CONGREGATION B'NAI TORAH

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT CHAYEI SARAH
SHABBOS MEVARCHIM CHODESH KISLEV

Friday, November 6th
Candle Lighting: 5:18 PM
Mincha: 5:20 PM

Shabbat, November 7th
Shacharit: 9:00 AM
Mincha: 5:05 PM
Maariv: 6:10 PM
Shabbat ends after 6:25 PM

KIDDUSH

Deluxe Cholent Kiddush (rolls will be served) is sponsored by **The Community** in honor of Josh Brown. Please see the flyer below for details.

Seudat Shlishit is sponsored by **Rick and Caryn Bentley and Linda Vogel** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of their beloved father and father-in-law, Michael Moshe Vogel.

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Yaakov and Tzirel Rutstein on the occasion of their son Gavi's Bar Mitzvah in Silver Spring, MD!

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Daf Yomi: Mon-Fri 6:15|Sun 7:45
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Taam and Torah: Sundays at 9:30. Rabbi Teitelbaum will be

SHABBAT CLASSES

- ****New Shabbat Youth Groups Starting:** See the flyer below for details!
  - Groups for ages 3–5 will take place in the Beis

speaking on the topic: *The Great Abortion Debate: A Torah Perspective – Part I*
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim
- Halacha Class: Between Mincha and Maariv, Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking on the topic: *The Halachos of Heating Food Before and on Shabbos.*
- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- ****New Time:** Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at **8 PM.** Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.
- Mishlei (Proverbs) Class: Sundays at 7:30 PM in the Library
- Talmud Class: Mondays and Wednesdays at 8pm in the Kollel Beis Medrash

Medrash at approximately 10:55 AM.
    - Girls' groups for first grade and up will take place at 10:40 AM in the library.
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Teitelbaum will be speaking
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone: The Chill Zone Kickoff Extravaganza is happening this Sunday! See the flyer below for details.

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General Donations:

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from the Rabbi's Desk

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PARSHAS CHAYEI SARA

In the beginning of this week's parshah, Avraham makes his way back from Har HaMoriah, where Hashem had just asked Avraham to sacrifice his own son, only to discover that his wife Sarah had passed away. *Rashi* comments that it was upon hearing this that Sarah died.

So now Avraham must find a burial plot for his wife. It does not go smoothly. A slick character named Ephron sees the opportunity to turn someone's misfortune into his own fortune. He takes advantage of Avraham's desperate need for a burial plot, and charges an exorbitant price for it (despite "toying" with Avraham by professing that it would be his highest duty and honor to accommodate Avraham's needs gratis).

According to some commentaries (*Rabbeinu Yonah* on Avos 5:3; *Sefer Hayashar* §143), the death of Sarah and the ensuing encounter with Ephron was Avraham's final test. This seems a bit difficult to understand. While we certainly do not belittle the pain of Avraham over the death of his lifelong partner, the Torah does inform us in the beginning of this week's parshah that she lived a long and full life. Furthermore, we know that life is meant to be a series of tests and challenges increasing in degree of difficulty, as more becomes expected of us as we grow in wisdom and spirituality. If that is the case, the tenth and final test should be the most difficult one Avraham has yet to encounter. But how does the pain and aggravation of finding a burial plot for Sarah even begin to compare with the test of being asked to take his son's life? How is this supposed to be the "grand finale" of tests?

The answer is that this in fact was an "addendum" to the test of the Akeidas Yitzchak (the Binding of Yitzchak). It was test 10-b. Following the heels of the Akeidah, we would imagine Avraham to be weary and just looking forward to getting back to his wife and his "regular" avodah. Instead, he is jolted by this tragic news and great sadness and pain. Now, it would be perfectly normal for any human to have diminished patience at this point, and to be hard-pressed to tolerate the shenanigans and outright schemes of Ephron. It would be completely understandable if Avraham pushed back and insisted on being treated properly and fairly. Instead, we find Avraham not becoming angry or making any demands. In fact, he acts with deference and in gentlemanly fashion (he bows gracefully to him). This is not only remarkable, but near miraculous. The Hebrew word for test — nisayon — is associated with the word for miracle — nes. For someone to resist a natural tendency is an achievement that borders on the miraculous!

The Torah is teaching us an incredible lesson as well. Just because I am legitimately in pain, that does not give me the right to release that frustration on someone else (however "deserving" they seem to be).

So while the tenth and final test to Avraham would be the binding of Yitzchak, 10-b eclipses it. It teaches us that always, and above all, be a mensch. This, the Torah considers to be the ultimate challenge and accolade.

