

Parshas
CHAYEI SARAH
Shabbos Mevorchim
5776

6-7 Nov 2015 / 25 CHESHVAN 5776

EARLY SUMMER KABBOLAS SHABBOS: 5.30PM
CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 6.10PM
EVEY SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 6.15PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 5.50PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 7.01PM
SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 6.15PM



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LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 8.31AM
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 7.03PM

OVERVIEW

Sarah, Mother of the Jewish People, passes on at age 127. After mourning and eulogizing her, Avraham seeks to bury her in the Cave of Machpela. As this is the burial place of Adam and Chava, Avraham pays its owner, Ephron the Hittite, an exorbitant sum. Avraham sends his faithful servant Eliezer to find a suitable wife for his son, Yitzchak, making him swear to choose a wife only from among Avraham's family. Eliezer travels to Aram Naharaim and prays for a sign. Providentially, Rivka appears. Eliezer asks for water. Not only does she give him water, but she draws water for all 10 of his thirsty camels. (Some 140 gallons!) This extreme kindness marks her as the right wife for Yitzchak and a suitable Mother of the Jewish People. Negotiations with Rivka's father and her brother Lavan result in her leaving with Eliezer. Yitzchak brings Rivka into his mother Sarah's tent, marries her and loves her. He is then consoled for the loss of his mother. Avraham remarries Hagar who is renamed Ketura to indicate her improved ways. Six children are born to them. After giving them gifts, Avraham sends them to the East. Avraham passes away at the age of 175 and is buried next to Sarah in the Cave of Machpela.



ELIEZER WAS FULLY TRUSTED — IN FINANCIAL MATTERS ONLY

The Parsha describes Avraham Avinu sending his trusted servant to find a proper mate for his son Yitzchak. Eliezer is called Avraham's servant as well as the "elder member of his household." He is described as one "who ruled over everything that belonged to Avraham" (haMoshel bechol asher lo) [Bereshis 24:2]

In effect, Eliezer was not only Avraham's slave and servant -- Eliezer was Avraham's attorney. Avraham Avinu gave over the responsibility for running his entire household to him. Avraham, as we know from earlier Parshiyot, was a very wealthy man. Eliezer was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Avraham Avinu's entire estate. He was a trusted person whose integrity was beyond reproach. He was in charge of everything! He signed the checks. He decided when to buy and when to sell.

Why then, at the end of this very same pasuk, did Avraham request "place your hand under my thigh" (an expression requesting that Eliezer take an oath)? At this point, Avraham was suddenly no longer prepared to trust Eliezer. Avraham demanded that Eliezer swear — in the name of the G-d of Heaven and Earth that he would not take a wife for Yitzchak from the daughters of Canaan, who lived in their midst.

This doesn't seem to make any sense. The beginning of the pasuk gives Eliezer the highest accolades possible — "zekan beiso, haMoshel b'chol asher lo". Then the end of the pasuk turns around and says: "I want you to swear to me that you will follow my instructions." Which is it? Is Eliezer to be trusted or is he not to be trusted?

The Be'er Mayim Chayim writes that we learn from here that regarding stocks, flocks, real estate, and the whole financial portfolio, Eliezer was in charge. But regarding the spirituality of his son and his descendants, Avraham did not trust anyone. Regarding money and financial matters, Eliezer is trustworthy. But regarding the spiritual future of Klal Yisrael, an oath must be demanded!

It is told that Rav Yisrael Salanter was once traveling and he had to stay overnight at an inn. The inn was full. The inn keeper ran out of meat. The inn keeper did not personally know Rav Yisrael Salanter, but based on appearances, judged him to be a knowledgeable Jew. He approached Rav Yisrael and asked "Perhaps you can slaughter a chicken for me in my back yard?" Rav Yisrael, however excused himself, telling the innkeeper that he was not a certified shochet [ritual slaughterer] and could not help him.

The next morning Rav Yisrael proposed to the innkeeper that he invest in a financial investment that he felt would yield tremendous profit for the innkeeper. "Give me X amount of rubles and I will give you a great return

on your money." The innkeeper responded, "I should give you my money? You are a complete stranger to me. I don't know you in the least."

Rav Yisrael admonished, "Last night you did not know me any better. Based only on my looks and my dress you assumed that you could trust my shechitah. But today when I asked you to invest money with me, you suddenly need to check me out!"

The innkeeper obviously had his priorities wrong. Regarding spiritual matters, if the person "looked religious", he could be trusted. Regarding money, he needed "facts and data" to corroborate the person's integrity. Avraham was just the opposite. Regarding material matters, Eliezer had full authority. "Spare me the details." However, regarding his son, Yitzchak: "Place your hand beneath my thigh."

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MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Frank, Hugh & Roy Solomon** in honour of the yortzeit of their late father **Chaim ben Nathan Mordechai**

BABY GIRL



Mazel tov to **Rabbi Kevin & Sarah Braun** on the birth of a baby girl. Mazel tov to proud grandparents **Amie & Ros Braun** and **Gary & Nanette Lewenstein**.

BABY BOY



Mazel tov to **Yona & Rochel Kesler** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazel tov to the **Kesler and Schwartz families**. IY"Y the Sholom Zochor will take place tonight at the home of Glenn & Stacey Black, Unit 2, 84 Sandler Road, from 9:00pm

The community offer sincere condolences to

Jenni Fearnley

on the passing of her father

Henry Lamm z'l

Jenni is sitting Shiva at

41 Newmarket Rd (corner Long Ave), Glenhazel
and Prayers will take place on

Sunday evening 8th November at 6:00pm

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

YORTZEITS

- **Frank, Hugh & Roy Solomon** for their late father

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Akiva Noik
Batya Duek

Happy Birthday!

THE 1ST YORTZEIT OF THE 4 KEDOSHIM FALLS THIS SHABBOS פרשת חיי שרה, כ"ה חשוון 7TH NOVEMBER



There has been a call by great Rabbonim world wide that in the merit of the Kedoshim we should

STRENGTHEN OUR TEFILLAH

The Rabbonim have requested that this Motzei Shabbos, please recite at least three chapters of Tehillim, 121, 130, 142, as a zechus for all those injured in the terror attacks and to prevent future terrorist attack against Jews.

RABBI AUERBACH

WILL BE GIVING A SPECIAL SHIUR
IN THE MERIT OF THE KEDOSHIM
THIS SHABBOS AT 5.15PM

**IS IT IMPROPER FOR ONE TO
DAVEN THAT ONE'S ENEMIES
SHOULD PERISH?**

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Bnos is starting this Shabbos

afternoon! **Girls age 5 to 11 yrs**

Venue: **Smith Family, 141 5th Ave,**

Percella Estate (in the boom). Meet

at shul at **5.20pm**. For more info or you would like to host one week please contact **Karen Shor 0828989027**