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## **Shabbat Chayei Sarah.**

Sat. 22 - 23 Nov. 2019 - 25th of Cheshvan, 5780 -

כ"ה בחשוון תש"פ

**שבת פ' חיי שרה**

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## **Mevarchin Hahodesh**

**Rosh Hodesh Kislev on Thu. & Fri.**

**שבת מברכין**

**ראש חודש כסלו, יום חמישי וששי..**

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	15:30
Shabbat Candles.	15:47
Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:45).	08:30
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	*
Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shelishit. (*) (Sunset - 16:01).	15:30
Arbit Motzei Shabbat.	16:57
Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 7:30).	6:30
Mincha & Arbit.	15:30
Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	16:00
Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit.	15:30
Next Friday: Candles. <b>Shabbat. Toldot</b>	15:41

## **Chayei Sarah** 5780 (Genesis 23:1-25:18)

Nov 20, 2019 | by [Rabbi Kalman Packouz](#)

**SHABBAT SHALOM** - My name is Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig and it is with deep sadness and regret that I must inform you of the untimely passing of my beloved friend and mentor, Rabbi Kalman Packouz, *HaRav Kalman Moshe ben Reuven Avigdor*, of blessed memory.

**Rabbi Packouz** passed away Friday night, under remarkable circumstances which I will share below. Rabbi Packouz has asked me to carry on his monumental work of bringing the light of the Almighty to

the world and returning His children to their spiritual roots. I am humbled by the magnitude of this responsibility.

**I was** fortunate enough to have a standing breakfast meeting with him every week for the last twenty-seven years. Even if one of us was out of town we often had a "Skype" meeting. He frequently told me that I knew more about him than he knew himself. There is not enough space here to share what an extraordinary human being my beloved friend was. If you want to watch the eulogies at his funeral you may do so

here: <https://livestream.com/accounts/3118212/events/8898030>.

**I last** saw him this past Wednesday - he was extremely uncomfortable and had pretty much stopped eating. He told me when I saw him that he "just wanted it to be over already." I stayed for an hour, talked to him, and tried to make him a little more comfortable. When I called on Thursday, he was unable to speak and he was in a lot of pain. By Friday, he was listless and his eyes were mostly closed the entire day.

**Friday night**, at about 8:30, his wife Shoshana went to check on him. As she stood there he opened his eyes and stared to a spot over her shoulder and uttered his first words in days (and his last words on this earth) - "Hi Ma!" (his mother had passed away this past April). He then opened his eyes really wide and they began to shine with an intense light. Startled, his wife turned around, for she was sure that his eyes were reflecting some light behind her - but when she looked there was none.

**He then** passed away. His pure soul leaving his physical body and returning to his Maker was evidenced by the bright light in his eyes - and he was met on his final journey by his mother who came to accompany him. Rabbi Kalman Packouz, of blessed memory, was a true *tzaddik* - a righteous individual - and the world is a far poorer place without him.

**He was** deeply devoted to his loyal "Shabbat Shalom Fax of Life"

readers; so much so that he even began to prepare his "final fax." He had mentioned it to me several months ago and it took some time to find it in his vast archives. Never one to mince words, it was aptly titled: "Death." As you will see - he didn't get very far, but I wish to be faithful to his final wishes so I am copying what he wrote:

**GOOD MORNING!** By the time you read this, I will be dead. I've always loved that opening line -- full of power, no beating around the bush ... right to the punch line! However, my wife never had the same affinity for it. I asked her, "So, how should I start out, 'It was a dark and stormy night?'"

**With Deep Appreciation to My Wife  
Shoshana**

**All that I have accomplished I owe to  
her.**

**My eternal gratitude for raising our  
family.**

**Everything she does is done with  
love, caring, and joy.**

**My thanks to the Almighty that she  
married me.**

*May his memory be a blessing for the entirety of the Jewish people who he loved so dearly.*

**Shabbat Shalom Weekly** can now be reached at [shabbatshalomfax@gmail.com](mailto:shabbatshalomfax@gmail.com).

Anyone who wishes to send a note of condolence to the family during shiva may send it to there and we will be sure that they receive it.