Have a wonderful Shabbos!
~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum



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Special Kiddush

Shabbos, November 7th

Honoring

Josh Brown

In appreciation of his years of dedicated service to B'nai Torah and our community as Gabbai and Office Manager.
Join us as we express our gratitude, wish him farewell, and extend our warmest wishes for continued hatzlacha in his future endeavors.

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Shabbos Morning YOUTH GROUPS

Ages 3-5

with Navah and Simchah Hull



Parsha



Davening



Games



Snacks/ Prizes

In the Beis Medrash
after Kedusha of Mussaf (approx. 10:55 AM)

Starting this Shabbos
Nov 7th

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Shabbos Morning Girls' Group

1st Grade and Up

with Mrs. Teitelbaum



Davening



Learning:
Pirkei Avos

In the Library

10:40 AM

Starting
this Shabbos
Nov 7th

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4TH ANNUAL

COMMUNITY CHANUKAH Concert

FEATURING

BIN LEVI



SAVE THE DATE

5TH NIGHT OF CHANUKAH

TUESDAY, DEC 8 | 6:30 PM

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BASIC KIDDUSH $250

A perfect, light Shabbat experience.

- Fresh Coleslaw
- Seasonal Fruit Platter
- Variety of Snacks
- Classic Herring + Cracker Platter
- Vegetable and Chummus Platter
- Assorted Pastries

CHOLENT KIDDUSH $360

A heartier option with all the classics.

- Fresh Coleslaw
- Seasonal Fruit Platter
- Variety of Snacks
- Hearty Cholent
- Vegetable and Chummus Platter
- Assorted Pastries
- Option to Add Herring and Cracker Platter - $65

A LA CARTE ADD ONS

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!

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All orders must be in by 5:00 PM on Wednesday.

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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!


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Indy Kollel
Pre-Chanukah Women's Event
CHOPPED
The Ultimate Kitchen Challenge!
Teams. Mystery Ingredients. Creative Cooking.
A Delicious Competition!
Sunday,
Nov. 22nd
2:00 PM
Bnai Torah
6510 Hoover Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46260
Compete in Teams!
Get Creative with the Ingredients!
Enjoy a Fun and Flavorful Event!
Light Refreshments
including a Soup Bar!
Don't miss this fun and flavorful event!


HEY CHILLERS!
THE
CHILL ZONE
KICKOFF
EXTRAVAGANZA
FIRST CHILL ZONE OF THE SEASON!
SUNDAY, NOV 8TH
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Indy Kollel Beis Medrash
6510 HOOVER ROAD
FUN!
PIZZA
PRIZES
ICE CREAM
Indy Kollel
Oorah
ChillZone

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBOS
1 21 Cheshvan Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 5:20 pm	**2** 22 Cheshvan Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:20 pm	**3** 23 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:20 pm	**4** 24 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:20 pm	**5** 25 Cheshvan Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:20 pm	**6** 26 Cheshvan Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:20 pm Candle Lighting: 5:18 pm	**7** 27 Cheshvan *Parshas Chayei Sara* Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 5:05 pm Maariv: 6:10 pm Shabbos Ends: 6:25 pm
8 28 Cheshvan Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 5:15 pm	**9** 29 Cheshvan Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:15 pm	**10** 30 Cheshvan *Rosh Chodesh* Shacharis: 6:45 am Mincha: 5:15 pm	**11** 1 Kislev *Rosh Chodesh* Shacharis: 6:45 am Mincha: 5:15 pm	**12** 2 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:15 pm	**13** 3 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:15 pm Candle Lighting: 5:12 pm	**14** 4 Kislev *Parshas Toldos* Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 5:00 pm Maariv: 6:05 pm Shabbos Ends: 6:19 pm
15 5 Kislev Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 5:10 pm	**16** 6 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:10 pm	**17** 7 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:10 pm	**18** 8 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:10 pm	**19** 9 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:10 pm	**20** 10 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:10 pm Candle Lighting: 5:07 pm	**21** 11 Kislev *Parshas Vayeitzei* Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 4:55 pm Maariv: 6:00 pm Shabbos Ends: 6:14 pm
22 12 Kislev Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**23** 13 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**24** 14 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**25** 15 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**26** 16 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**27** 17 Kislev Shacharis: 7:00 am Mincha: 5:05 pm Candle Lighting: 5:03 pm	**28** 18 Kislev *Parshas Vayishlach* Shacharis: 9:00 am Mincha: 4:50 pm Maariv: 6:00 pm Shabbos Ends: 6:11 pm
29 19 Kislev Shacharis: 8:30 am Mincha: 5:05 pm	**30** 20 Kislev Shacharis: 6:50 am Mincha: 5:05 pm					

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