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**Rabbi's Corner**

I would like to share with you some details as well as some thoughts about the Community Shabbat Dinner this week. It has truly been a pleasure to work with the other rabbis of the community and the lay leaders from the various *shuls* on putting together this *Shabbat* program. I have very fond memories of last year's *havdallah* at Beth Israel and I have every hope that this year's program will be just as great.

The respect that everyone has for each other and the lengths to which everyone is willing to go is amazing. It is a chance for all types of Jews to get together and enjoy Shabbat without compromising on any of our values.

The event will begin with some music followed by candle lighting before the *zman* and then *davening*.

**REMINDER: Because not everyone is coming to this event WE WILL STILL HAVE A MINYAN AT YIWH ON FRIDAY NIGHT even though I and many others will not be there because we will be at Emanuel.**

The *davening* that will take place in the Chapel at Emanuel will have a *halachically* valid *mechitza* and have only males leading the *davening*. We will be using the *siddurim* that they have at Emanuel which is the Conservative Siddur Sim Shalom – Rabbi Adler and I have checked it thoroughly and *Mincha*, *kabbalat Shabbat*, and *Maariv* are identical to our very own Artsroll Siddur so there is no reason not to use their *siddurim*.

The meal will be catered by Yosi Kosher Catering. The kitchen at Emanuel will be koshered on Friday before the food arrives as it always is for any HKC event. There will be a *mashgiach* in the kitchen at all times ensuring that the standard of *kashrut* is maintained and that the laws on heating food on Shabbat are adhered to as well. There will be washing stations and *lechem mishne* on every table.

The organizers have ordered an A Cappella group to perform after dinner. The group is a mix of male and female performers. We have asked them to make sure there would be no female soloists so that there will be no questions of "*kol isha*" since everyone is singing together. They have said this is no problem.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. It is truly a beautiful statement about our Jewish community that we are able to pull something like this off. I am very proud and really looking forward!

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**CHOSEN ...FOR WHAT?**  
Are we really the chosen people?  
What are we chosen for?  
Join Rabbi Weinberg and explore the themes of  
"JEWISH CHOSENNESS"  
& THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE JEWS AND NON-JEWS  
IN HISTORY, HALACHA & JEWISH PHILOSOPHY  
Wednesday Nights at 8:00PM @ YIWH  
November 3rd & 10th

**מזל טוב**

**מזל טוב** to Chanie & Daniel on the birth of a daughter.  
**מזל טוב** to siblings Nachi, Moshe, Avi & Yitzky Loew; proud Oma & Opa Helen & Les Loew, and Bubby & Zaide Mollie & Harry Neuhof, and family; Proud great-grandmother Margot Jeremias; and aunts, uncles & cousins, ; Rena, Elliot, Tzipora & Meira Einbinder; Aviva, Shalom, Ella & Elan & Tamar Shoshana Kovacs!  
May she grow L'Torah, L' Chuppah u'L'Maasim Tovim!

**מזל טוב**

**מזל טוב** to Leora Petashnick on her engagement to Yoni Illouz! **מזל טוב** to the Benovitz-Tepler, Petashnick and Illouz families!

**מזל טוב**

**מזל טוב** to Evelyn & Bob Harris on the Bat Mitzvah of Their granddaughter...

**מזל טוב**

**מזל טוב** to Meira on her Bat Mitzvah! **מזל טוב** to Proud parents Batsheva & Zvi, and siblings Tova, Tziyona & Amitai; proud grandparents Judy & Sam Leichtberg, and Marcia & Jay Goldfischer; Proud great-grandmother Miriam Leichtberg; and aunts, uncles and cousins Ari, Dari, Ra'eya & Liav; Rabbi Barry, Debbie, Moshe, Miriam, Yossi, Yehuda & Ateret Goldfischer; Rabbi David, Yael, Leah, Netanel & Akiva Goldfischer!



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**SAVE THE DATES****UPCOMING SHUL & COMMUNITY EVENTS****TAKE 15 WITH THE RABBI**

Short recorded *Shiurim* by Rabbi Weinberg will be sent by email every Monday on the topic of *Tefilla*.

The first topic is "Kaddish"

They can also be downloaded or listened to on our website: [www.youngisraelwh.org](http://www.youngisraelwh.org)

**MEMORIAL -SHLOSHIM**

For Levana Polate z'l

Monday November 1st at 4:30 PM

Zachs Hillel House, Trinity College, 121 Allen Street

**ELISHA ROSENSWEIG'S CLASS**

Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8:00 PM

We are studying the

Opening Parshiot of Sefer Bereishit.

