



Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT VAYEIRA-SHABBOS OF UNITY

Friday, October 30th

Candle Lighting: 6:26 pm

Mincha: 6:00 pm [at Etz Chaim](#)

Shabbat, October 31st

Shacharit: 9:00 am [at Etz Chaim](#)

Mincha: 6:00 pm [at B'nai Torah](#)

Shabbat ends after 7:33 pm

Please see the flyers below for the full Shabbos of Unity schedule, including times and locations for all the exciting events taking place throughout this special Shabbos.

KIDDUSH

**Oneg/Community Lunch in honor of the Shabbos of Unity
[at Congregation Etz Chaim](#)**

The Shabbos of Unity Men's Seudah Shlishit [at Indy Kollel](#)

is sponsored by Jonathan Goldfarb in memory of Nathan Goldfarb a"h, Joanne Weiner a"h, and Rebecca Goldfarb a"h. Jonathan will also be making a Siyum Hashas Mishnayos at the event.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Daf Yomi: Mon-Fri 6:15|Sun 7:45
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.

SHABBAT CLASSES

- Shabbat Youth Groups: On break
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Shabbos of Unity Men's Seudah Shlishit at the Indy Kollel

- Taam and Torah: Sundays at 9:30. Rabbi Perlow will be speaking on the topic: *The Tests of Avraham Avinu and Why Hashem Must Test Us.*
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim
- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv. Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking on the topic: *The Halachos of Warming Food Before Shabbos*
- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 7:45 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.
- Mishlei (Proverbs) Class: On break
- ****NEW**** Talmud Class: Mondays and Wednesdays at 8pm in the Kollel Beis Medrash (see flyer below)
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone: On break

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PARSHAS VAYEIRA

To understand the profound nature of the test of the Akeidas Yitzchak (the Binding of Yitzchak), we must address several questions: Why does the Torah state that this was a test for Avraham, when it was Yitzchak who demonstrated willingness to be sacrificed? Why does Hashem conclude the episode by stating, "Now I know that you fear Me"? Why is this a demonstration of Avraham's fear of Hashem rather than his love for Him? Generally, fear of Hashem is associated with refraining from acts, whereas love of Hashem is associated with positive acts. In this case, Avraham demonstrated that he was willing to go ahead and sacrifice his son, which should seemingly be indicative of his great love for Hashem?

Rashi, commenting on the opening phrase "And it was after these words," explains that this test was instigated by the Satan. The Satan accused Avraham of having never offered a sacrifice to Hashem, claiming that his devotion was incomplete. Hashem responded by asserting that Avraham would even be willing to sacrifice his own son.

This raises further questions: why did the Satan's accusation merit a response, given that Avraham had already passed nine trials? And why had Avraham never offered a sacrifice until now?

Avraham, as we know, is the ultimate exemplar of chessed (kindness), and the act of slaughtering an animal for sacrifice could potentially dull this sensitivity. (The *Zohar* even suggests that kohanim (priests) should refrain from performing the slaughtering themselves for this reason, and Avraham himself was a kohen!)

The Satan's challenge thus carried weight: perhaps Avraham's chessed stemmed from his natural disposition rather than a conscious choice to emulate Hashem. If so, his inability to offer a sacrifice would prove his kindness was not rooted in avodas Hashem (service of Hashem), but in his personal inclinations.

The Akeidas Yitzchak was a test specifically suited to Avraham because it demanded he act against his natural disposition of chessed by embracing gevurah (strength). Yitzchak's attribute — din (strict justice) — aligned

naturally with this challenge, so it did not present the same difficulty for him.

When Avraham proves his willingness to sacrifice Yitzchak, Hashem declares, "Now I know that you fear Me," recognizing Avraham's mastery over his natural tendencies, even when it required him to act with din.

In the same parsha, Lot is spared from Sodom's destruction. *Chazal* (our Sages) explain that this was in the merit of his silence when Avraham and Sarah described Sarah as Avraham's sister to protect his life, though Lot knew the truth.

This seems puzzling. Why should Lot be saved merely for not betraying his uncle? Moreover, wasn't Lot's willingness to risk his life to protect the guests in Sodom from the violent mob a more compelling reason to spare him?

