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In Case of Emergency

The **red Hatzolah phone** is in the hallway on the wall between the rear washing station and the Simcha Room.

The **defibrillator** is in a cubby in the coat room opposite the Hatzolah phone.

Parshas Chaye Sarah – 5770

“...And Avraham came to Eulogize Sarah and to Weep for Her” (Bereshis 23:2)

According to Midrash Tanchuma, the “cause of death” of Sarah “Imeinu” was the shock at how close her beloved son, Yitzchak, had come to being slaughtered by his father. And although Sarah’s life is over before the Parashah begins, the name of the Parashah is “Chaye Sarah,” “The Life of Sarah,” because of the principle that **even in death**, the righteous are considered to be alive.

We are told by Scripture, *“And Sarah died in Kiryas-Arba, which is Hebron, in the Land of Canaan; and Avraham came to eulogize her and to weep for her.” (Bereshis 23:2)* This is the first time the Torah describes an act of mourning of one human being for another, although in the text leading up to the “Mabul,” we do find, *“For in seven more days, I will bring rain upon the earth, forty days and forty nights...” (Bereshis 7:4).* And Rashi explains that those seven days were the “Shivah” of the righteous Methuselah, for the Holy One, Blessed is He, took pity on his honor and delayed the punishment.

Rabbeinu Bechaye states a basic fact regarding “Aveilus,” or Mourning. It is a Mitzvah of the Torah that a human being should mourn for his fellow human being. And it is a full-fledged form of Service of the Almighty, May He be Blessed, which we find already among the Fathers of the World; the first being the mourning for Methushelach.

An important verse stating a perspective regarding Mourning is found in *Devarim (14:1-2)*, *“You are children of HaShem, your G-d – you shall not cut yourselves and you shall not make a bald spot between your eyes for a dead person. For you are a holy nation to HaShem, your G-d, and HaShem has chosen you for Himself to be a treasured people, from among all the nations of the earth.”*

In the Zohar, Rav Yehudah clarifies the basic purpose of “Nichum Aveilim,” Comforting of the Mourners. “For with regard to Iyov’s three friends, HaShem was angry because they did not say the right things, for they spoke, but Iyov was not comforted by their words. From this we learn that someone who wishes to comfort a mourner, should consider his words carefully. For the friends of Iyov spoke words of Truth, but they did not succeed in the purpose of comforting him. Because it is necessary to express ideas with which the mourner can agree, and then he will accept the Verdict of Heaven, and praise the Holy One...” (Korach 15)

Parshas Chaye Sarah teaches an important lesson regarding the conduct and attitude of a mourner. “Rabbi Yehudah asked, ‘How do we know that one whose dead relative lies unburied, is excused from the Reciting of ‘Krias Shema,’ and from Prayer, from ‘Tefillin,’ and from all the Commands of the Torah? From here, where the Torah wrote concerning Avraham, *‘And he arose’* – followed immediately by *‘And he spoke’* – to teach that Avraham arose from his weeping and went straight to speak with the citizens of Hebron and specifically with Ephron the Hittite, to negotiate the purchase of ‘Me’oras HaMachpelah.’”

In connection with Yoseph’s activities with regard to his father’s death, we find, *“...and he ordained a seven-day mourning period for his father.” (Bereshis 50:10)* The question is asked, “Why was the number seven chosen?” The surprising answer is given, “It corresponds to the seven-day period of rejoicing for a bride and a groom.” Apparently, seven days is a basic unit of time in the life of a Jew. HaShem says, “You suffered with this righteous man’s body, and you observed for him a mourning period of seven days. In the World-to-Come, I will convert those days of sadness into days of joy, as it says (Yirmiyahu 31), *“I will turn their mourning into joy and I will comfort them...”*

