

בְּרֵאשִׁית

פרשת חיי שרה

Parashat Hayyei Sarah

24 Heshvan, 5786/November 15, 2025

Triennial Cycle Year I: Genesis 23:1-24:9

Genesis 23:1-24:9, Humash Etz Hayim, page 127

Haftarah, I Kings 1:1-31, page 142

- (23:1-20) Sarah dies at the age of 127. Abraham, after bargaining with Ephron, acquires the Cave of Machpelach, in Hebron, as a family burial plot. This is the first Jewish property in the Land of Israel.
- (24:1-9) Abraham sends his servant back to Aram-Naharaim [Aram of the two rivers = Mesopotamia] to find a wife for Isaac.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Please check our online calendar for the most up-to-date information

Saturday, November 15

9:30 a.m. Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
9:45 a.m. Youth Congregation (Beit T'Fillah)
11:15 a.m. Tot Shabbat (Beit T'Fillah)
12:00 pm Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
12:45 pm Teshuvah of the Month (Beit Midrash)
5:40 p.m. Havdalah

Sunday, November 16

9:30 a.m. Minyan (Zoom)
9:30 a.m. Religious School (Classrooms)
10:00 a.m. BLT - Bagels, Lox, and Tefillah (Social Hall)
11:00 a.m. Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)

Monday, November 17

3:00 pm. Crafters' Guild (Beit Midrash)
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 18

10:30 a.m. Torah Study (Beit Midrash)
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 19

11:30 a.m. Balance and Stretch class (Beit Midrash)
4:30 p.m. Religious School (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
7:30 p.m. Program Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, November 20

10:15 a.m. Library Meeting (Beit Midrash)
7:00 p.m. Minyan (Zoom)
7:30 p.m. General Board Meeting (Beit Midrash)

Friday, November 21

10:00 a.m. Talmud Study (Zoom)
4:36 p.m. Candle lighting

Saturday, November 22

9:30 a.m. Services (Sanctuary/YouTube)
12:00 p.m. Kiddush (Sukkah Patio/Social Hall)
12:45 p.m. The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)
4:40 p.m. Ma'ariv and Havdalah (Social Hall)
5:36 p.m. Havdalah

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Embrace A Family – Going on Now

Congregation Beth David is once again partnering with JFS Silicon Valley to bring holiday joy to seniors, children, and families in need. With recent federal cuts making it harder for families to afford even basic gifts or food, your support matters more than ever. Visit the Embrace-A-Family SignUpGenius page here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/congregationbethdavid2025>

- Select one or more dreidel wishes from the board and make the monetary contribution for the gift(s) using your credit or debit card.
- JFS Silicon Valley will deliver the gift(s) directly to the designated individual.
- You'll receive a thank you letter from JFS Silicon Valley for your gift!

Or you can donate a Target gift card or check made payable to JFS Silicon Valley and write "EAF" in the note field. We will order items for you. Mail gift cards/checks to: JFS Silicon Valley, P.O. Box 320490, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Or deliver gift cards or checks in person by emailing embracefamily@jfssv.org to schedule a drop off time.

Brighten the Season with Hanukkah Cards!

Support the Beth David Religious School and spread the light of Hanukkah. Each card showcases original artwork by our Beth David Religious School students. A set of 12 cards is just \$36.

Please place your order by November 30.

Members purchase cards here:

<https://tinyurl.com/members-hanukkah-cards>

Guests purchase cards here:

<https://tinyurl.com/guest-hanukkah-cards>

To find the listing on the portal, go to RSVP – Events & Programs, then select "Hanukkah Card Fundraiser."

Honor a Loved One Through Kiddush Oneg Sponsorship

Did you know that even a small donation to our Kiddush Oneg Fund can make a meaningful impact? Whether you're marking a yahrzeit or celebrating a simcha, your gift — no matter the size — helps enrich our communal Shabbat experience. It's a heartfelt way to honor someone special while supporting our community. To contribute and be listed as a Kiddush Oneg co-sponsor, please contact our office at 408-257-3333.

