



ETZ CHAIM SYNAGOGUE

THE ETZ CHAIM BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Parshas Chayei Sarah Shabbos Mevorchim

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Mincha 5:15PM
Candle Lighting 5:13PM

SHABBOS, NOVEMBER 14

Sephardic Minyan 9:00AM
Shacharis 9:00AM
Latest Shema 9:31AM
Mincha 5:05PM

Rabbi Fisch will teach a class
between Mincha and Maariv on
the topic of
The Case of the Halachic Prenup

Maariv & Havdallah 6:13PM

Services This Week: Shacharis

Sunday 8:30AM
Monday-Friday 6:45AM
Tuesday -(Rosh Chodesh) 6:30am

MINCHA

Monday-Thursday 3:45pm
Sunday -Thursday 5:10PM

Daf Yomi

Monday-Friday 5:45AM
Sunday 7:30AM
Shabbos 8:15AM

TORAH READING

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The Jewish World experienced a double blow this week with the passing of two outstanding figures our generation was privileged to have in its midst. The two great men were Rav Dovid Feinstein and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of blessed memory. Rav Dovid Feinstein, the son of the famed Rav Moshe Feinstein, was a preeminent halachic authority in his own right. His guidance, counsel, and wisdom were sought in many sensitive and complex areas of Jewish life. He provided a clear, steady, and confident voice of Halachic guidance to innumerable individuals and institutions to Jews around the world. Rav Dovid Feinstein was also renowned for his piety and sterling middos. His years and decades of leadership in Klal Yisroel is a vacuum that will not be easily filled.

On the other side of the pond, we lost arguably the most eloquent spokesman for Judaism our generation was privileged to have with the passing of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. In both the spoken and written word, Rabbi Sacks articulated the most essential foundations of our faith to a world that increasingly is turning its back on Torah and Tradition. He wrote countless articles and books that were eloquent, profound, and moving in making a case for the Torah's timeless values. His circle of influence extended far beyond the Jewish community and literally into palaces of kings and queens. Indeed, when Vice President Mike Pence prepared to deliver his speech to the Knesset in his trip to Israel, he sought the guidance of Rabbi Sacks in crafting an address that was filled with references from the Torah. (The speech received several standing ovations as it was profound and moving.)

As we reel from these two great men's passing, it is worth pointing out that our weekly Parsha tells us about the passing of our first matriarch, Sarah. Then, as in now, we learn that the righteous keep

living through the values and teachings they leave behind.

Please see what Rabbi Sacks had written about this in his commentary on our weekly Parsha.

If you ensure that your children will continue to live for what you have lived for, then you can have faith that they will continue your journey until eventually they reach the destination. Abraham did not need to see all the land in Jewish hands, nor did he need to see the Jewish people become numerous. He had taken the first step. He had begun the task, and he knew that his descendants would continue it. He was able to die serenely because he had faith in God and faith that others would complete what he had begun. The same was surely true of Sarah.

To place your life in God's hands, to have faith that whatever happens to you happens for a reason, to know that you are part of a larger narrative, and to believe that others will continue what you began, is to achieve a satisfaction in life that cannot be destroyed by circumstance. Abraham and Sarah had that faith, and they were able to die with a sense of fulfillment.

To be happy does not mean that you have everything you want or everything you were promised. It means, simply, to have done what you were called on to do, to have made a beginning, and then to have passed on the baton to the next generation. "The righteous, even in death, are regarded as though they were still alive" (Berakhot 18a) because the righteous leave a living trace in those who come after them.

That was enough for Abraham and Sarah, and it must be enough for us.

Have a Peaceful Shabbos,
Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

ADULT EDUCATION



PRESENTS A LIVE TOUR ON ZOOM

OF GUSH ETZION AND THE PATH OF PATRIARCHS

with David Sussman



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 9:30AM

- ◇ Ride in an ATV Along the Judean Mountains
- ◇ Travel Along the Path of the Patriarchs
- ◇ Discover an Ancient Mikvah from 2,000 Years Ago
- ◇ See the entire width of Israel from the Highest Point in Gush Etzion
- ◇ Witness the Beautiful Vineyards that Once Again Grow on the Mountains

FREE FOR MEMBERS, NON MEMBERS \$10 PER FAMILY

Zoom link with Registration at rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org

For question contact Rabbi Feigenbaum at rabbifeigenbaum@etzchaim.org

Next week November 22nd we will tour the city of Hebron with David Sussman!