L’Illuy Nishmas beni, Aharon Baruch Mordechai ben Pinchas Menachem

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ערב שבת פרשת חיי שרה

הדלקת נרות 4:21 PM

מנחה 4:30 PM

שקיעה 4:39 PM

שבת פרשת חיי שרה

8:00 AM דף היומי

8:45 AM שחרית

9:11 AM סוף זמן קריאת שמע

מברכים החדש כסלו

Gemora Shiur 3:25 PM

מנחה 4:10 PM

שקיעה 4:38 PM

סעודה שלישיית

מעריב 5:20 PM

שחרית Weekday

Sunday 7:45 AM

Mon. and Thurs.: 6:20 and 7:45 AM

Fri.: 6:30 and 7:45 AM

ראש חדש כסלו*

*Tues. and *Wed.: 6:10 and 7:35 AM

מנחה-מעריב Weekday

Sun. thru Thurs.: 4:25 PM

Mon. thru Thurs.: 8:00 PM

ערב שבת פרשת תולדות

הדלקת נרות 4:15 PM

מנחה 4:20 PM

שקיעה 4:33 PM

Shiurim

מנחה 45 minutes before שבת meets on לז'נ פיגל בת מנחם מנדל group תהלים Women's

Sundays at 8:30 AM – מסכת סנהדרין – Rabbi Gottlieb

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Partners in Torah

Tuesdays at 8:15 PM – Ladies' Mishnayot Class - Rabbi Avromy Fein

Wednesdays at 8:15 PM – מלכים ב' - Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb.

דף I, Monday through Friday 5:25 AM and Sunday at 6:30 AM – Mordechai Rudman

דף II, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – Rabbi Yisroel Gottlieb

דף III, Sunday through Thursday 9:45 AM – Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Friday at 7 AM - ירושלמי - סוכה - Mordechai Rudman

Monday through Friday after the second שחרית עם רשי - פרשת השבוע - Rabbi Yosef Fischer

Monday through Thursday at 9:45 AM - גמרא שיעור - Rabbi Leibel Reznick

Shul Announcements

סעודה שלישיית this week is sponsored by Seymour Lutwak and Judi Eliezri

The entire community is invited to our **Scholar in Residence Shabbos** featuring **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**

Schedule: Friday Night 8:30 p.m. lecture in the Main Shul at Community Synagogue: **"Do I Have to Take That Literally? Midrash, Metaphor and Meaning"** Followed by an Oneg Shabbos

Shabbos: 1:15 p.m. lecture: at Bais Torah "In Pursuit of Pleasure, A Torah View"

Sudas Shlishis: Lecture: "Too Many Mitzvos: Is Judaism Obsessive Compulsive"

Motzoei Shabbos 8:30 p.m. at Community Synagogue Lecture: Is the Rabbi Always Right? Infallibility, Da'as Torah and Rabbinic Authority. Followed by a collation

Ladies Zumba exercise class continues. The remaining class schedule 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, and 12/7—8:15 PM in the Multipurpose Room. Call 357-9571 or 369-1833 for reservations (class size is limited).

New collection date for **Kosher Food Pantry** is Monday, December 7th.

There will be a **Board meeting** this coming Monday evening, November 16th at 8:15 p.m. All Board members are urged to attend.

Bais Torah's Seventh Annual **Avos U'Banim** program kicks off this Motzoei Shabbos at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Bring your children and grandchildren for a wonderful evening of Torah learning, hot pizza and prizes for all. This week's learning is sponsored by the Nussbaums in honor of their new grandchildren. If you'd like to sponsor an evening of Avos U'Banim learning, please contact Jonathan Rosenstock at Jonathan.Rosenstock@ge.com The cost is \$50 per session.

Mazel Tov

Jossi and Sandy Lieder on the birth of a grandson to their children, Betzalel and Chana Sochaczewski

Leslie Goldress on being the Guest of Honor at the Rockland Jewish Family Service gala this Sunday.

Refuah Shelaimah

Henry Shapiro - חיים מאיר יחיאל בן מלכה לאה -

Manny London - מנחם מונש בן חנה פרידא

Tova Eizik's grandson - שלמה יעקב יונתן בן חנה רייזל -

Esther Lutwak - אסתר מלכה בת קילה -

Bob Schore - חיים ראובן בן הענדל יהודית -

Suzie Kirshenbaum's father - יוסף בן שרה -

Eddie Tager - יצחק אייזק שמחה בן פייגא בילא -

Ben Zauderer - בנימין בן בילה -

Manny Mayerfeld - מנחם בן קילה -

Joel Rosenwasser's mother -

פשע לאה בת שפרינצא

Larry Seligson - אריה לייב בן רבקה -

Leni Loebenstein - הילני בת רחל -

Eileen Frommer's father - חיים יונה בן חנה -

Irwin Citron - יצחק מרדכי בן בלימה -

Helen Furman - חנה בת תמרה -

Bella Helprin's mother - פיגע בת חיה רבקה -