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D'var Torah

Pareshat Vayera

Bereshit – 18:1 – 22:24.

Blessing In Disguise

By Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

Pashas Vayera, Sora, the 90-year-old wife of Avraham, receives a most surprising piece of information from an even more surprising source. She is told by Arab nomads, who had found obliging accommodation in Avraham's house, that in one year she will have a child. Instinctively, she reacts in disbelief to this prediction. She laughs.

Immediately, Hashem appears to Avraham He is upset. "Why did Sora laugh? Is there something that is beyond the Almighty? At the appointed time I shall return, and behold Sora will have a son (Genesis 18:12-13).

Hashem's ire must be explained. After all, Sora was not told by Hashem that she will have a baby. She was informed by what appeared to be Arab wanderers. And though the Talmud explains that the three nomads were indeed angels sent by the Almighty, they did not identify themselves as such. So, what does G-d want from Sora?

A man once entered the small study of the revered the Steipler Gaon, Rabbi Yaakov Yisrael Kanievski with a plea. "I'd like a blessing from the Rav. My daughter has been looking to get married for several years. All her friends are married and she would like to get married too, but nothing is working. Can the Rosh Yeshiva bless her to find her bashert? (appropriate one)," he asked.

The Steipler turned to the man and asked, "Is this your first daughter?"

"No," replied the distraught parent, "Why do you ask?"

"When she was born did you celebrate with a kiddush?" (a celebratory party in a religious setting)

The man was perplexed. "No. But, that was 27 years ago," he stammered, "and she was my third girl. I may have made a l'chaim while the minyan was leaving shul, but I never made a proper kiddush. But what does a missed kiddush 27 years ago have to do with my daughter's shidduch (match) today?"

"When one makes a kiddush at a festive occasion," explained Rav Kanievski," each l'chaim he receives is accompanied by myriad blessings. Some are from friends, others from relatives, and those blessings given by total strangers.

Among those blessings are definitely the perfunctory wishes for an easy time in getting married. By not making a kiddush for your daughter, how many blessings did you deprive her of? I suggest you make your daughter the kiddush that she never had."

The man followed the advice, and sure enough within weeks after the kiddush the girl had met her mate.

At the bris (circumcision) of his first son (after ten girls), my uncle, Rabbi Dovid Speigel, the Ostrove-Kalushin Rebbe of Cedarhurst, Long Island, quoted the Ramban (Nachmanides) in this week's portion.

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, October 30, 2026	
Candlelighting	5:52 p.m.
Mincha	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 31, 2026 – Vayera	
Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema	10:26 a.m.
Mincha	5:50 p.m.
Shkiya	6:09 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat	6:55 p.m.
Sunday – Friday, November 1 -6, 2026	
Earliest Tallit & Tefillin	6:04-6:11 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday - Friday	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sun. – Thurs.	4:50 p.m.
Friday, November 6, 2026	
Candlelighting	4:43 p.m.
Mincha	4:50 p.m.

Jewish Women's 60 Plus Meetup Group

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 @1:30 PM

In the Sam Ferman Hall

For more information, contact **Elaine Lazarus**

See flyer on page 3



Move your clocks back one hour on

Sun. Nov. 1, 2026 @ 2:00 a.m.

Lifecycle

Celebrations:

- Mazal Tov to **Helen and Mark Breslow** on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Toby Kayla, daughter of Simcha and Dina Breslow of Houston, Texas
- Mazal Tov to **Diana and Edward Franco** on the recently marriage of their daughter, Sheina, to Eitan Tabachnikov, son of Irena and Michael Tabachnikov.

