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Parasha Chaya Sara
November 7, 2026 / 27th Cheshvan
Shabbos Mevarchim – Rosh Chodesh T. & W.
Shabbos lik ner: **4:14 PM**

Shabbos Day

Shacharis	**9:00** AM
Latest Shema	9:56AM
Latest Tefilla	10:47 AM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Ma'ariv	5:14/5:43PM

Shabbos Day at Young Israel

Mincha	4:15 PM
Maariv/Havdala	5:10/5:15 PM

Weekday at YI

Mincha/Maariv	4:07 PM

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha	12 noon
Maariv	5:30 PM

Weekday Ma'ariv
Su. 4:10 PM & Mo-Th 7:30 PM

Rabbi Hartman's Sunday morning class is 9:30 a.m.
Zoom ID: 903 917 1656
Password: 170 smain

SHMIRAS HALASHON class **is Monday at 9:15 a.m.**
Please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE
Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 a.m.
Meeting ID: 822 979 966
Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:
Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;
Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.
Contact Melvyn Huff
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RABBI YISR0EL REISMAN

Rabbi Reisman's erudite and insightful teachings on the Book of Daniel will be this **motzei shabbos at 7:30 p.m**. All are invited to this live streamed Torah Conferencing Network (TCN) shown at Congregation Etz Chaim.

RABBI MENDY ROSENFELD

Rabbi Rosenfeld's parasha class is **postponed** until Sunday, November 15th.

ETZ CHAIM BOARD MEETING

Our next monthly **board meeting** will be Tuesday, **November 24 at 5:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please RSVP to Janis at jbmonat@aol.com if the **link** is needed.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY SEMINAR

All are invited to a free seminar on "**What Constitutes a Medical Emergency**", at Congregation Etz Chaim, 74 Billings Street, Sharon on **November 8 at 7:00 pm. Part I: "What Constitutes a Medical Emergency for Adults and Children**", presented by Doctor David Sloane, Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School. **Part II: "Principles of Medical Care on Shabbat",** presented by the Bostoner Rebbe, Rabbi Naftali Horowitz. This evening is free of charge, but reservations are required and can be made by writing to George Monat at Etztreasurer@aol.com. Light refreshments to be enjoyed!

COMEDIAN

Rabbi Bob Alper, the world's only practicing rabbi doing stand-up comedy, will be performing **Sun., Nov. 15, 3:00 p.m., at B'nai Tikvah, 1301 Washington Street, Canton**. A reception will follow the performance. Tickets are $36 each at the door. Or register at: https://www.bnaitikvahma.org/event/comedy-night-with-rabbi-bob-alper.html.

ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

Our next book is ***To the End of the Land*** by David Grossman. We meet Monday, **December 7**, at 7 p.m. Books are at the library's circulation desk. Questions or book suggestions? Contact: Merilee melmaeir@gmail.com.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Our prayers are for the healing of the wounded soldiers of the IDF, those who have been hurt in terrorist attacks, the Israeli survivors from 10/7/23 **and this Iran/Lebanon/Gaza War**. We pray for the healing of our congregation members: Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Tzila Pass, Tzila Chava bas Rachel; Marve Rudenstein, Menachem Yitzchak ben Raitza; and Burton Cusner. May they all heal soon and fully!

ROOM RENTAL

The Mathes Room, a large modern space, is available for holiday celebration rentals, shiva meals, sheva bracha meals, children's parties, etc. Please contact George Monat, etztreasurer@aol.com for more information.

THOUGHTS on Chaya Sara

By Janis Monat

This parasha is known as the "shidduch" parasha. Yes, it begins with the death of Sara, the adored wife of Avraham, but segues to the next generation of Yitzchak and Rivka beginning a married life together.

Project Shoresh's Naftali Karp summarizes, "Abraham wanted his servant, Eliezer, to go find a wife for his son, Isaac. He told Eliezer the criteria the woman would need to fulfill to be worthy of marrying his son.

"Eliezer then made a plan to go by a spring of water and see if he could find a woman who would not only give water to him to drink, but would also instinctively give water to his camels without ever being asked to do so.

"This might seem strange - this woman will be one of the mothers of the Jewish people, and **we are deciding destiny from one little interaction?**

"Yes! He was trying to see if she was a person who thought about others and noticed their needs**. It is very common that we might feel obligated to help someone for whatever reason, but sometimes we wait a minute and calm our conscience, and then we move on.**

The test here was whether she went beyond politeness. She did, and we merit her forever as a role model**.** If you are doing an act, make sure it is finished!"

I found this quality when I met the man who would become my husband, George. I remember thinking how refreshing it was to be on a date with someone who didn't speak lashon hara. I felt his specialness. To this day he holds doors open for strangers, giving them the same respect he did to me and still does in his speech, actions, and mannerisms. From our second date our souls were entwined. This connection has carried us through raising our children, getting through health issues, employment beginnings and endings, comforting each other during the loss of family members, feeling the joy of singing zemirot at our shabbos table, going simple places with each other, attending family simchas, and even just looking into each other's eyes when refurbishment and renewal beckons.

We need to be careful not to take each other for granted. The two funerals I've attended with mourner's minyanim this week had tehillim from Ecclesiastes which reminded me not to take **always being here** as a given, to treasure family and friends, beautiful nature, and our senses Hashem has given us to experience it all.

Our forefathers and mothers have been our role models for thousands of years, my own parents and those of George's most recently…. And now us, our friends, and some of whom have been married for almost 70 years!

Making a choice takes courage. Having faith in ourselves and in each other with "bitachon", trust in Hashem, elevates that choice!

Shabbat shalom!