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SHABBAT TIMES

Candle Lighting	5:41 PM
Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat	5:45 PM
Shabbat Morning Parsha Class	8:30 AM
Shacharit	9:00 AM
Exploring the Weekly Parsha	10:30 AM
Pre-Mincha Lecture	5:00 PM
Mincha & Seudah Shlishit	5:30 PM
Shabbat Ends	6:41 PM

Daily Tefilla Times

Shacharit (Sun.)	8:00 AM
Shacharit (Mon. & Thurs.)	6:50 AM
Shacharit (Tues., Wed. & Fri.)	7:00 AM
Mincha/Maariv (Sun.)	5:45 PM
Maariv Only (Mon. - Thurs.)	8:00 PM

JCAB Winter Clothing Drive

Recycle your gently used, clean and unwanted clothes, linens, shoes, handbags and accessories! The JCAB clothing drive continues through Friday, November 23, with drop-off hours Monday to Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 10 am - 3 pm.

If you would like to schedule another time for drop off or have any questions, please call the JCAB office at 371-0972 or email jaynejcab@gmail.com

WEEKDAY MA'ARIV

We **REALLY** need your help keeping our daily 8:00 PM Ma'ariv minyan strong. Please join us to ensure those that are saying Kaddish, have a minyan.

If you need a ride to JCAB for Ma'ariv during the week, please call Nat Begelman 646-262-4037 before 7:00 PM.

HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

The 2018 Annual High Holiday Appeal is continuing through the month of October!! Please consider the value The JCAB brings to your life and to participate as generously as you can. Pledges can be made online at the JCAB website.

JCAB LOST AND FOUND

This past Shabbos, a man's black nylon parka and American Motors baseball cap were mistakenly taken. If you know of the whereabouts of these items, please call the office.

KIDDUSH REMINDER

We welcome sponsorships of our basic Kiddush and/or Seudah Shlishit at the winter prices; Kiddush Sponsorship is \$1,000.00 and Seudah Shlishit is \$100.00. Custom and enhanced menus are available. Please call the office to reserve a date.

KIDDUSH & SEUDAH SHLISHIT

O R N E R If you have an upcoming life-cycle event, consider sponsoring Hashkama Minyan Kiddush, Kiddush Luncheon or a Seudah Shlishit. Please contact Jayne (516-371-0972 or jaynejcab@gmail.com) for available dates.

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We apologize for any names that may have been inadvertently omitted. Please call the JCAB office with any corrections.

SHABBAT MORNING YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING

Programming runs from 10:00 until the end of Tefilla

- **Nursery-Kindergarten** (Youth Room, Miss Merri). Children <2 yrs. old welcome when accompanied by an adult.
- **Grades 1-4** (Back of Youth Room)

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

If you have a new neighbor or are new to the community yourself, please let us know! We look forward to making a friendly visit and welcoming you to The JCAB family!

Chaverim Kulanu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Saul Edelstein	Andrew Rechtschaffen
Dasha Gelbtuch	Max Ringelheim
Bella Kalter	Gregory Safaniev
Elana Lowy	Rebecca Steindecker
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Estee & Barry Hollander
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Gabriella & Saul Safdieh
Evelyn & Avi Spodek

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Saturday **Joan Kaufman** (Mother, **Frieda Schwartz**, ob"m)
Saturday **Allen Pilevsky** (Great Uncle, **Shlomo Reuven**, ob"m)
Monday **Judy Drachman** (Father, **Irving Goldstein**, ob"m)
Tuesday **Meyer Newfield** (Brother, **Kal Newfield**, ob"m)
Tuesday **Deborah Goldschmidt** (Uncle, **Kal Newfield**, ob"m)
Tuesday **Michelle Hershman** (Uncle, **Kal Newfield**, ob"m)
Wednesday **Arthur Udell** (Brother, **Harold Udell**, ob"m)
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Wednesday **Frances Gerstner** (Mother, **Martha Price**, ob"m)
Wednesday **Allan Rothenberg** (Mother, **Lena Rothenberg**, ob"m)
Thursday **Avi Friedman** (Sister, **Shana Tali Richtman**, ob"m)
Thursday **Albert Marshak** (Father, **Alex Marshak**, ob"m)
Friday **Jane Shaul** (Mother, **Rhoda Lapidus**, ob"m)

REFUAH SHELEIMA

Please include the following individuals in your Tefilla as we wish them a speedy recovery:

Ann Frenkel Chana Chaya bat Golda Malka
Miriam Gruenfeld Mirel Maryam bat Liba Malka
Sharon York Sarah bat Mindel
Chana Rochel bat Aviva Rochel

MAZEL TOV

To **Dr. Elana & Daniel Lowy** upon the birth of a daughter.
To **Karen & Joel Nessim** upon the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter

AIPAC SYNAGOGUE INITIATIVE

ISRAEL UPDATE

October 19, 2018

New U.S. Sanctions Target Iran's Use of Child Soldiers

On Oct. 16, the U.S. Department of the Treasury sanctioned a wide network of businesses that support Iran's Basij Resistance Force, a paramilitary force that works for Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), according to AIPAC News Hub. The IRGC's Basij is known for recruiting, training and deploying child soldiers to fight in Iran's conflicts throughout the Middle East. The group's activity includes indoctrinating and providing military training to schoolchildren as young as 12 years old, as well as sending children as young as 14 to Syria to fight on behalf of Iran. The sanctioned network of businesses—known as the Bonyad Taavon Basij (or "Basij Cooperative Foundation")—is made up of at least 20 corporations and financial institutions that provide financial support for the Basij's activities. [...] According to the Treasury Department, the network uses "shell companies and other measures to mask Basij ownership and control over a variety of multibillion-dollar business interests in Iran's automotive, mining, metals, and banking industries, many of which have significant international dealings across the Middle East and with Europe."

