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Mevarchin Hahodesh

שבת מברכין

Rosh Hodesh Kislev on Thu. & Fri.

ראש חודש כסלו, יום המישי ושישי.

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	16:00
Shabbat Candles.	16:16
Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:44).	08:30
Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shlishit. * (Sunset - 16:29).	15:50
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	*
Arbit Motzei Shabbat.	17:22
Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 07:30). (Mon. & Thu. - 6.40)	06:45
Mincha & Arbit	16:00
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	16:30
Next Friday: Mincha, Shir Hashirim, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	15:50
Next Friday: Candles. Shabbat. Toldot	16:04

Chayei Sarah 5779 (Genesis 23:1-

25:18)

Oct 28, 2018 | by Rabbi Kalman Packouz

GOOD MORNING! A young religious man, Shmuel, lived with his wife and children in an apartment in a poor section of Jerusalem. One day a non-religious brash, bullying hoodlum, Moshe, moved into his building with his wife and family. When Shmuel realized how quick to anger and how violent Moshe was, he called together his kids. "Listen up. If you love your father and don't want to be orphans, then you always play nicely with Moshe's children and NEVER ever, ever get into an argument or fight with them!"

Every Shabbat Shmuel would send a pot of *cholent* (a hot dish with meat, potatoes and beans) to Moshe's family. After six months Moshe asked Shmuel if he could bring his family to eat with Shmuel's family on Shabbat eve. Scared to say no, but quivering at what might happen, Shmuel said, "Sure!" Moshe and his wife came with the children who were clean, dressed nicely for the occasion and well-behaved.

A few weeks later Moshe asks Shmuel, "Would it be OK if I came to synagogue with you? It's been a long time since I was in a synagogue. When they got there Moshe asked Shmuel to

show him where they were in the *siddur* (prayer book) during the service. Shmuel taught Moshe the siddur and soon Moshe and his family were regularly coming to services.

After several more months Moshe koshered his home and started sending his kids to a religious school. Right before Yom Kippur Moshe knocked on Shmuel's door and asked to come in. With tears in his eyes he says, "How can I thank you? Without you I'd still be living the wild and violent life I used to lead. You've saved my life!" And then he threw his arms around Shmuel and gave him a big hug.

Shmuel later told a friend, "Look at what happened! He thanked me for saving his life -- and all I wanted to do was to save MY life!"

When the Jewish people stood at Mt. Sinai and accepted the Torah from the Almighty, part of our covenant with the Almighty is that we are responsible for each other -- to help each other with our needs, to help each other improve, especially with our connection to the Almighty, the Torah and the Jewish people.

The Torah and Talmud teach us that all Jews are guarantors for each other, we are responsible for each other -- "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18), "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your fellow man" (Leviticus 19:16), "You shall correct your fellow man" (Leviticus 19:17).

No matter what level we are on in our observance of Torah and *mitzvot*, there are people we meet every day who are Jewish and have no idea of the beauty, meaning and pleasure they can have for themselves and their families from the 3,500 years of wisdom of our heritage. Nine out of ten Jews are unaware that Judaism will make their lives more pleasurable and meaningful.

Why don't we reach out? Three reasons: 1) There's not another moment in the day -- no time! 2) What would I say? I have no idea what to say or do 3) It's not my personality -- I'm more introverted.

So, what can you do? Here are some ways to ignite the spark in others:

- Excite them, by sharing what excites and inspires you about Torah.
- Show them the wisdom that Torah principles bring to relationships.
- Love your neighbor and be a friend. Call, send a gift or go out for a coffee!
- Give books -- that will interest them and motivate them to learn more.
- Invite them to experience Shabbos, or connect them with a family who can.
- Introduce them to inspirational websites (aish.com), podcasts, videos and articles.

For additional ideas and specifics, go to Kiruv.com -- the

official website of Project Inspire, a website developed to help Jews who wish to share the pleasure they get from a Torah way of life. And ... #7 -- subscribe a friend to the Shabbat Shalom email edition at ShabbatShalom.org -- now available in Hebrew & Spanish!



