Kehillat Shaarei Torah
קהילת שערי תורה דשדרנשט

WEEKLY BULLETIN

PARSHAS VAYEIRA

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Parsha Summary

Avraham is visited by three travelers, whom he welcomes into his tent. They inform Avraham and Sarah that they will have a son, which makes Sarah laugh. Avraham pleads against the destruction of Sdom and Amorrah, and G-d agrees to spare them if a few righteous people can be found in them. Avraham can't deliver, and the cities burn. Among the survivors are Lot and his two daughters, who conspire to bear children from their father.

Avimelech King of Gerar seizes Sarah, but G-d intervenes and Avraham negotiates her release. Yitzhak is born to Avraham and Sarah, and is circumcised at 8 days old. However Sarah fears for Ishmael's negative influence on the boy, and tells Avraham to send Ishamel and Hagar away, which he does. They almost starve, but G-d intervenes and they are rescued. The king and his general, Fichol make a treaty with Avraham.

G-d asks Avraham to bring his son Yitzhak to a place G-d will show him and offer him up there. Avraham prepares to do it, and leaves together with Yitzhak, with supplies and servants. On the third day, they arrive at the place, and Avraham prepares to offer Yitzhak. At the last moment, an angel calls out to Avraham and tells him not to do it. Avraham finds a ram caught in the bushes and offers it instead. G-d's blessings are repeated to Avraham, and he returns home to Sarah. Meanwhile, Milkah and Nachor, brother and sister-inlaw of Avraham have a baby girl named Rivkah.

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Vote with your Feet



If election results this week disappointed you, whether in Toronto, Israel, or further afield; maybe consider voting now with your feet.

People “vote with their feet” when they walk out of a bad movie or play, or stop patronizing a restaurant that doesn’t offer good service or good food. They simply go elsewhere. This is not to suggest than anyone pack up and leave Canada, although that is on some people’s minds.

“Vote with your feet” suggests simply: go and take part in more things that enrich and nourish your mind and soul. Go to more things than uplift and inspire you; rather than watching the endless news cycle of disappointment and downward trends.

And yes, “Go somewhere” in our days doesn’t even mean you have to get out of your chair, necessarily—although movement and motion is as good for the mind and soul as it is for the body—you can go to many good places and hear many good things online; for those times (like the coming cold winter months) when going outside feels less inviting.

Voting with your feet by coming to shul is a vote for the Jewish people and for community and friendship. We tease our “JFK’s”—“just for the kiddush” people; but the truth is we are happy to see anybody in our community, whenever they choose to show up. This week we will work to provide some seating at the kiddush, by the way, so it’s a little more inviting to stay and chat with friends. Also next week, while we’re talking about Kiddush…we’ll have another “You Said It” conversation, where you are welcome to bring (or email ahead of time) questions or issues you’d like to discuss in an open forum at our kiddush. That’s next week, November 7th; which will also mark the return to early mincha—Once the clocks change this Saturday night, we can daven mincha on Shabbos afternoon about 12:35. Please plan to stay for that.

You can also plan to take part in our Holocaust Education Week program next Monday evening. While the scope and breadth of planning this annual event through the Toronto Holocaust Centre has changed over the years; we at KST are still committed to bringing interesting and engaging presentations to you live and in person at shul. So make time 7pm Monday evening for a fascinating speaker, Grace Feuerverger, who will be talking about her book Winter Light: The Memoir of a Child of Holocaust Survivors.

Coming up, later in November we’ll have another “Books and Bagels” Sunday morning gathering at 11am--hopefully not too early for a Sunday morning—and we’ll talk about a recent book by an important cultural observer on the Jewish scene, Dara Horn.

And as ever, we are open and ready to hear your suggestions: what kinds of programs and topics would you like to see at KST, in person or online? What issues are important to you that should get the attention of others in our Kehillah? We want to talk about what you want to talk about.

So in addition to our book talks, featured speakers, and ongoing classes—let's hear your vote for what you'd like to see at your shul.