Our synagogue partners with AIPAC, America's pro-Israel lobby, in educating our community on issues affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We encourage you to learn more by contacting AIPAC at (202) 639-5200 or by visiting www.aipac.org.

Shabbat Shalom: Parshat Vayera (Genesis 18:1 – 22: 24)

By Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Efrat, Israel – “Take your son, your only son, the one whom you love, Isaac, and dedicate him there for a burnt offering [or a dedication, literally, a lifting up] on one of the mountains which I will tell you of.” (Genesis 22:2)

As we have seen, there are manifold possibilities of interpreting God's most difficult directive to Abraham. But in order for us to truly appreciate the eternal quality of Torah, let us examine how the martyrs of Jewish history have taken – and drawn inspiration from – this drama of the Akeda (binding).

In the city of Worms, in 1096, some 800 people were killed in the course of two days at the end of the month of Iyar. In the Last Trial,* Professor Shalom Spiegel's study of the Akeda, he records a chronicle of that period that cites a declaration by one of the community's leaders, Rabbi Meshulam bar Isaac:

All you great and small, hearken unto me. Here is my son that God gave me and to whom my wife Tziporah gave birth in her old age. Isaac is this child's name. And now I shall offer him up as father Abraham offered up his son Isaac.

Sadly, the chronicle concludes with the father slaying the boy himself, in the presence of his wife. When the distraught parents leave the room of their sacrifice, they are both cruelly slaughtered by the murdering Christians.

Spiegel quotes from a dirge of the time:
Compassionate women in tears, with their own hands slaughtered, as at the Akeda of Moriah. Innocent souls withdrew to eternal life, to their station on high...

The biblical story of the binding of Isaac is replayed via the Talmudic invocation of the ram's horn (shofar) each year on Rosh Hashanah, the Day of Judgment and Renewal. The shofar symbolizes the ram substitute for Isaac on Mount Moriah; God commands that we hearken to the cries of this shofar 'in order that I may remember for your benefit the binding of Isaac the son of Abraham, and I shall account it for you as if you yourselves bound yourselves up before Me' [Rosh Hashanah 16a]. This message of the shofar has inspired Jews of all generations to rise to the challenge of martyrdom, whenever necessary, transforming themselves into Abrahams and Sarahs, placing their precious children on the altar of Kiddush Hashem, sanctification of the divine name.

Indeed, there was apparently a stubborn tradition which insisted that Abraham actually went through with the act of sacrifice. After all, following the biblical command of the angel to Abraham (the deus ex machina as it were) – 'Do not cast your hand against the lad' [Gen. 22:19]. Where is Isaac? If indeed, his life has just been saved, why doesn't he accompany his father, why don't they go together to the lads, why don't they – father and son – return home to Be'er Sheva and Sarah together (as they have been twice described as doing – father and son walking together – in the context of the Akeda story)?!

Moreover, when they first approached the mountain of sacrifice, Abraham tells the young men to wait down below: 'I and the boy will go yonder; we will worship and we will come back to you' [Gen. 22:5]. So why does the text have Abraham return alone? On the basis of this textual problem, Ibn Ezra (1089–1164) makes mention of an interpretation that suggests that Abraham literally followed God's command, slaying his son, and that God later on miraculously brought Isaac back to life. It is precisely that stark and startling deletion of Isaac's name from the conclusion of the biblical account of the Akeda itself, which gave countless generations of Jewish martyrs the inspiration for their sacrifice; and this is the case, even though Ibn Ezra felt compelled to deny the tradition as inaccurate: 'Isaac is not mentioned. But he who asserts that Abraham slew Isaac and abandoned him, and that afterwards Isaac came to life again, is speaking contrary to the biblical text' [Ibn Ezra, Gen. 22:1]. Ibn Ezra is obviously making reference to a commentary – which Jewish martyrdom would not allow to fall into oblivion.

The earliest reference to this notion of Isaac's actual sacrifice is probably the Midrash Hagadol which cites R. Eleazer ben Pedat, a first generation Amorah of the Talmud: Although Isaac did not die, Scripture regards him as though he had died. And his ashes lay piled on the altar. That's why the text mentions Abraham and not Isaac.

And perhaps one might argue that Isaac was so traumatized by the Akeda that a specific aspect of him – the part of his personality which would always remain on the altar – did die. After all, Isaac is the most ethereal and passive of the patriarchs, called by the Midrash – even after the binding – the olah temimah, the whole burnt offering. But this psychological interpretation and Ibn Ezra's rejection notwithstanding, the penitential Slichot prayers still speak of the 'ashes of Isaac' on the altar, continuing to give credence to the version which suggests that Isaac did suffer martyrdom. And we have already cited recorded incidents of children who suffered martyrdom at the hands of their parents, who did not wish them to be violated by the pagan tyrants.

God's command to sacrifice Isaac, and Abraham's submissive silence, may actually help us understand how a people promised greatness, wealth and innumerable progeny comparable to the stars, find the courage and the faith to endure the suffering and martyrdom mercilessly inflicted upon them by virtually every Christian or Islamic society with which they come into contact.

The paradox in Jewish history is that unless we were willing to sacrifice our children for God, we would never have survived as a God-inspired and God-committed nation with a unique message for ourselves and the world. Perhaps that is why Mount Moriah, the place of the willingness to sacrifice, is the Temple Mount of the Holy City of Jerusalem, the place from which God will ultimately be revealed to all of humanity, the place of Jewish eternity.

Shabbat Shalom