Coffee with the Rabbi

Share a warm and inspiring conversation with the Rabbi of your choice! Enjoy meaningful discussions, ask questions, and connect over a fresh cup of coffee.

- Date/Time: Flexible
- Location: At your favorite coffee shop
- For details or to schedule a date and time, contact us at info@beth-david.org

UPCOMING SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Teshuvah of the Month (Beit Midrash)

Saturday, November 15, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Kunin

Traditional Judaism, including Conservative Judaism, is a religion rooted in halakha (Jewish law) — a living tradition that grows through the generations. Join Rabbi Kunin each month to explore fascinating *teshuvot* (rabbinic legal rulings) from ancient to modern Conservative, and occasionally Orthodox or Reform, sources.

BLT - Bagels, Lox, and Tefillah (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 16, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us at Beth David for a bagel with schmear and Peet's kosher coffee. We will be talking about various Jewish topics. RSVP by emailing Men's Club at: mensclub@beth-david.org.

Mah Jongg Tournament (Social Hall)

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

This event is full.

The Former Prophets (Beit Midrash)

Saturday, November 22, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Roller

Discover some of the most exciting biblical stories you've never heard—tales of war, love, betrayal, and revenge that rival any bestseller. We'll use Robert Alter's translation, though all Hebrew Bible versions are welcome. Please bring your own if you can; a few copies will be available.

Ma'ariv and Havdalah (Social Hall)

Saturday, November 22, 4:40–6:00 p.m.

Join us for a *Seudah Shelishit* of finger food and sweets. We will sing Shabbat and other Hebrew songs and discuss the parsha from a mystical perspective. We will conclude with Havdalah.

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/maariv-havdalah>.

60th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Offsite)

Thursday, November 27, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place

Begin your day of gratitude alongside neighbors from diverse faith communities in Saratoga. Support JFS Silicon Valley's monthly food pantry helping individuals and families in the community facing food insecurity. See most needed food items here:

<https://tinyurl.com/interfaith-food-drive>.

Navigating the Sea of Sacred Jewish Literature (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 2, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

with Rabbi Roller

Join us on a journey through Jewish sacred literature—from the Bible to rabbinic, medieval, and modern writings. Explore how each era reinterprets earlier texts, revealing a dynamic conversation that continues to shape Jewish tradition. Register for Zoom here:

<https://tinyurl.com/navigating-sea>.

Author talk with Carol Goodman Kaufman (Zoom)

Thursday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Join mystery writer Carol Goodman Kaufman on Zoom for an interactive session exploring what makes a mystery tick. Learn about crime subgenres and help brainstorm story ideas. Reading her books, *The First Murder* or *Crak, Bam, Dead* isn't required. Space is limited—please register for Zoom here: <https://tinyurl.com/Carol-Goodman-Kaufman>. For more information on Carol, check out her website here: carolgoodmankaufman.com.

Youth Congregation (Beit T'Fillah)

Saturdays, December 6 & 20, 9:45 am–11:00 am

An interactive Shabbat service experience specifically targeted for our 1st – 5th grade students. Youth participate in traditional prayer, Torah readings, games and discussions inspired both by the weekly Torah portion and current events. Adults/parents welcome.

Tot Shabbat (Beit T'Fillah)

Saturdays, December 6 & 20, 11:15 am–11:45am

This is a relaxing, lighthearted, interactive, Shabbat program for tots and their families. Join Rabbi Roller for singing, stories, movement and more!

Bocce with the Boys (Offsite)

Sunday, December 7, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Campo Di Bocce, 565 University Avenue, Los Gatos

Join us for dinner followed by bocce ball and/or drinks. We are meeting at 5:00 p.m. and will stay as late as 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP by emailing Mens Club here: mensclub@beth-david.org.

Jewish Women Throughout History (Beit Midrash/Zoom) with Rabbi Kunin

Tuesday, December 9, 7:30–9:00 p.m.