Nichum Aveylim:

- Sincere condolences to our member, **Netta Epstein**, on the loss of her husband, **Joseph, Yosef ben Yehuda Leib Epstein** z" l. Shiva will be observed at **68 North Meadow Crescent, Thornhill. Shacharit will be at 7:30 am. Mincha/Maariv will be at 5:50 p.m. on Thursday, 2:00 p.m. on Friday and 4:50 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. Shiva visiting hours are: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Shiva concludes Sunday morning. Condolence cards may be sent through the B'nai Torah Sisterhood. To do so, please contact Elaine Tanenzapf at lainny@rogers.com. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

Refuah Sheleimah:

- Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim and all those who are ill or suffering at this time. Teffilot and Tehillim said on behalf of the cholim are much appreciated.

We Thank Our Sponsors:

The Kiddush last week was enhanced by Mabruk Catering, **George Grunwald** and **Zev & Susan Shainhouse**. If you wish to also enhance a kiddush by providing items such as fresh cookies, cakes, chips or salads, please reach out to David Green by email at davidgreen@tkg.ca.

The Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by:

- B'nai Torah Shabbat Kiddush sponsors.

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- Sponsored by **Andrea Stern and Isaac Singer** in honour of their son Jonathan, who recently served as a reservist in the IDF and in honour of all the other reservists and Chayalim.
- **The Korman family**

Synagogue Notes;

No Kiddush Next Week:

There will not be a Kiddush next week, November 7, due to a Simcha in the Sam Ferman Hall.

B'nai Torah Simchat Torah Auction:

The B'nai Torah Simchat Torah was a smashing success! Altogether, $10,700 was raised. Many thanks to all who participated in the auction.

Chassan Torah Participation Opportunity

With the permission of the purchasers, who honoured Rabbi Rosenberg with Chassan Torah, an invitation to participate in this kibbud is being extended to everyone in the Kehilla.

We know that others would like to be included in honouring Rabbi Rosenberg. Suggested donation is $100. To participate, please contact Leila in the shul office or send an Interac e-transfer to marinagershtein@gmail.com.. An honour scroll will be given to Rabbi Rosenberg listing all those who contributed.

D'var Torah Continued:

The reason that Hashem was upset at Sora was that even if an Arab nomad gives the blessing, one must be duly vigilant to respond, "Amen." One never knows the true vehicle of blessing and salvation. Hashem has many conduits and messengers. Some of those messengers' divinity is inversely proportional to their appearance.

We have to do is wait, listen, and pray that our prospective exalter is the carrier of the true blessing. And then, we have to believe.

Quite often, we have ample opportunities to be blessed. Whether it is from the aunt who offers her graces at a family gathering or the simple beggar standing outside a doorway on a freezing winter day, blessings always come our way. Sometimes they come from the co-worker who cheers you on at the end of a long day or the mail carrier who greets you with the perfunctory "have a nice day" as he brings today's tidings. Each blessing is an opportunity that knocks. And each acknowledgment and look to heaven may open the door to great salvation. The only thing left for us to do is let those blessings in.

