



Shaare Tefila

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Shabbat Sheet

October 23, 2021 / 17 Cheshvan 5782

Zoom Link

Friday, October 22, 2021

6:00 pm: Candle Lighting

6:00 pm: Shabbat Evening Services on [Zoom](#)



Saturday, October 23, 2021

9:30 am: Shabbat Services on [Zoom](#) and [Livestream](#)

Havdalah

7:05 pm: Evening Service & Havdalah on [Zoom](#)

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8:45 a.m. Morning Minyan

Shul Notices:

October 24, 10:00am: Makers & Bakers

11:15am: Sisterhood Patron Event - Part 2

October 27, 8pm: Scholar Stream - Torah Relationships

More event information can be found on the [ST Calendar!](#)



Jewish Trivia Corner

In Parashat Vayera, Abraham agrees to sacrifice Isaac in the morning. What Jewish ritual emerges from this?

- A) The morning prayer of Shacharit
- B) Washing hands in the morning
- C) Saying Modeh Ani
- D) Blessing children
- E) Cleaning for Passover

(Answer on bottom of pg. 2)

Torah & Haftarah Readings



Torah Portion: VaYera

Torah: [Genesis 18:1-22:24](#) - p. 99

Haftarah: [2 Kings 4:1-37](#) - p. 124

Yahrzeits

10/23-10/29

David Feldmann	Pauline Bochenek	Louis Wosten
Herman Sack	Marjorie Feldmann	
Cele Slade	Eleanor Kamerow	
Donald Futrovsky	Shirley Kishlansky	
Sophie Gersuk	Joseph Kohl	
Ethel Henner	Anzel Lieberman	
Linda Rubbin	Bernard Cooper	
Sally Salamy	Ida Gritz	
Mark Sandler	Israel Resnick	
Sarah Glikman	Manuel Weiman	
Murray Greenberg	Ann Rubin	
Lena Gudelsky	Sarah Stiller	
Minnie Kaplan	Sonia Taylor	
Clarence Kuritzky	Gilbert Beiser	
Freida Sandberg	Ella Kohn	
Sidney Wein	Belle Reich	
Joseph Worth	Ernest Samuels	

Refuah Shleymah - Speedy Recovery To:

Shlomo ben Batya, Sippa Hannah bat Golda, Ruth bat Sarah, Paul Thomas Hinze, Beverly Cartledge, Nays Gildor ben Shoshana, Ruth bat Sarah, Shlomo ben Golda, Tzviya Sara bat Sima Leah, Simcha Natan ben Risa Chana, Syma Tzivya bat Zelda, Penina bat Chana Leah, Aviyah Sarah bat Tziril Essah, Rachel Penina bat Ariella, Tziporah Sheva bat Rayzel, Gavriel bat Batya v'Yonatan , Yehuda ben Leah, Sara Rachel bat Sadie, Frumma Dreida bat Zisha, Rachel Fruma bat Ita Rayzel, ElyLiYaHoo Y'RochMe Ayl ben YaAhKov, Devorah Sheshel bat Chaya Rachel, Shoshana bat Rachel, Lenny Frand , Tzipa Chana bat Golda, Batya Tziril bat Batsheva, Rayzel bat Esther, Chaya bat Leah, Batya bat Esther, Rachel bat Marie, Leah Malta bat Chaya, Dahlia bat Michaela, Noach ben Zeitel, Graham Kahn, Ed Klawansky, Shalom ben Sarah, Eliezer Hanuch ben Haviva, Tzila bat Zipora, Yonatan ben Yocheved, Yocheved bat Tzipora

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Summary of VaYera

In this Torah portion, three guests arrive at Abraham and Sarah's tent. They inform Abraham that God will give the elderly Sarah a child. The prophecy comes true, and they name their son Isaac. God informs Abraham that Sodom and Gomorrah will be destroyed, though Abraham attempts to convince God otherwise. God tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham obliges but is told that it was a test of faith and offers a ram to sacrifice instead.

The Haftarah This Week

The prophet Elisha performs two miracles.

This week's Haftarah contains two stories about the prophet Elisha, a protégé of Elijah. In the first story an unnamed woman, traditionally identified as the wife of Obadiah, one of the minor prophets, comes to Elisha with a complaint. Her husband has died, and she is so destitute without him that her children are about to be taken away from her to be sold as slaves.