Jewish history and tradition has been focused primarily on men, leaving out the essential contributions of women over the ages. In this class we discover amazing Jewish women (some well-known and some who have largely been lost) from Hulda the Prophetess to donna Gracia Nasi, to Golda Meir. Sign up to attend on Zoom, here: <https://tinyurl.com/zoom-jewish-women>. If you want to attend in person, it is not necessary to register.

Beth David Women Celebrate Hanukkah (Social Hall)

Thursday, December 11, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Join Beth David Women for a festive Hanukkah celebration! Enjoy a delicious luncheon, connect with friends, and shop our Gently Used Jewelry table. Bring an extra Hanukiah for our Trading Table—leftovers will be donated to Jewish Family Services. Cost is \$30 plus a minimum \$15 gift card for JFS's Embrace-A-Family program (bring gift card to the luncheon). Members sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/BD-women-Hanukkah-members>. Guest sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/BD-women-hanukkah-guests>.

Kids/Tots Shabbat, Potluck & Musical Kabbalat Shabbat (Classrooms/Beit T'Fillah)

Friday, December 12

- 5:30 p.m. Kids and Tots Service
- 6:15 p.m. Dairy/Pareve Potluck
- 7:00 p.m. Service with Beth David's Musical Group!

Please join the Rabbis as we welcome in Shabbat! We'll start with a kids and tots service at 5:30 p.m., a dairy/pareve potluck at 6:15 p.m., followed by an engaging service with Beth David's musical group. We'll provide the challah and kiddush wine. Sign up for potluck here: <https://tinyurl.com/all-potluck>. (Please plan to bring a dish that serves 8-10 people.)

Jewish Book Discussion Group (Beit T'Fillah) **Sharing Titles and Book Exchange**

Saturday December 13, 12:45–2:00 p.m.

We'll each share a favorite Jewish book we think everyone should read. Please email the title you'd like to recommend to Miriam Marr by December 5, here bookgroup@beth-david.org. You're also invited to bring any Jewish books you no longer need but think others might enjoy — we'll have a book exchange!

Hazak Hanukkah Extravaganza (Social Hall)

Saturday, December 13, 6:00–9:00 p.m.

A delightful prelude to the Festival of Lights! Enjoy a New York deli supper with latkes and dessert, catered by Hazak. Share good company with friends and relax with a charming movie. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP by December 9 to hazak@beth-david.org.

Annual Meeting (Sanctuary/Zoom)

Sunday, December 14, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

You are warmly invited—and strongly encouraged—to attend the Congregation Beth David Annual Meeting. If you want to sign up to attend on Zoom, please register here: <https://tinyurl.com/5786-annual-meeting>. If you want to attend in person, it is not necessary to register.