Shabbat shalom





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SUN

NOVEMBER 1

Remember Time Change - Fall back 1 Hour

Shacharit - 8:30am

MON

NOVEMBER 2

Shacharit - 7:00am

Women's Essential Talmud - **paused**

Holocaust Week (Winter Light) - 7:00pm

TUE

NOVEMBER 3

Shacharit - 7:00 AM

Women's Class - 12:00 NOON

WED

NOVEMBER 4

Shacharit - 7:00 AM

THU

NOVEMBER 5

Shacharit - 7:00 AM

FRI

NOVEMBER 6

Shacharit - 7:00 AM

Breakfast Learning - 7:45 AM

Candle Lighting - 4:43 PM

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat - 4:45 PM

SHABBOS

NOVEMBER 7

Shacharit - 9:15 AM

"You Said It" Kiddush discussion

Early Mincha - 12:35 PM

Shabbat Concludes - 5:46 PM

NEXT WEEK: "YOU SAID IT!" OPEN TOPIC DISCUSSION AT KIDDUSH!



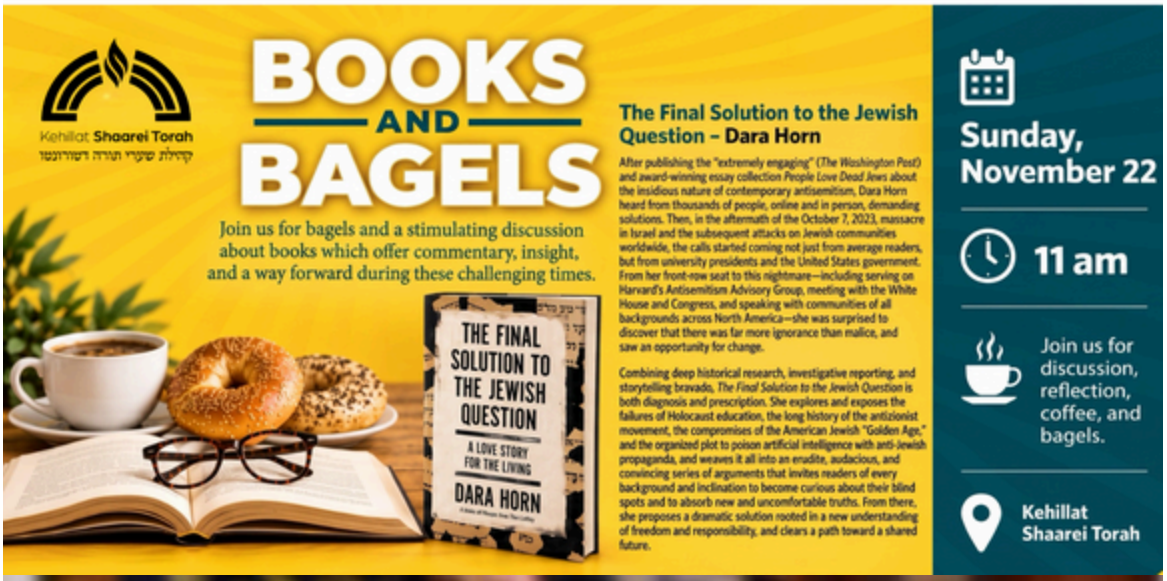
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WINTER LIGHT

The Memoir of a Child of Holocaust Survivors

A child of Holocaust survivors, Grace was always searching for shelter but knew that her







Sustaining Our Shabbat Kiddush, Week After Week.

The KST Chevrah helps ensure our community comes together around a warm, welcoming hot Kiddush every Shabbat at KST.

Kiddush is where community relationships deepen, newcomers to the Shul feel welcomed, and our community truly connects after davening.

Please consider supporting this cornerstone of Shabbat at KST.

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NEW

This week's upcoming yahrzeits

Yahrzeits

Friday

Rebecca Kaplan for father Davide Menasce

Saturday

Selwyn Postan for sister Ziona "Cookie" Postan-Schaffer

Shirley Osler Sitzer for sister Marion Gould

Monday

Dennis Maister for father Nachman Maister

Wednesday

Issy Joffe for mother Zelda Joffe

Seymour Joffe mother of Zelda Joffe



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