At the home of Judy Brenner, 103 Steele Road

**ROSH CHODESH TEHILLIM GROUP**

Monday, November 8th at 7:30 PM

At the home of Dvora Weiss, 40 Miamis Road

**BOOK CLUB MEETING**

All Other Nights, A novel

By Dara Horn

Monday, November 8th at 8:00 PM

At the home of Shayne Kesler, 57 Pilgrim Road

Do you knit, crochet, embroider, needlepoint, bead, weave ?? **WHATEVER**, think about joining our "craft circle." We meet informally usually on Monday eve's for an hour or so to work on whatever projects are in the works, a little conversation, a hot drink...

Please email Debbie Luger ([deluge613@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deluge613@sbcglobal.net)) if you're interested in joining us or if you have comments/questions/suggestions...

**REMEMBERING KRISTALLNACHT**

Historical Presentation by Professor Avinoam Patt  
First Person Recollections by Survivors of Kristallnacht  
Including Margot Jeremias

Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM

Congregation Beth Israel

**HAGH MONTE CARLO NIGHT**

12.11.10

7:30 PM to 11:30 PM

Elegant, Fundraising Dinner to benefit the HAGH

Dinner, Music & Casino Games

RSVP or for more information:

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT****GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING**

**At the Bess & Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy**

**Co-Sponsored by Young Israel of West Hartford**

**On November 7th, 2010**

**From 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Jews from all over the globe will be uniting together for the Global Day of Jewish Learning. The Day will mark the completion of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's historic Talmudic commentary.

Rabbi Steinsaltz will write the final lines of his prodigious work, bringing to a close a 45 year project, spanning nearly four dozen volumes.

We will have a series of speaker, including:

Rabbi Brahm Weinberg, Dr. Regina Miller, Elisha Rosensweig, Dr. Rafael Blum, Elie Wolfe and Dr. Vera Schwarcz. More names will be added.

Topics will range from Torah and Science, to Kabbalah, Psychology, Jews in China and the Art of Jewish Parenting. Childcare and refreshments will be provided, as well as a special program for pre-school children!

[www.theglobalday.com](http://www.theglobalday.com)

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Our school number is: 110680

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Parshat Chayei Sarah - Blessings of Old Age  
by Rabbi Jay Kelman [www.torahinmotion.org](http://www.torahinmotion.org)

"Isaac brought (Rivka) into his mother's Sarah tent and he married Rebecca. She became his wife, and he loved her. Isaac was consoled for the loss of his mother" (25:67). Rivka by carrying on in the path set by Sarah brings comfort not only to Yitzchak but to Abraham as well. It is not coincidental that the death of Sarah is recorded in the parsha "the life of Sarah" for our sages teach that the "righteous even in death are called living". Sarah may have physically died but her way of life would continue through her children and future descendants. The above quoted verse is the 67 th and last of the story detailing how it came to be that Rivka and Yitzchak would wed. Clearly choosing the right marriage partner is extremely important and the Torah thus spends more time on this story than in detailing the laws of Shabbat.

The opening verse of the "first Jewish wedding" story does seem a little out of place. The Torah tells us that "Abraham was old, well advanced in years and G-d had blessed Abraham with everything." (24:1). Sarah has just been buried so it seems rather inappropriate at this point to say that Abraham was blessed with everything. Perhaps we can understand this in light of the Talmudic passage that demands that just as we must bless G-d on good tidings so too we must bless G-d when bad things befall us, a concept that is reflected in the blessing of G-d as the righteous judge when a close relative dies. Abraham despite the fact that he had just "come to eulogize Sarah and to weep for her" (23:2) still had much that he was thankful for. For those events that were distressful he realized that ultimately they too reflected the will of G-d. He had the wonderful ability to see life as a constant blessing.

