

SHABBAT SHALOM!

Welcome to



Rabbi Robert Jacobs
Rabbi Emerita: Barbara AB Symons
November 22-23, 2024 22 Cheshvan 5785
Parashat: Chayei Sarah

President: Randy Boswell
Rabbi Emeritus: Rabbi Jason Edelstein, z”l
Torah Portion: Gen. 23:1-25:18
Haftarah: I Kings.1:1-31

Traditional commentators took note of the name of this portion and the opening storyline: Chayei Sarah translates literally as ‘the lives of Sarah’. We open with the report of her death, and Abraham’s negotiation that leads to the purchase of the double cave referred to as ha- Machpelah. The location is identified even today by a sacred building that has served both as Christian Church and Mosque in Hebron. Later generations used this cave for burial of three ancestral couples: Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Leah and Jacob. So, why Chayei Sarah? Beyond the obvious, that ‘life’ in Hebrew is called Chaiyyim—a dual form —interpretations take this as a cue to develop ideas about life and afterlife, although the concept is largely absent in Torah. Spiritual life, in contrast, is an essential focus of Torah and Judaism. Conceived as a parallel to the existence we know from experience, the spiritual life of every individual is eternal. Literally, that is outside time. Hence Sarah’s physical life has come to an end, while her spirit remains. This is the essence of human experience. The narrative picks up, shifting focus to the second generation, to Isaac and Rebecca, and then their twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Struggles in life continue through these earliest generations of Jewish history. The details are meticulous, the insights into priorities and customs are rich, the culture of the ancient world made accessible across millennia as Hebrew Scripture took its place in Western, then World, Civilization. Our reading focuses on our contemporary struggle to maintain a balance between chayei sha’ah—the moment—and chayei olam—eternity. Let the story unroll through the days and weeks ahead.

We pray for healing for our fellow congregants; please bring those prayers beyond the sanctuary via a phone call, a visit, a note or assistance. Please notify the Rabbi or Debbie, if you would like to add or delete a name from this list. We pray for people in America and around the world in need of healing.

In consideration of privacy, the names have been removed from this online version of the service handout. If you would like to have the name of a loved one said aloud during this service, please write it in the chat preferably including his/her relationship to you.

We remember, with love, the Six Million whose lives were taken during the Holocaust. We also remember, with love, those who were taken from our midst this week in years past. *When you hear the name of your loved one, please rise in place. We will all rise as a community to say kaddish.*

Yahrzeits: 16-22 Cheshvan (Read on Nov. 22-23)

Cheryl Karelitz

Harry Myerowitz

Sylvia Fisher

Sam Zeilinger

Arnold Gold

Alan Jay Wolfe

Susan Gurrentz

Marvin Cohen

Joanne Pincus

Harry Rosenblum

David Welsh Levin

David Linzer

Hilda Haransky

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Temple David Week at a Glance:

November 23 (22 Cheshvan)

Torah Talk Led by: Rabbi Jacobs

Shabbat Morning Worship led by: Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM

Music Led by: Randy Boswell

Sunday, November 24 (23 Cheshvan)

Weiger Religious School 9 AM

Monday, November 25 (24 Cheshvan)

MIM Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering 7 PM

Tuesday, November 26 (25 Cheshvan)

Mah Jongg 11:30 AM

Wednesday, November 27 (26 Cheshvan)

No Weiger Religious School

Thursday, November 28 (27 Cheshvan)

Thanksgiving

Temple Office Closed

Friday, November 29 (28 Cheshvan)

Temple Office Closed

Erev Shabbat Worship Led by Rabbi Jacobs 7:30 PM

Music Led by: Rabbi Jacobs

Saturday, November 30 (29 Cheshvan)

Torah Talk Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 9 AM

Shabbat Morning Worship Led by: Rabbi Jacobs 10 AM

Special Events Reminders:

MIM Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Mon., Nov 25 @ 7 PM

Hosted by Parkway Jewish Center at Rec 333 (333 Penn Center Blvd.)

The Temple David office will be closed November 28 and 29.

Services will be held at the regular times

Sisterhood Chanukah Dinner and Gift Exchange Tuesday, December 10, 2024 @ 6PM

Dinner includes baked chicken, potato kugel, salad, vegetables, and dessert. Vegan pasta option provided. Please bring a wrapped \$10-\$15 gift for the gift exchange. RSVP to Susan Marccone @ leahbuggy@aol.com or text 412-848-1725. If you would like to bring an appetizer or wine, it would be much appreciated..

Chanukah Party Dec. 15 @ 11 AM

Fun for all ages and all are welcome! Invite your friends and family. Wear your festive Chanukah attire to qualify for a prize. There will be dreidel crafts and contests, exciting raffle baskets, delicious sufganiyot and potato latkes. Bring your "gelt" (spare change) to help our students win the Chanukah tzedakah battle. RSVP to Reena Goldberg by Dec. 11 to reenag@temple david.org.

Book Discussion led by Debbie Moltz Thurs. Dec. 26, 7PM on Zoom.

The Matzah Ball: A Novel by Jean Meltzer. Show your favorite chanukiah and tell the story where it came from! Copies will be available at the temple.