



OVERVIEW

Three days after performing brit mila on himself, Avraham is visited by G-d. When three angels appear in human form, Avraham rushes to show them hospitality by bringing them into his tent, despite this being the most painful time after the operation. Sarah laughs when she hears from them that she will bear a son next year. G-d reveals to Avraham that He will destroy Sodom, and Avraham pleads for Sodom to be spared. G-d agrees that if there are fifty righteous people in Sodom He will not destroy it. Avraham "bargains" G-d down to ten righteous people. However, not even ten can be found. Lot, his wife and two daughters are rescued just before sulfur and fire rain down on Sodom and her sister cities. Lots wife looks back and is turned into a pillar of salt. Lots daughters fear that as a result of the destruction there will be no husbands for them. They decide to get their father drunk and through him to perpetuate the human race. From the elder daughter, Moav is born, and from the younger, Ammon. Avraham moves to Gerar where Avimelech abducts Sarah. After G-d appears to Avimelech in a dream, he releases Sarah and appeases Avraham. As promised, a son, Yitzchak, is born to Sarah and Avraham. On the eighth day after the birth, Avraham circumcises him as commanded. Avraham makes a feast the day Yitzchak is weaned. Sarah tells Avraham to banish Hagar and Hagar's son Yishmael because she sees in him signs of degeneracy. Avraham is distressed at the prospect of banishing his son, but G-d tells him to listen to whatever Sarah tells him to do. After nearly dying of thirst in the desert, Yishmael is rescued by an angel and G-d promises that he will be the progenitor of a mighty nation. Avimelech enters into an alliance with Avraham when he sees that G-d is with him. In a tenth and final test, G-d instructs Avraham to take Yitzchak, who is now 37, and to offer him as a sacrifice. Avraham does this in spite of ostensibly aborting Jewish nationhood and contradicting his life-long preaching against human sacrifice. At the last moment, G-d sends an angel to stop Avraham. Because of Avrahams unquestioning obedience, G-d promises him that even if the Jewish People sin, they will never be completely dominated by their foes. The parsha ends with the genealogy and birth of Rivka.



IF AVRAHAM WORRIES ABOUT MUSTARD, THEN SO MUST WE

Our Rabbis tell us that when Avraham served the Angels, he gave them tongue with mustard. Rav Pam, of Blessed Memory, once expressed surprise that Avraham had mustard available. We can understand that if we peek into the refrigerator of a 'normal' person, we will find pickle relish, sandwich spread, pickled artichoke hearts, and all similar type of foods. However we might imagine that if we looked into the refrigerator of an individual known for his righteousness and piety ('Gadol HaDor') we would find just the basics. We can assume that he would not be 'into' all the condiments that are available. If we would not expect to find pickle relish in the refrigerator of a contemporary Gadol HaDor, why did Avraham Avinu have mustard in his refrigerator?

Is this telling us that Avraham Avinu only ate his hot dogs with mustard? He was certainly beyond that. He was a holy individual! Why did he have mustard in the house?

Rav Pam explained that the answer is obvious. The bigger a person becomes and the more holy a person becomes, the more he becomes aware of the needs of others. Of course, he personally did not care to spread mustard on his piece of tongue. But precisely because he is in fact this giant among men, this giant of kindness, he knows that although he does not need mustard, the average guest coming down the road does want mustard. He therefore feels that he must have mustard in his kitchen to be prepared for that simple guest who does put more emphasis on the taste of his food. Not everyone is an Avraham Avinu.

We must always deal with others with kindness and with empathy. Furthermore, in doing acts of Chessed, we must remember that a primary responsibility for delivering kindness is in one's home. "From your flesh you should not keep yourself aloof" [Isaiah 58:7]. We must take the lesson of the parsha to heart -- it is our responsibility to worry about everyone's mustard.

OHR CHODOSH KIDDUSH

This week's Ohr Chodosh Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Warren & Aliza Freeman** in honour of the recent birth of **Temima Hanna**

GRANDPARENTS

Mazel tov to **Zvi & Denise Ofer** on the birth of a granddaughter born to **Itzhamar & Noa (nee Ofer) Elad** in Kdumim, Israel

BABY GIRL

Mazel tov to **Rabbi Moshe & Nechama Eckhaus** on the birth of a baby girl.

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH
THE LAWS OF **DAVENING**
ON SHABBOS - PART 2

Shabbos afternoon at 5.10pm

OHR CHODOSH SUMMMER EARLY KABBOLAS SHABBOS MINYAN

NEW

Mincha: 5:30pm

IN THE BACK SHUL (BEHIND THE MAIN SHUL)

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FROM THIS
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER
MINCHA 6.10PM

YORTZEITS

- Rabbi Jonathan & Beverley Miller and the Miller family for the late Hadassa
- Selwyn Joffe for his late mother
- Mary Kropman for her late mother

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Gavriel Admon
Aharon Elchonon Baddiel

Happy Birthday!

MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH

This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly co-sponsored by:

- Rabbi Jonathan & Beverley Miller in honour of the Yortzeit of **Hadassa Sima bas Yonasan**,
לעי"נ הדסה סימא בת יונתן
- Rabbi Gavriel & Ruthie Abramson in honour of the Yortzeit of Rabbi Abramson's late father
Shmuel Ben Yehoshua לעי"נ שמואל בן יהושע



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OHR SOMAYACH GLENHAZEL

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO A

HACHNOSAS SEFER TORAH

Sunday 1 November 2015

י"ט חשוון תשע"ו

The parade will take place from
1B Study Road, Glenhazel

All men, women & children are encouraged to come join this wonderful event with Simcha & Joy as we honour the new Sefer Torah for our Ohr Somayach Glenhazel Community

Schedule

4:00pm Parade
4:45pm Welcoming The Torah
5:30pm Mincha
5:45pm Light Supper For All

נדבת משפחת וינברג, סקסטיון, לויט

WELCOME! ברוכים הבאים

A very warm welcome to over 25 bochrim who have recently joined Yeshivas Meshech Chochmah. We wish them ברוכים הבאים והצלחה רבה