Etz Chaim & The Kollel invite you to a Special Class this coming Shabbos morning at 10:00

The Conman's Concession

The time Lavan recognized the hand of Hashem

By guest visiting Rabbi

Menashe Uhr

Hope to see you there

RABBI FISCH DRASHA/SERMON



DELIVERED ON THURSDAY @ 7:30PM
ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK

Java For The Soul

In Person With Social Distancing Guidelines & Zoom



With Rabbi Feigenbaum
The "Peh" (mouth)
Is Mightier Than The Sword

Sticks and Stones will break my bones - but in Jewish Law and Morality, words kill. We will be studying the works of the Chofetz Chaim to better understand the complexity and thought process of Jewish Law & in regards to the incredible power our words have to affect our families and communities.

Zoom ID: 843 906 9742
Password - Etz
Dial by your location
929-205-6099 312-626-6799

Located in the Etz Chaim Chapel
Wednesdays @ 8:45am



THE PERFECT WAY TO

Daf Yomi is held in the Mirkis Chapel.

START YOUR DAY

Rabbi Fisch will teach the Daf Yomi class

Now's the time to join

DAF YOMI



Monday-Friday 5:45am
Sunday & Legal Holiday 7:30am



YOUTH PROGRAMS

PARSHA YOUTH TRIVIA



What's going on?

Learn the weekly Parsha with parents, teachers etc. take an online Parsha challenge that will be sent out on Sunday.

A \$10 Amazon gift card will be raffled off at 1pm for all those who completed it.



Who Can join?

Boys + Girls, Grades 1st-6th.

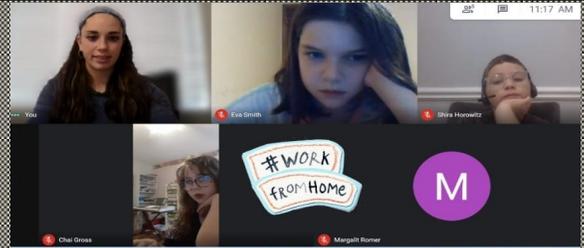
How to join?

Email your name, grade and email address to gitty.etzcham@gmail.com and a link to the meeting will be sent to you.

JOIN IN THE FUN every SUNDAY

Grades 1-3 at 10:30am.

Grades 4-6 at 11:00am.



Parshat Lech Lecha Trivia



Congratulations Faye Smith for winning the raffle!!!



SHABBOS AFTERNOON WITH RABBI FISCH

Controversial and Polarizing Topics with a Halachic Perspective

Shabbos Afternoon Between Mincha and Maariv

Rabbi Yaakov Fisch

Shabbos, October 24, 2020

Yes. It's your Body. No. You may not get a tattoo. Why does Judaism frown on tattoos?

Shabbos, October 31, 2020

Roe vs. Wade vs. G-d: Where does halacha rule in the divisive abortion debate?

Shabbos, November 7, 2020

Building a Community Eruv

Shabbos, November 14, 2020

The Case For a Halachic Prenup

Shabbos, November 21, 2020

Equal Justice Under The Law? Examining Controversial Supreme Court Decisions with a Halachic Angle-Part 1

Shabbos, November, 28, 2020

Equal Justice Under The Law? Examining Controversial Supreme Court Decisions with a Halachic Angle-Part 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BENITA FLAGLER
GAIL HALPERT
AGAM LEVI
KATHY OSTERER
SIMMA RABINOWITZ
MEGAN ROMER
SARITA WELTMAN
EVAN YEGELWEL

REFUAH SHELEMAH

LISA ANSBACHER
FERN ESTNER
MYRON FLAGLER
SUSAN GOLDMAN
MURRAY HUSNEY
HOPE KULISH
MARTIN SCHWARTZ
FOMA MAKHTINA

YAHREIT

VICTOR HUBSCH
FOMA IZRAELVITCH
CHARLES KUPFER
ROSE LEVINE
FAYK MAKHTIN
RAGEN SHAPIRO



Mazel Tov Ruben & Naomi
Mirensky on the birth of their
granddaughter
Maytal Chaya Levene.



Mazel Tov Terri & Hector
Velazquez on the birth of
their granddaughter
Olivia Rae Velazquez

We celebrate America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Kevin Melamed a member of our shul was privilege to lead the Jacksonville Veterans Day parade driving his fathers Jeep Hyman Melamed from WWII with

Mayor Lenny Curry at his side.
We thank our Veterans for their service.



MUSICAL HAVDALAH

Saturday night
November 14th @ 7:15pm

Join the Etz Chaim Community
as we bid Shabbos farewell with
good company, soulful music,
hot food and other treats.

Special Thank You to
Cheryl Fisch and the Smolensky family
for Co-sponsoring the Musical Havdalah

Registration is required
Register @ etzchaim.org