The answer is that spiritual growth is not measured by absolute standards, but by an individual's ability to rise above his own natural inclinations. Lot's defense of his guests did not demonstrate exceptional growth, as he had been deeply influenced by his entire upbringing by Avraham's extraordinary chessed. Such behavior may very well have been second nature to him.

But Lot had a well-documented weakness for material wealth: he hesitated to leave Sodom, even when his life was in danger, because he could not bear to part with his possessions. If Lot had exposed Avraham and Sarah's ruse, leading to Avraham's death, Lot would have inherited all of Avraham's vast wealth as his sole heir.

For most people, remaining silent would not be noteworthy. But for Lot, overcoming his greed and not betraying Avraham was a significant act of growth.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!
~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum





THE INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY Shabbat of Unity

OCTOBER 29-31, 2026



Etz Chaim, B'nai Torah, and Indy Kollel Unite for an Inspiring Shabbat Project Weekend Featuring These Special Events:

Women's Activity with Rubissa Askenazi

Crafting Connections: Many generations, one Shabbat!

RSVP: rubissa@etzchaimindy.org **Location:** Etz Chaim

Thursday Night Mishmar for Men

Learning groups focusing on various topics related to Shabbat

By: Indy Kollel Scholars **Location:** Indy Kollel Beis Medrash

Joint Shabbat Prayers

Etz Chaim and B'nai Torah will hold joint minyanim throughout Shabbat. Friday night and Shabbat morning services will be at Etz Chaim. Shabbat Mincha and Maariv on Motzi Shabbat will be at B'nai Torah.

Sarah and Sol Sacks Guest Speaker - Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia

See separate flyer

Community Shabbat Dinner

Paid registration by October 21st **RSVP:** office@etzchaimindy.org **Location:** Etz Chaim

Oneg / Community Lunch

Following Shabbat morning services at Etz Chaim

Womens Shabbat Afternoon Shiur

By: Indy Kollel **Location:** Etz Chaim

Women's Seudah Shlishit

By: N'shei Indy Kollel **Location:** Etz Chaim

Men's Seudah Shlishit

By: Indy Kollel **Location:** Indy Kollel Beis Medrash

Special Havdalah Ceremony

Following Maariv **Location:** B'nai Torah



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THE INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY Shabbat of Unity

SCHEDULE



THURSDAY	7:00 PM -	Crafting Connections: Many generations, one Shabbat! Etz Chaim
October 29	7:00 PM -	Thursday Night Mishmar for Men Indy Kollel Beis Medrash

FRIDAY	6:00 PM -	Minha/Kabbalat Shabbat Services Etz Chaim
October 30	Including -	Sarah and Sol Sacks Guest Speaker: Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia
	Followed by -	Community Shabbat Dinner Etz Chaim (RSVP Required)

SATURDAY	9:00 AM -	Shaharit Morning Services Etz Chaim
October 31	Followed by -	Oneg/Community Lunch Etz Chaim (RSVP NOT Required)
	Followed by -	Torah Lecture from Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia
	During Lecture -	Special Kids' Program
	4:30 PM -	Women's Shiur from Rabbi Moshe Milevsky Etz Chaim
	5:00 PM -	Women's Seudah Shlishit Etz Chaim
	6:00 PM -	Shabbat Minha Afternoon Services B'nai Torah
	Followed by -	Men's Seudah Shlishit Indy Kollel Beis Medrash
	Including -	Siyum on Mishnayos by Jonathan Goldfarb
	And -	D'var Torah from Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia
	Followed by -	Mariv Evening Services B'nai Torah
	Followed by -	Havdalah Ceremony B'nai Torah

Etz Chaim - 6939 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260

B'nai Torah - 6510 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Indy Kollel Beis Medrash - 6510 Hoover Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260

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THE INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY Shabbat of Unity

SARAH AND SOL SACKS
GUEST SPEAKER



Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia

Rabbi Avraham Aboulafia brings a rich blend of Torah scholarship, practical halachic knowledge, and experiences shaped by Jewish communities across the globe.

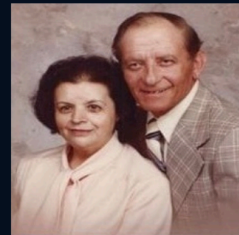
His Torah journey began in his birthplace of Sao Paulo, Brazil where he fostered a close and enduring relationship with Rabbi Shlomo Laniado. His studies then took him across continents, including Gateshead, England, where he had the privilege of learning with the renowned late posek Rabbi Pesach Eliyahu Falk a"h, and Beit Shemesh, Israel, where he mastered practical applications of halacha including shechita, kashrut, brit milah, and chevra kaddisha through Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu's Kudsha program.

