvah of receiving guests is technically from the Torah, the strength and motivation we have for fulfilling this mitzvah comes from Abraham. With his great love for Hashem and people, Abraham paved this path of kindness in the world and bequeathed it to us.

Indeed, each of our Patriarchs and Matriarchs had special, unique spiritual strengths that they bequeathed to us as an inheritance. It is upon us to strengthen ourselves by studying their paths and lives, so we can connect to these latent spiritual powers which may be found within our souls.

May we be blessed to reveal the strength of our souls and to connect them to our physical lives in a way that affects the world in a positive manner.

Shabbat Shalom!

## Parashat Vayera

Torah: Gen. 18:1–22:24, 147 Pesukim

Hertz 63–76; Stone 78–105

Haftara (§): II Kings 4:1–23

Hertz 76–78; Stone 1134–1135

Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah

## KJ Schedule

### Erev Shabbat

*Friday, November 15th*

Candle lighting.....	4:31 pm
Minha .....	4:45 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit .....	5:30 pm

### Yom Shabbat

*Saturday, November 16th*

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Sermon .....	11:20 am
Musaf .....	11:30 am
Minha .....	4:25 pm
Seuda Shelisheet .....	5:00 pm
Arvit.....	5:30 pm
Havdala.....	5:34 pm

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*Sunday, November 17th*

Shaharit ..... 7:30 am  
Talmud Torah ..... 9:45 am

**Weekdays**

*Monday-Friday, November 18th-22nd*

Shaharit ..... 6:25 am

**Next Shabbat**

*Friday-Saturday, November 22-23*

Candle lighting ..... 4:28 pm  
Friday Minha ..... 4:25 pm  
Shaharit ..... 8:30 am  
Saturday Minha ..... 4:20 pm  
Havdala ..... 5:31 pm

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**\*To be a part of the Kahal family**

**\*High Holy Days tickets**

**\* Rabbi for lifecycle events**

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**\*Preferential rates for space  
rentals, Talmud Torah tuition  
and children's programs**

*You support...*

**\*Educational programs**

**\*Social events**

**\*Prayer minyanim**

**\*Keeping Kahal here for you  
when you need it!**

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## Mazal Tov Amit & Dror Ironi

on the birth of  
a baby girl  
**Ariel**

**Besiman Tov**  
to grandparents  
Merna Ironi  
Meirav & Dror Yehudayan  
and  
the entire family

## Sponsor a Kiddush or Seuda Shelisheet!

**Celebrate a family milestone!**

**Honor the memory of a loved one!**

**Share a simha with the community!**

**Celebrate and commemorate with  
your Kahal Joseph community by  
sponsoring a Kiddush or Seuda  
Shelisheet for all to enjoy**

**Contact Sarah in the office at  
310.474.0559 to reserve your date**

## In Memoriam

We remember these yearzeit anniversaries from November 16 to 23, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor our memory of loved ones.

**18 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 16th**

*Yashaiah ben Yaacov Shalom*

*Hazan Gabriel Solomon Gavriel ben Shlomo*

**20 Heshvan / Monday, November 18th**

*Mordechai Harkham Mordechai ben Hacham  
David*

*Victoria Zeubaida Victoria Zeubaida bat Lulu  
Esther Robbins Esther bat Matana*

**21 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 19th**

*Joshua Moses Yehoshua ben Ephraim Moshe*

**22 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 20th**

*Khuzna Levi Khuzna bat Esther Halevi*

**23 Heshvan / Thursday, November 21st**

*Heshmatolah Mizrahi Yehazghel ben Shlomo*

**24 Heshvan / Friday, November 22nd**

*Joseph Ezrapour Joseph ben Ezra*

*Jacob Elias Yaacov Moshe ben Eliyahu*

**25 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 23rd**

*Charles A. Lelah Salah ben Aharon*

## Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron •  
Sylvia Cohen • Esther Duke • Mehry bat Miriam  
Hakimpour • Tilda Levy • Yvonne Moalim  
Florice Newberry • Aliza bat Rahel • Aliza bat  
Victoria • Chaya Chana bat Batya • Katie bat  
Farha • Miriam bat Yetta • Miryam bat Malka •  
Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov • Habiba bat Farha •  
Dina bat Rahel • Chaya Rachel bat Simcha  
Ruhama • Rahel bat Ramah Regina •  
Karen bat Chana Meir • Eti Esther bat Fortuna •  
Ezra ben Rahel • Eliahu Shalom ben Avigayil •  
Mark Jonah • Albert Nissan ben Victoria •  
David ben Tova • Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva  
Shaoul ben Lulu



the gift of purpose

Class@8pm  
w/Rabbi Halevy

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how our patriarchs &  
matriarchs changed  
the world

KJ Family Shabbat

**Celebrate Shabbat with your kids!**

**Saturdays, December 7 & January 11 @ 10:45 am**  
**Upstairs Synagogue with Rabbi Halevy**

*Sing together, learn together, pray together*  
*Spiritual, accessible service at Kahal Joseph*

**Join KJ Kids Club! Earn bracelets & tokens!**  
**Collect them for prizes during Hannuka!**  
*Kiddush Luncheon to follow services*

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12.  
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the light in the  
darkness  
Hanukkah revealed



light of Hanukkah

## UPCOMING KJ EVENTS

- ◆ Rabbi's Class: The Gift of Purpose, Wed, Nov 20@8:00 pm
- ◆ Bat Mitzva Club w/Bracha Halevy, Sun, Dec 1
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Sat, Dec 7@10:45 am
- ◆ Rabbi's Class: Light of Hanukkah, Wed, Dec 18@8:00 pm
- ◆ Children's Hannukah Party, Sun, Dec 22
- ◆ Family Shabbat, Sat, Jan 11@10:45 am
- ◆ Tu Bishvat Community Hike, Sun, Feb 9
- ◆ Purim Baking for Community Baskets, Sun, Feb 23
- ◆ Purim Megillah, Mon & Tues, March 9 & 10





# Pink Challah Bake

*Thursday, November 7th 2019*