## 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 Growth Through Torah by  
Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

**Eliezer** arrives in Charan. Rivka gives him water to drink. The Torah states:

"And she finished giving him to drink. And she said, 'Also for your camels I will draw water until they finish drinking'" (Genesis 24:19).

**Why does** the Torah specify that she will "draw water" rather than writing, "I will give the camels to drink"?

**The great** Spanish Rabbi, the Abarbanel, tells us that Rivka was meticulously careful not to say anything that would be untrue. Therefore, she said she would draw water, as if to say, "I don't know for sure if they will drink or not, but I will draw water for them. If they want to, they can drink."

**Rabbi Shmuel Walkin** adds that we see here how careful we should be to keep away from saying anything untrue. He cites as an example Rabbi Refael of Bershid who was always very careful to refrain from saying anything that was untrue. One day he entered his home while it was raining outside. When asked if it was still raining, he replied, "When I was outside it was raining." He did not want to mislead in case it had stopped raining from the time he entered his home.

**This may** seem to be ridiculous or inconsequential. However, if a person is careful with keeping to the truth in such instances, he will definitely be careful in more important matters. On the other hand, if a person is careless with the truth, he can even be tempted to lie in major ways!

**This shabbat, Parsha Chaya Sara:** there will be a hot kiddush with Iraqi breakfast sponsored by The Cohen family on the Yarsite of their dear father, **Naim** Gource Ezra Cohen ל"ו, together with The Baruch family, Robert and Anne, on the occasion of their son Benjamin Yerachmiel's barmitzvah portion reading. Also by the Hannuna Family in honour of the Bar Mitzvah Parasha of Rafael.

**On Saturday morning, November 30<sup>th</sup>:** a mass Kadish and Hashkaba will be recited in Sephardi synagogues across the world, in memory of all Jews of Arab Lands who were left behind and buried in home countries. The creation of this annual event, now in its second iteration, came at the behest of Sami Sourani, a Montreal Iraqi Jew, with tremendous knowledge of the history of Jews in Arab lands, and in particular of Iraqi Jewish cemeteries.

**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.

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

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

03 Heshvan - Mr Yakdhan Cohen	15 Heshvan - Mr Ernest Elias
03 Heshvan - Mr Ghassan Cohen	20 Heshvan - Mr Ezra H. Eddie Cohen
03 Heshvan - Mr Dhia Cohen	20 Heshvan - Mr Abraham S. Cohen
03 Heshvan - Mr Asad Cohen	21 Heshvan - Mr Adil S. Darwish
04 Heshvan - Mrs Judith Silas	22 Heshvan - Mr Nadir Baher
05 Heshvan - Mr Nadir Baher	23 Heshvan - Mrs Florance Suskin
07 Heshvan - Dr Y. Kelly Saltoun	23 Heshvan - Mr Joseph Laniado
07 Heshvan - Mr Yossi Tamman	26 Heshvan - Mr Yakdhan Cohen
09 Heshvan - Mr Eliot M. Cohen	26 Heshvan - Mr Ghassan Cohen
09 Heshvan - Mr Yossi Tamman	26 Heshvan - Mr Dhia Cohen
12 Heshvan - Dr Maurice Gubbay	26 Heshvan - Mr Asad Cohen
13 Heshvan - Mr Jack G. Fattal	27 Heshvan - Mr Yossi Tamman
13 Heshvan - Mr Harry Fattal	28 Heshvan - Mr Joseph Laniado
13 Heshvan - Mr Meir Fattal	28 Heshvan - Mrs Helen Georgy
15 Heshvan - Mrs Judith Silas	

Quote of the Week

Never leave a loved one or a friend without saying, "I love you!"



The 13<sup>th</sup> Global **Siyum HaShas** סיום הש"ס  
of  
**Daf Yomi** 2020  
On Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The 13<sup>th</sup> of Tevet 5780  
at Ohel David Eastern Synagogue at 7.00pm

The President, the committee, and our Rabbi A. Sebbag Shlita  
Of Ohel David eastern synagogue,  
invite you to celebrate  
The **Siyum Hashas** 2020.  
We will celebrate with 'Seudat Mitzvah'  
At the price of £15 per person.

To reserve a place ,Please call Kelly Saltoun on 07836389058  
**The list will be closed on 18 of December 2019**