

KJ HAPPENINGS

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Natan Halevy



Shalom, This week's parasha is named Hayei Sarah which means "the life of Sarah." This seems to be an interesting name for the parasha, as it begins by recounting her death, Abraham's acquisition of her burial plot and her burial.

The Zohar has a passage which illustrates some of Sarah's greatness. "Eve came to this world and was defiled by the snake (who caused her to sin) thus bringing death to her husband and the world. Noah tried to rectify Eve's sin but became drunk and was defiled. Sarah was able to rectify Eve's sin as was seen when she and Abraham went down to Egypt and left unharmed. Sarah brought abundant blessings for her husband and her offspring forever. She had the power to descend into darkness and rise up.'

If we take a closer look at the parasha, we are able to see Sarah's strong impact even after her passing. Abraham realizes he is getting older, and he hasn't married off Isaac. Thus he makes his servant Eliezer take an oath to go to Abraham's family to find a wife for his son. Under no circumstances is Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac among the daughters of the land.

Abraham understands that Isaac needs a special wife in order to continue the great legacy that would be the birth of our nation. This leads to Eliezer finding Rebecca, Abraham's great-niece, and bringing her back to Isaac.

Our Sages say there were three miracles associated with Sarah's tent. There was a cloud surrounding it continuously which represented G-d's divine presence that was drawn down by Sarah's purity and holiness. Her Shabbat candles would stay lit the entire week. Her bread always stayed fresh. These miracles ceased taking place once she passed on.

When Isaac brings Rebecca to his mother's tent, these three miracles start to happen again, and this is the sign that she is a worthy successor as the next matriarch for our nation.

Abraham is about to pass on towards the end of the parasha. He calls together all his sons who were born after Isaac and sends them away during his lifetime, so there shouldn't be any confusion as to who is his main son and inheritor. Once again we see the power of Sarah's influence on Abraham in the recognition that he has to make this difficult decision for the guaranteed success of his son and the future of our nation.

The Torah then describes the burial of Abraham when he passed on. It says that Isaac was at the head, with Yishmael behind him. Yishmael had backed down from his previous claims of being greater than Isaac and realized that Isaac was the main progeny and inheritor of Abraham. All of this was made possible through the strength, wisdom and foresight of our first matriarch, Sarah.

May we all be blessed with this strength and wisdom to make the right decisions for ourselves and our families. Amen.

Parashat Hayei Sarah Birkat Hachodesh

Torah: Gen. 23:1–25:18, 105 Pesukim
Hertz 80–89; Stone 106–123
Haftara: I Kings 1:1–31
Hertz 90–92; Stone 1136–1137
Tefillot: Mashiv Haruah, Hakhratzat
Kislev (Ths & Fri)

KJ Schedule

Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 22nd

Candle lighting.....	4:28 pm
Minha	4:35 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat & Arvit	5:00 pm

Yom Shabbat

Saturday, November 23rd

Shaharit.....	8:30 am
Keriat HaTorah.....	10:15 am
Sermon	11:20 am
Musaf	11:30 am

Minha	4:10 pm
Seuda Shelisheet	4:50 pm
Arvit.....	5:25 pm
Havdala.....	5:31 pm

Sunday, November 24th

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

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Mazal Tov

Margot & Greg Sanders
on the birth of a baby boy

Besiman Tov to
great-grandmother
Vera Levi

grandparents
Judy & Fred Lurie
Trudy & Dave Sanders
and the whole family

Shabbat Kiddush

is sponsored
in memory of

Mary Saleh, z"l
Haim Saleh, z"l
Dr. Saleh Saleh, z"l

by
Viva and Charles Rabbie

Condolences

With sorrow we send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Naji Harkham, Naji ben Chacham Mordechai David, z"l**, grandfather of Kahal's dear Rabbi Natan Halevy and of Sharon Halevy-Gomperts. A lovely man, Naji touched many people in the Kahal community in a very positive way. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family and loved ones. May they be comforted together with all the mourners of Tsion. *Min hashamayim tenuhamu.*

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from November 23 to 30, 2019. We light memorial candles, donate tsedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor our memory of loved ones.

25 Heshvan / Shabbat, November 23rd
Charles A. Lelah *Salah ben Aharon*

27 Heshvan / Monday, November 25th
Sumner Blank

Yehoshua Moshi *Yehoshua ben Moshe*
Nissim Yaacov *Nissim Rahamim Yaacov*

28 Heshvan / Tuesday, November 26th
Moshe Bebe *Moshe ben Kadoori*
Ezekiel Howard *Yehezkel Howard*
Lulu Masliah *Lulu bat Salha*

Samuel Joseph Zachariah *Shmuel ben Yoseph*

29 Heshvan / Wednesday, November 27th
Shaul Haim Nuriel *Shaul ben Haim*
Mary Saleh

1 Kislev / Friday, November 29th
William Ekaireb *Shaya ben Ezra Sion*
Aby Isaac Avraham *ben Eliyahu Yitzhak*
Joe Hai Joseph *Yoseph Hai ben Itzhak Yoseph*
Henry Yehezkel *Henry Yehezkel ben Sion Zekaria*

2 Kislev / Shabbat, November 30th
Doron Ironi *Doron ben Yosef*
Victoria Kadosh *Victoria bat Reuben*
Ralph Nathan *Raphael ben Mordechai*
Ezekiel Ezra Reuben *Yehezkel ben Reuven Dloomy*

Refua Shelema

Sassoon Ezra • Moselle Amron • Sally Amron • Sylvia Cohen • Esther Duke • Mehry bat Miriam Hakimipour 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 • Joseph Sassoon

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Evelyn Itzhaki, z"l
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There's a warm place for you in the happy camaraderie of Kahal Joseph's morning minyan. Any day is off to a great start when it begins with prayer and friendship. The best part? It's a mitsva too!

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Weekdays / Mon-Wed, November 25th-27th
Shaharit 6:25 am

Rosh Hodesh Kislev & Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 28th
Shaharit 7:00 am

Rosh Hodesh Kislev
Friday, November 29th
Shaharit 6:05 am

Next Shabbat / Fri-Sat, November 29-30
Candle lighting 4:25 pm
Friday Minha 4:30 pm
Shaharit 8:30 am
Saturday Minha 4:00 pm
Havdala 5:29 pm

Class@8pm
w/Rabbi Halevy

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the light in the
darkness
Hanukkah revealed



light of Hanukkah

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

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Collect them for prizes during Hannuka!
Kiddush Luncheon to follow services

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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**

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Membership Benefits Everyone!

You get...

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

***High Holy Days tickets**

*** Rabbi for lifecycle events**

***Pastoral counseling**

***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!**

Contact the office at 310-474-0559

UPCOMING KJ EVENTS

CELEBRATE WITH KAHAL

♦ 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

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TO BECOME A BAT MITZVA

AN INNOVATIVE, YEAR-LONG
PROGRAM FOR GIRLS AGE 11-13

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CLUB**



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**The
Kahal Joseph
HANUKKAH PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
11AM TO 12:30PM

Join us for
candelighting,
games, crafts,
friends, food
and more!

RSVP at
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An event for families & children
of all ages!