Yahrzeits Week of November 14/15, 2025

Alice Abecassis, Grandmother of Annabelle Stanton
Shirley Bandar, Step-mother of Dori Jaroslow
Dorothy Eugenie Barnard, Mother of Barbara Weinstein
Sura-Ginda Berenloin, Mother of Arkady Gorsky
Bernice Bloom, Aunt of Rachel Abramovitz
Harold Bloom, Father of Jeremy Bloom
Chester Crist, Father of Judy Levin
Shaul Deloumi, Father of Jacob Deloumi
Ilene Doppelt, Wife of Phillip Doppelt
Ruth Frankel, Mother of Steven Frankel
Steven Gach, Brother-in-Law of Thomas and Susan Klein
Norm Gershanov, Husband of Ann Gershanov, Step-father of David Graubart
Eli J. Glatstein, Brother of Harry Glatstein
Frances Glicksman, Mother of Robert Glicksman
Sophie Grabiner, Great Grandmother of Hindy Ganeles
Esther Green, Mother of Arye Green
Abraham Greenberg, Father of Susan Greenberg-Englander
Harold Guggenheim, Father of Allen Guggenheim
Hilde Gumpel, Mother of Susan Leitner
Viola Hubka, Mother of William Hubka
Moshe Kharag, Uncle of Marina Salzman
Gladys Goldstein Korsos, Aunt of Irene and Robert Swedroe, Great Aunt of Jeremy Swedroe
Samuel Ladabaum, Husband of Miriam Ladabaum
Gertrude Levine, of Blessed Memory
Peter Lipman, Husband of Corinne Lipman
Joey Lott, Nephew of Gary Nankin
Fae Michaelson, of Blessed Memory
Louis Moss, of Blessed Memory
Carol Mueller, Sister-in-law of Helaine Green
Dave Oberne, of Blessed Memory
E. Marvin Paller, of Blessed Memory
Pearl Rauchwerk, Mother of Martin Rauchwerk
Jean Richman, Grandmother of Charles Adelberg
Arnold Roth, Uncle of Ginny Baird
Raymond Ruebusch, Father of Ronald Ruebusch
Shmuel Savransky, Grandfather of Nekhama Pevzner
Rose Zahn Wittman Schifter, Grandmother of Davida Adelberg
Arnold Schwartz, Brother of Martin Schwartz
Peter Serrell, Father of Elizabeth Menkin
Gerald Sherman, Father of Nancy Skilken
Hazel Silber, Grandmother of Sandi Bretz
Rose Simonowitz, Grandmother of Irene Swedroe
Adele Sorger, Sister of Joseph Sorger
Charlene Spaeth, Mother of Glenda Glatstein
Florence Speyer, Mother of Rochelle Alhadeff
Al Steffen, Step-father of Marilyn Goodman
Boris Stolin, Cousin of Sofia Filshinsky
Donna Lynn Taub, Sister of Neil Newman
Eugene Tavis, Father of Holly Mendel
Herman Teifeld, Father of Barbara Green and Jan Krum
Mitchell Umansky, Son of Ilya and Irina Umansky
Beatrice "Bea" Weiner, Mother of Gary Weiner
David Wieland, Boyfriend of Lisa Kiss
Ray Wiener, Father of Kenneth Wiener
Harry Zis, Father of Jerome Zis

Refuah Shleimah – A Complete Recovery – as of 11/15/25

Jessica (friend of Helaine Green)

Michaela Yacova bat Ruchel Saushe v'Nachum Chanan, Micaela Abramovitz (daughter of Rachel and Norman Abramovitz)
Nachum ben Yaacov u'Brachah, Norm Abramovitz (member)
Yehudit bat Mordechai v'Reeska, Judy Applesmith (member)
Liora bat Genia (member and mother of Rabbi Ilana Baird)
Meira bat Zehava, Meira Peretz (niece of Betty Becker)
Zehava Malka bat Chana, Gloria Strikovsky (sister of Betty Becker)
Rivka bat Esther v'Yehuda (mother of Joseph Bendahan)
Hila bat Itzhak u'Bat Ami
Seema bat Asher v'Sara, Seema Cicerone (member)
Keith Cicerone (Brother-in-law of Seema Cicerone)
Bernard Olfman (friend of Seema Cicerone)
Craig Davis (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
Sue Ritz (friend of Seema Cicerone)
Mayer, Marcos Cicerone (family of Seema Cicerone)
Charlotte Berman (cousin of Seema Cicerone)
Blanca Revuelta (friend of Seema Cicerone)
Judy Attard (friend of Barbara Davis)
Barbara Davis (member)
Simona Goldstein (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Scott Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Noraly Mathews (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Susanna Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Marc Weiss (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Terri Willert (cousin of Barbara Davis)
Dorothy Dorsay (member)
Mariama McCullough (friend of Dorothy Dorsay)
Axel Faederholdt (friend of Donna Frankel)
Gittel bat Yihiskael v'Pi'a Batya, Beverly Jean Kanter (sister of Donna Frankel)
Ari Yehuda ben Malka Ariella
Sharon Friedman (aunt of Hindy Ganeles)
Shira Yael bat Yehudite Rachel, Shira Weisenfreund (friend of Emily and Howard Gannes)
Yaffa Leya bat Ruchel, Susan Marcus (friend of Emily Gannes)
Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
Chaim ben Moshe, Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy J. Glasser)
Shmuel Ben Menaka Mendel
Etta bat Phival
Chaya Sarah bat Avraham Hersh v'Shaiva, Sondra Goldberger (member)
David Garfinkle (brother-in-law of Rhonda Raider Gould and Don Gould)
Zvi Leib ben Esther
Menashe ben Chanah, Martin Gewing (friend of Cheryl Graubart)
Gittel Leah (friend of Helaine & Stephen Green)
Guadalupe Ariel Cordova (friend of Helaine Green)
Tikva bat Katania, Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Allen Guggenheim)
Paul Miller (brother of Robert Miller, brother-in-law of Kristin Gustavson)
Juanita Harris (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Prudence Victor (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Kathryn Schultz (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Yukari Lassagne (friend of Kristin Gustavson)
Ben Tzion ben Ya'akov u'Masha, Brent Hailpern (member)

