

PARASHAT VAYERA • פ' וירא

PARNESH HAYOM CHESHVAN

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

7 Cheshvan

Drs. Bruce & Barbara Mazer in memory of brother & brother-in-law, Mark Samuel (Mordechai Aharon ben Michael z'l)

13 Cheshvan

Barbara Freedman in memory of her mother, Esther Lehrer (Esther bat Yitzchak Moshe z'l)

13 Cheshvan

Jeffrey Mandel in memory of his father, Aron Mandel (Aron ben Shlomo Yaacov z'l)

18 Cheshvan

Efraim Kandelshein memory of his father-in-law, Hyman Busgang (Chaim ben Moshe z'l)

18 Cheshvan

Mireille Shostak in memory of her father Edouard Khaffif, z'l

21 Cheshvan

Amos & Avi Sochaczewski in memory of their father, David Sochaczewski (Dovid ben Sendor Eliezer z'l)

24 Cheshvan

Kamal Gabbay in memory of his mother-in-law, Simcha Mashaal (Simcha bat Meyer z'l)

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"The Offspring of My Beloved Avraham"

"And you, My servant Yisrael – Yaakov, whom I have chosen, the offspring of My beloved Avraham..." (Yeshayahu 41:8).

Avraham earned the privilege of being called אברהם אוהבי – "My beloved Avraham" – because of his immense love for God, a love that was tested on ten occasions, as *Chazal* famously comment, "Avraham Avinu was given ten tests and withstood them all, demonstrating the extent of Avraham Avinu's love" (Avot 5:4).

The series of tests reached its climax with the test of the *akeida*, when God appeared to Avraham and said, "Please take your son, your only son, whom you love – Yitzchak – and go forth to the land of Moriah, and offer him as a burnt-sacrifice upon the hill that I will tell you" (22:2). The climax of the tests also marked the climax of Avraham and Yitzchak's love and devotion to God. True love, which does not hinge on anything in the world, is manifested when a person fulfills the wish of his beloved despite the hardships and obstacles entailed. To the contrary – as difficult as these hardships are, this is

precisely the degree of love that is expressed through the given act.

Love and devotion are never for naught. Even in the context of human relationships – parents who shower their children with love when they are still infants will see their children's love for them as they grow older. Similarly, and infinitely times more so, the love and devotion that Avraham and Yitzchak showed to God remain with *Am Yisrael* forever. The manifestation of Hashem's great love for *Am Yisrael*, and of *Am Yisrael's* great love for Hashem, is our life's greatest aspiration, as we pray each day, ומביא גואל לבני בנייהם, למען שמו באהבה ('and He brings redemption to their [the patriarchs'] descendants for His Name's sake, with love").

How fortunate we are that He who has chosen His nation, Israel, with love has implanted within our souls the immense love that was demonstrated by Avraham at the *akeida*, as we recite each morning and evening in the *shema* prayer, ואהבת את ה' אלוקיך בכל לבבך ובכל נפשך ובכל מאודך ("You shall love Hashem your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"). This is not only a command – but also a promise.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rav Nadav Levine, Rosh Kollel KTM

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Barbara Freedman and Family dedicated in memory of our beloved bubbie and mother, Esther bat Yitzchak Moshe, z"l

15th of Cheshvan 5771
 October 23, 2010
 Shabbat Begins: 5:40pm
 Shabbat Ends: 6:40pm

The Living Beit Midrash
A Vibrant Community Learns Together

MONDAYS—THURSDAYS, 8-10PM (MAARIV 9PM)
For information on more learning opportunities, please contact us.

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
Shiur Parashat Hashavua with Rav Nadav Levin

Tuesdays, 9:15-10pm
Shiur Masechet Brachot with Rav Nadav Levin (HEBREW)

*****NEW***** Wednesdays, 8-9pm
ללמוד וללמד - קהילה מלמדת
This week's shiur will be led by: Ami Drazin
Topic: Yissachar & Zevulun

Thursdays, 8-10pm
Chavruta Learning & Shiur with Rav Nadav Levin
Topic: Hilchot Shabbat

Mondays-Thursdays, 8-9pm
Chavruta Learning Program

The KTM Bachurim's Corner

"Shluchim" - Torah MiTzion, Chabad, or maybe me?!

It often seems that a shaliach is a special and unique person who takes on a special role and mission. This is a temporary mission, lasting one or two years, or a period of time and then it's over. This week's parasha teaches us about our forefather, Avraham Avinu, and of his mission, which is one for a lifetime.

His mission begins in Charan together with his wife, Sarah, which the Torah describes: "וְיָצֵאתָ מִלְּבָבְךָ אֶת שָׂרָה אִשְׁתְּךָ בְּחַרְנֵי אֲרָם" (פרי י"ב, ו'). Which Rashi interprets: "Avraham converted the men and Sarah converted the women."

Avraham Avinu, understands, however, that his mission did not finish in Charan. He understood that if he wanted to be a true servant of Hashem, he would have to continue this mission everywhere he would go. In every place and aspect of his life he would be charged to sanctify Hashem's name. And there would be no rest in this mission; he is a shaliach for life.

After he performs the Brit Milah commanded to him by God, Avraham has every reason to stay at home and rest and not to go out in the blistering heat to find people in need of home hospitality. But, he didn't. "וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְרָהָם בְּבְרֵאשֵׁי הַיָּבֵשׁ" (פרי י"ח, ב').

A shaliach like Avraham Avinu is always asking himself: What does Hashem want from me? He raised up his eyes and there were three angels standing before him. He ran to greet them, but according to Rashi, they didn't want to disturb him. Therefore, he ran after them.

Pay close attention to how much Avraham Avinu cares for his fellow. And now look at ourselves. How many thousands of people cross by us and we don't even think twice about them.

Avraham then takes care of his guests' every need, he gives them to eat, to drink. Avraham's actions are so great that his influence is felt for generations. The gemara (Bava Metzia 86:) explains that everything that Avraham did for his guests, Hashem, Himself, reciprocated for the Jewish people in the dessert.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon us as children of Avraham, to learn how to be true shlichim our whole lives and in every aspect of our lives. And sometimes it is as simple as "raising our eyes up" and seeing what is around us.

Shabbat Shalom, Oriel David, KTM

The opening of **WOMAN'S BEIT MIDRASH**

"Topics in Sefer Shemot"
with **Rav Ido Tauber**

Tuesday, October 5·12·19·26
9:30 am
Kollel Torah MiTzion

Tehilim Group
completion of the entire Book of Tehilim, and prayer for those who are ill.
Tus. 10:30 am

Everyone on their way to...
FAMILY MELAVEH MALKA

Parent-Child Learning Program

Warm up to a full hour of learning, music, treats, prizes and fun.

This year's theme: Shabbat

5 Sessions on Motzei Shabbat for Gr. 1-6

Opening Session:
November 6 - 7pm @ KTM

Following Sessions:
Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 11 - 6pm

Special Community-wide Family Melaveh Malka: December 4 @ Congregation TBDJ (more details to follow)

Sunday, November 21, 2010 @ 7:30pm
Special guest lecture: Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat
"Where there is a rabbinic will you can always find a halachic way-is this true?"