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1 - 25:18

Sarah dies at the age of 127. Avraham purchases a burial place for her in Hebron in the cave of Ma'arat HaMachpela. Avraham sends his servant, Eliezer, back to the "old country," his birthplace Charan, to find a wife for Yitzhak (Isaac). Eliezer makes what appear to be very strange conditions for the matrimonial candidate to fulfill in order to qualify for Yitzhak. Rivka (Rebecca) unknowingly meets the conditions. Eliezer succeeds in getting familial approval, though they were not too keen about Rivka leaving her native land.

Avraham marries Keturah and fathers six more sons. He sends them east (with the secrets of mysticism) before he dies at 175. Yitzhak and Ishmael bury Avraham near Sarah in the *Ma'arat HaMachpela*, the cave Avraham purchased in Hebron to bury Sarah. The portion ends with the listing of Ishmael's 12 sons and Ishmael dying at age 137.

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Dvar Torah

*based on Love Your Neighbor by
Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

Avraham asked his trustworthy servant Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac. Eliezer journeys to Aram Naharayim, taking ten camels with him. Upon approaching the town, he neared a well and prayed to God:

"Let it come to pass that the maiden to whom I shall say: 'Incline your pitcher that I may drink,' and she shall say, 'Drink and I will give your camels to drink also,' she will be the one whom You have designated for Your servant, for Isaac; and thereby shall I know that You have shown kindness to my master" (Gen. 24:14).

Eliezer, the devoted servant of Avraham, had learned from his great master to appreciate the profound significance of helping others. *Chesed* is not merely a kind act, but a manifestation of one's belief in God. Doing *chesed* is an act of emulating Him whose kindness is without bounds.

Eliezer realized that the woman who would be deemed worthy of becoming a mother of the Jewish people must be the paragon of *chesed*. He therefore fashioned an appropriate test for determining the bride of Isaac to find someone who loved to do *chesed*, to help others and try to save them from bother under all circumstances.

And what happened? Rivka ran of her own volition to water the ten

thirsty camels -- an act which she was not even asked to perform. This act of *chesed* indicated that she was worthy of being Avraham's daughter-in-law. Remember to look for kindness in choosing a spouse!



Shabbat Shalom,
Kalman
Rabbi Kalman
Packouz

Kiddush: presented by Sarah & David Hannuna on the occasion of their son Rafael's Barmitzah. Sarah, David, Rafael, Gabriel & Tais Hannuna are delighted to invite you to the Kiddush. We all wish them Mazal Tov and many more happy occasions.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Security Alert: Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagogue. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

A message to those saying Kaddish: please gather behind the TEBBA and recite the Kaddish together. As it will be a good help to the new Kaddish readers.

**THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE"
TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT**

03 Heshvan - Mr Yakdhan Cohen	20 Heshvan - Mr Ezra H. Eddie Cohen
03 Heshvan - Mr Ghassan Cohen	20 Heshvan - Mr Abraham S. Cohen
03 Heshvan - Mr Dhia Cohen	21 Heshvan - Mr Adil S. Darwish
03 Heshvan - Mr Asad Cohen	22 Heshvan - Mr Nadir Baher
05 Heshvan - Mr Nadir Baher	23 Heshvan - Mr Joseph Laniado
07 Heshvan - Mr Y. Kelly Saltoun	26 Heshvan - Mr Yakdhan Cohen
09 Heshvan - Mr Eliot M. Cohen	26 Heshvan - Mr Ghassan Cohen
12 Heshvan - Dr Maurice Gubbay	26 Heshvan - Mr Dhia Cohen
13 Heshvan - Mr Harry Fattal	26 Heshvan - Mr Asad Cohen
13 Heshvan - Mr Jack Fattal	28 Heshvan - Mr Joseph Laniado
13 Heshvan - Mr Meir Fattal	28 Heshvan - Mrs Helen Georgy
15 Heshvan - Mr Ernest Elias	

“ Quote of the Week ”

**Compassion is language
the deaf can hear and the blind can see**