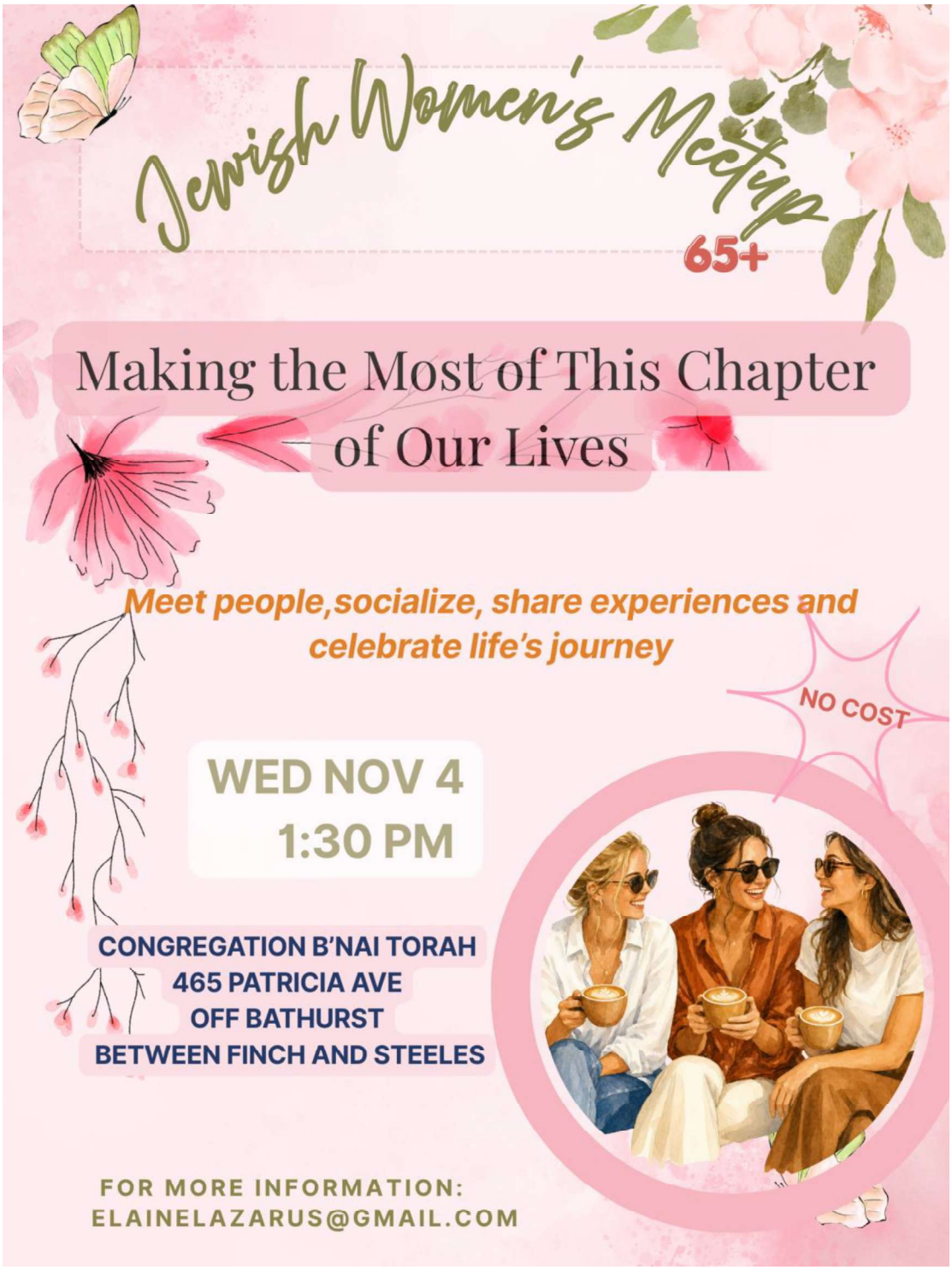
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Daf Yomi

Oct. 31, 2026	Shabbat	20 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 43
Nov. 1, 2026	Sunday	21 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 44
Nov. 2, 2026	Monday	22 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 45
Nov. 3, 2026	Tuesday	23 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 46
Nov. 4 2026	Wednesday	24 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 47
Nov. 5, 2026	Thursday	25 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 48
Nov. 6. 2026	Friday	26 Cheshvan 5787	Bekhorot 49

Yahrzeits for the Week of November 1-7, 2026

Deceased Name	Relationship	Member or Affiliate Name	Day	Hebrew Date
Ruth S. Berlove	mother	Leila Libman	Sunday	Mar Cheshvan 21
Aron Singer	father	Isaac Singer	Friday	Mar Cheshvan 26
Sabina Korman	mother	Ian Korman	Shabbat	Mar Cheshvan 27
Ruth Pohrille	mother	Abbey Brumer	Shabbat	Mar Cheshvan 27
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B'nai Torah Office Hours are Monday – Thursday, 1:00-5:30 PM The virtual office is open on Friday s 12:00-3:30 PM.

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