Rabbi Aboulafia also spent five years in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he devoted himself to teaching and inspiring Jews from a diverse range of backgrounds. Drawing on his varied experiences, Rabbi Aboulafia brings clarity, depth, and passion to his teaching, inspiring a deeper connection to Torah and Jewish life.

Rabbi Aboulafia is a dynamic speaker and is known for his ability to connect with Jews of all backgrounds. He is fluent in Portugese, English, Hebrew, and Spanish.

Our guest speaker is sponsored in memory of Sarah and Sol Sacks, who deeply valued the importance of Yiddishkeit, the beauty of Shabbat, and the value of education and lifelong learning! Despite their challenging years in the Holocaust, Sarah and Sol remained steadfast and passionate in their commitment to Judaism.

Sponsored by:
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Location:
Indy Kollel
Beis Medrash



**Mondays and
Wednesdays**
8:00–8:30 PM

Start Date
Oct 26

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Customize your Kiddush with additional favorites.

- Rolls - \$60
- Cold Cut Platter - \$150
- Tuna Salad - \$75
- Egg Salad - \$75
- Bagels and Lox Platter - \$150 (Dairy Kiddush only)
- Cheese Platter - \$50 (Dairy Kiddush only)

SEUDAT SHLISHIT

\$60

- Option to add Lox Platter - \$30

Reserve your kiddush today!

For questions or to place an order, please contact the Bnai Torah office at 317-253-5253 ext. 1 or office@btorah.org. All orders must be in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday.

Kiddush Sponsorship Opportunities

Please email the shul office to join our **Kiddush Sponsor Rotation**. Those on the list will be contacted when we have an upcoming Kiddush without a sponsor and an opportunity to sponsor at a reduced rate.

L'Chaim Table Contributions

Thank you to everyone who generously contributes to our L'Chaim Table at Kiddush! If you would like to donate liquor and are unsure which products are approved for use at the shul, please consult one of the following kashrus guides:

[cRc Liquor List](#)

[STAR-K Beer, Liquor & Liqueur Guide](#)

We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support in enhancing our community Kiddush!



Save the Date!

Indy Kollel invites
the women of the community to a

PRE- CHANUKAH EVENT

Sunday, November 22
2:00 PM

More details coming soon...



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THE **CHILL ZONE KICKOFF EXTRAVAGANZA**

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**SUNDAY, NOV 8TH
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBOS
				1 20 Tishrei <i>Chol HaMoed Sukkos (Fourth Day)</i> Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 7:15 pm	2 21 Tishrei <i>Hoshana Rabbah</i> Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 7:05 pm Candle Lighting: 7:07 pm	3 22 Tishrei <i>Shemini Atzeres</i> Shacharis: 9:00 am Yizkor: approx. 10:45 am Mincha: 6:55 pm Maariv: 8:00 pm Candle Lighting: after 8:13 pm
4 23 Tishrei <i>Simchas Torah</i> Shacharis: 8:45 am Mincha: 7:00 pm Maariv: 8:00 pm Yom Tov Ends: 8:12 pm	5 24 Tishrei Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 7:00 pm	6 25 Tishrei Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 7:00 pm	7 26 Tishrei Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 7:00 pm	8 27 Tishrei Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 7:00 pm	9 28 Tishrei Shacharis: 6:55 am Mincha: 7:00 pm Candle Lighting: 6:56 pm	10 29 Tishrei <i>Parshas Bereishis</i> Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 6:40 pm Maariv: 7:50 pm Shabbos Ends: 8:02 pm
11 30 Tishrei <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 6:50 pm	12 1 Cheshvan <i>Rosh Chodesh Cholumbus Day</i> Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 6:50 pm	13 2 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 6:50 pm	14 3 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 6:50 pm	15 4 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 6:50 pm	16 5 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 7:00 pm Candle Lighting: 6:45 pm	17 6 Cheshvan <i>Parshas Noach</i> Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 6:20 pm Maariv: 7:30 pm Shabbos Ends: 7:42 pm
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