When we think of the life experiences of each of the patriarchs it is Yaakov who we view as having had the most difficult of lives. His problems both with his brother and children literally drove him to an early grave (he lived to 147 whereas his father and grandfather lived to 180 and 175 respectively). However if we carefully examine the life of Abraham we will see that it was one fraught with much difficulty and many challenges. As a child he challenged the religious ways of his surroundings becoming an outcast who, according to the *Midrash*, was harassed constantly for his radical views. He was forced to leave his homeland and family and journey to an unknown land. Upon arriving he is greeted by famine and while seeking food in Egypt his wife is kidnapped and nearly raped. Returning to Israel he squabbles with his nephew Lot yet still risks his life in a war with the four kings. Throughout this he has no progeny and when he finally has a son, from his wife's concubine he is told that "he will be a rebel. His hand will be against everyone" (16:12). Not exactly *Nachas*. In fact at the urging of his wife he is forced to send him away from home. When after many years Abraham and Sarah do have a child, Abraham is told to sacrifice him an event which the midrash claims caused the death of Sarah. Yet somehow Abraham is the paradigm of *chesed* throughout and always seems to expend his energies on *tikkun olam*, improving the world. Whether it is his "proclaiming the name of G-d", fighting (even if it means going to war) for justice for all, pleading with G-d to have mercy on the wicked, his constant practice of *hachnasat orchim*, or touring the land of Israel Abraham always saw the potential for good. There is no use in feeling sorry for ourselves when so much needs to be done.

"Abraham breathed his last and died at a good age, old and satisfied" (25:8). Abraham may have had a difficult life but one who met him would never know it. By focusing on the blessings that we do have and sharing them with others we will help ensure that we too will have a life of satisfaction and meaning.

THE PATRIARCHAL FAMILY - DYSFUNCTIONAL OR MYSTICAL?

A panel of rabbis shed light on the perplexing stories of the first Jewish Family

PART I

Isaac favors Esau!?

Rebecca schemes with Jacob to steal the blessings?

Tuesday, November 2nd, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Joseph Gopin

Rabbi Brahm Weinberg

Rabbi Ari Weiss

Chabad House of Greater Hartford, Young Israel of West Hartford, Agudas Achim Synagogue

PART II

Family Feud — *The Conflict Between Joseph & His Brothers*

Tuesday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Joseph Gopin

Rabbi Daniel Loew

Rabbi Mordechai Weiss

Chabad House of Greater Hartford Hebrew High School of New England Bess & Paul Siegel Hebrew Academy

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October 29th - November 5th, 2010

Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah

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Friday, October 29th

Shacharit

Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

Shabbat, October 30th

Rabbi Sheinkopf's Mishna Brurah Class

Shacharit

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

Shabbat Morning Youth Groups

Rabbi Weinberg's Shabbat Afternoon Parsha Class

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv

Shabbat Ends

Sunday, October 31st - Thursday, November 4th

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

Shacharit... Sunday

Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast

Studying Masechet Makot

Shacharit... Monday - Thursday

Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH

Friday, November 5th

Shacharit

Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.  
5:33 p.m.  
5:38 p.m.

8:00 a.m.  
8:45 a.m.  
9:56 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
4:30 p.m.  
5:15 p.m.  
6:32p.m.

6:28a.m.  
8:15 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

6:45 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.

6:45 a.m.  
5:24 p.m.  
5:29 p.m.

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November 5th - 12th, 2010

Shabbat Mevorchim Parshat Toldot

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Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

**Shabbat, November 6th**

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Shacharit

Sof Zman Kriat Shma

Shabbat Morning Youth Groups

Rabbi Weinberg's Shabbat Afternoon Parsha Class

Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit & Maariv

Shabbat Ends

**Sunday, November 7th - Thursday, November 11th**

Daylight Savings Time ends - Turn clocks back to Standard Time

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin

Shacharit... Sunday - Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Followed by Rabbi Weinberg's Gemara Shiur & Breakfast

Studying Masechet Makot

Shacharit... Monday - Rosh Chodesh Kislev

Shacharit... Tuesday - Thursday

Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH

**Friday, November 12th**

Shacharit

Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.  
5:24 p.m.  
5:29 p.m.

8:00 a.m.  
8:45 a.m.  
10:01 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
4:25 p.m.  
5:10 p.m.  
6:23p.m.

2:00 a.m.  
5:36 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

6:30 a.m.  
6:45 a.m.  
4:20p.m.

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4:16 p.m.  
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Studying Masechet Makot

Shacharit... Monday - Thursday

Mincha/Maariv @ YIWH

Friday, November 19th

Shacharit

Candle Lighting

Mincha/Maariv

6:45 a.m.

4:16 p.m.

4:21 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

9:05 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

4:05 p.m.

5:15 p.m.

5:44 a.m.

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