Elisha asks her if she has anything of value in her house, and she replies that all she has is a single jug of oil. Elisha then instructs her to borrow as many vessels as she can from her neighbors. Then, he tells her to pour the oil from her vessel into the other ones. Miraculously, the oil does not run out, ultimately lasting long enough to fill all the borrowed jugs. She returns to Elisha, who tells her, "Go sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your children can live on the rest."

The Shunamite Woman:

Elisha frequently visited Shunem, a city in the tribal territory of Issachar. Whenever Elisha was there, he and his servant Gehazi were hosted by a married Shunamite woman, who fed them and gave them a special room in which to sleep. One day Elisha asks how he can reward the woman.

She responds by saying that she does not want any kind of public recognition. But because she was childless, Elisha says, "At this season next year, you will be embracing a son." The woman responds with doubt, telling Elisha not to delude or disappoint her. However, his prophecy comes true in the very next sentence, when she is blessed with a son.

Years later, while out in the fields with his father, the boy cries out, "My head! My head!" He is taken back to his mother who holds him on her lap as he dies. She lays him on a bed and immediately goes out to bring Elisha to her child. When she reaches the prophet she falls at his feet.

The woman does not tell Elisha what happened to her son. Instead, she asks, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, 'Don't mislead me?'" Elisha understands what has occurred and sends Gehazi ahead with his walking stick and instructions to lay the staff on top of the boy's face. The effort to save the boy is unsuccessful.

The Second Miracle:

When Elisha and the boy's mother arrive at the house, the boy is still dead, his body lying on a couch. Elisha closes himself in a room with the boy and prays to God. Then he lies on top of the boy, putting "his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, as he bent over him."

The boy's body begins to warm. Elisha gets up, walks around and lies on top of the boy again. The boy sneezes seven times and opens his eyes, revived. Elisha summons the boy's mother who falls at Elisha's feet again and then leaves with her son.

Connection to Vayera:

Many of the themes in Parashat Vayera also appear in the Haftarah. Hakhnasat orhim, welcoming guests, is a prominent feature in both Vayera and in the stories of Elisha's miracles. In both stories, a messenger of God comes to a childless woman (Sarah and the Shunamite woman) and tells her that she will soon give birth. Both messages are skeptically received, but both women ultimately have sons.

Finally, and perhaps most poignantly, both the Torah portion and the haftarah close with stories of sons who miraculously survive what would otherwise be a deadly experience. Isaac is almost sacrificed by his father on top of Mount Moriah, but is saved at the last minute by an angel and a strategically-placed ram. The Shunamite boy dies but is revived by a prophet and his prayer.

(myjewishlearning.com)

Recordings: Torah Study [Watch on YouTube](#).

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm;

Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

In an emergency, call **Rabbi Layman** at 240-505-0137. The office is closed on major federal and Jewish holidays.

The black mailbox just outside the office entrance is available for payments, registrations, etc. The box is checked daily Monday - Friday.

A) **Answer to Trivia Question:** Answer: A) The morning prayer of Shacharit

Shaare Tefila Sisterhood cordially invites you to:

The Power of the Personal Story: How our yesterdays can make a better tomorrow

Guest Speaker: **Nicole Wagschal Korsen**

Daughter of former Exec. Director Brenda (and Jack) Wagschal

All are Welcome!

(You DO NOT need to be a Sisterhood member to attend this event.)

November 1st from 7-8 pm via ZOOM
\$5 Participation Fee

As the **daughter of a Holocaust survivor**, a **Holocaust and Human Rights educator** of students and teachers, and a **published writer and advocate**, Nicole will address the need in our communities to **capture and learn from the painful lessons of our past as we work towards a future where we embrace and celebrate our unique Jewish identities** in our everyday lives and ensure #NeverAgain. Nicole will share ways that we can all work towards our own personal goals of remembrance and reconciliation and our collective goal of lasting peace through the powerful and therapeutic power of writing, speaking, and ultimately sharing our stories. She will share her educational work including an Emmy-award winning video about her JSU program, Adopt-a-Survivor, that features her, her father, and her son and therefore emphasizes the importance of L'Dor V'Dor.

Join us to learn how you can make a difference and help to put the lessons of the past into the hands of the next generation.

RSVP to Amy Schwartz, 3917 Ashland Brooke Way, Olney, MD 20832.

Please make your **check** out to: Shaare Tefila Sisterhood and **include your email address** so that we can send you the ZOOM information for the evening's presentation. Proceeds will benefit the Dominion High School (Sterling, VA) JSU that Nicole sponsors.

