

KJ Happenings

5 Kislev 5781 | 21 November 2020

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Weekly Schedule

PARASHAT TOLEDOT

[Beresheet 25:19 - 28:9](#)

[Haftara, Malachi 1:1-2:7](#)

Songs for Shabbat Toldot

[Bakashot at Magen David, Toronto](#)

EREV SHABBAT

Friday 11/20

Candle Lighting 4:28 pm

Minha & Arvit – at Home

SHABBAT

Saturday 11/21

Shaharit & Musaf – at Home

Minha, Seuda & Arvit - at Home

Havdallah 5:31 pm

WEEKDAYS

Sunday 11/22

Virtual Talmud Torah
classes by Zoom!

[Email our Director, Molly Jalali](#)

Sunday-Friday

Shaharit – at Home

Minha & Arvit - at Home

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Rabbi's Message

by Rabbi Natan Halevy
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Shalom, all. The story of Isaac and Rebecca is told in this week's parasha. The Torah states "Isaac prayed to the Lord opposite his wife because she was barren, and the Lord accepted his prayer, and Rebecca his wife conceived." Our forefathers and mothers were extremely dear to Hashem. For this reason, their struggles and travails are recorded in the Torah. The Talmud deduces from this episode that Hashem may withhold certain blessings from people in order to bring them to a deeper level of prayer. For reasons beyond our understanding, Hashem greatly desires the prayers of the righteous and people in general. The existence of 'lack' and 'need' in this realm necessitates prayer and the subsequent fulfillment of these prayers illustrates their influence and energy. Indeed, the power of prayer has been proven scientifically in numerous settings and tests. It is one of the foundations of our religion and nation.

The struggles related in the Torah are quite profound. We see a thread in the Torah of the forefathers wanting to bless the wrong sons and their wives rectifying the matter. In two separate instances, Sarah and Rebecca got involved with their husband's relationships with their sons and influenced the situation. The Torah is very clear in praising the wisdom of these women.

Abraham was the embodiment of the energy of Loving-Kindness—"Chesed." This was reflected in his behavior with people, in his teaching them and bringing the concept of Hashem into their range of vision and understanding. This is the embodiment of kindness, bringing down Hashem's influence onto another at their level of perception. This is just as when someone gives a gift to someone else.

An extreme and harsh form of this exchange, an abuse of this energy, leads to stealing—when someone takes advantage of kindness and takes a physical or spiritual gift against the owner's will. Ishmael engaged in this type of lifestyle, one based on taking from others, taking advantage of others'

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kindness. Avraham had a soft spot for Ishmael, and the energy of kindness flowed in the wrong direction. Sarah helped to direct Avraham in the right direction.

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Torah Learning & Melodies from Kahal

*Rabbi Natan Halevy
and Hazzan Saeed Jalali*



[Shabbat Message from Rabbi Halevy](#)



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Remembering Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, zt'l

Kahal Joseph honors and remembers Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, zt'l, who influenced Jews and non-Jews to live moral, exemplary lives filled with meaning, to hope for a better world, and to undertake the responsibility of creating one.



Explore the parasha resources Rabbi Sacks left to guide our Torah study and lifelong learning.

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Refuah Shelema

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Aliza bat Victoria
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Katie bat Farha
Miriam bat Yetta
Miryam bat Malka
Moshe Ezra ben Mazal Tov
Chaya Rachel bat Simcha Ruhama
Dina bat Rahel
Rahel bat Ramah Regina
Karen bat Chana Meir
Eti Esther bat Fortuna
Ezra ben Rahel
Albert Nissan ben Victoria
Mark Jonah
Reuven Halevi ben Batsheva
David ben Tova
Joseph Sassoon
Yosef Haim ben Aharon Elisha
Odette bat Louise
Dina bat Simha / Diana Solomon
Rachel Bakhash / Rahel bat Dina

In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries from November 21st to 28th 2020. We light memorial candles, donate tzedaka, and attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of our loved ones.

5 Kislev / Shabbat, November 21st

Elias Ezekiel Isaac *Eliyahu ben Yehezkel Itzhak*
Silas Moshe Kadoorie *Silas ben Moshe Kadoorie*
Nassim Reuben Suleiman
Molly Zachariah *Mazal bat Shalom*
Saul Sassoon

6 Kislev / Sunday, November 22nd

Maggie Dabby *Marjorie bat Sam*

7 Kislev / Monday, November 23rd

Emma Shapiro
Eliyahu Ezer *Eliyahu ben Yoseph*

8 Kislev / Tuesday, November 24th

Diana Saul *Yael bat Florence*

9 Kislev / Wednesday, November 25th

Isaac Joseph *Itzhak ben Yoseph*
Ezra *Itzhaki Ezra ben Reuven*
Sholkat *Zekharia Sholkat bat Zekharia*

10 Kislev / Thursday, November 26th

Ruhama Abbo *Ruhama bat Chana*

11 Kislev / Friday, November 27th

Ludwig Altman *Ludwig ben Avraham*
Sasson Cohen *Sassoon Shimon Duek Hacohen*
Rachel bat Simha

12 Kislev / Shabbat, November 28th

Yedidyah *Yehudah Yedidyah ben Yehudah*

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