Vellya bat Shmuel haKohen v'Chana Chaya, Vivian Herman (member)
Tova bat Chava, Ellen London (friend of David & Debby Hoffman)
Hannah bat Gershon u'Miriam, Patty Hughes (member)
Yitzchak Hershel Ovadia ben Shoshana Rivka
Carol King (member)
Leah bat Ariela (daughter of Carol and Roland King)
Holly Marsh (friend of Carol King)
Levi ben Lina v'Eliyahu (father of Rabbi David Kunin)
Tova bat Clara v'Mordechai haKohen (mother of Rabbi David Kunin)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Daniel Seth ben Yaffa v'Yitzchak haKohen, Daniel Lewis (son of Sheryl & Eric Lewis)
Nessia bat David, Kaela Gaertner (friend of the Lichy family)
Jessie Creel (friend of the Lichy family)
Miriam bat Bluma, Miriam Marr (member)
Chaim ben Uziel v'Tovah, Charlie Marr (member)
Leibel Yehuda ben Shmuel Yisroel v'Sheindl, Leonard Metz (member)
Joanie Pepper (aunt of Jan Pepper)
Gary Hedden (friend of Jan Pepper)
Margalit mi-beit Shmuel v'Hana, Margie Pomerantz (member)
Shaul ben Cara (brother of Sheryl Rattner)
Sander ben Avraham u'Martha, Alexander Rodstein (member)
Simcha bat Hannah, Susan Marder (sister of Rachel Schwab)
Aharon ben Yochevet, Allan Schwartz (former member)
Mary Ann Pinsler (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
David Hai Isaac (cousin of Myrtle Schwartz)
Matana bat Rahma, Myrtle Schwartz (member)
Sundus Jameel (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)
Hannah bat Miriam (sister in law of Myrtle Schwartz)
Shoshana bat Hannah (niece of Myrtle Schwartz)
Blanche Levine (relative of Myrtle Schwartz)
Malka bat Mendel v'Goldie, Marilyn Sefchovich (member)
Yudif Golda bat Yente, Yulia Shvarts (member)
Mendel ben Yaakov haLevi, Michael Sinensky (member)
Shoshana bat Shimon u'Messodi, Shoshana Soha (member)
Yosef ben Shmuel u'Miriam, Joe Sorger (member)
Lisa Katzenstein (friend of Irene Spector)
Kathy Goldstein (friends of Walter Spector)
Chris Stanton (father of Ethan Stanton)
Adam Yavim ben Avraham v'Sarah, George Steres (member)
Rachmiel ben Yoheved (member)
Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel (member)
Matt Clark (friend of Irene Swedroe)
Yael bat Tzvia, Susan Gould (member)
David ben Levi v'Esther, David Veksler (son of Svitlana & Leonid Veskler)
Sarah Fegie bat Natan v'Shifrah, Sandi Weinstein (member)
Chaim ben Davida
Norman Witkin (Brother of Louis Witkin)
Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Annabel Rubin (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Bela bat Bronya (cousin of Dina Yevelev)
Sonya bat Emma (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rita bat Sonya (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Chayah bat Yosef v'Devorah, Cheryl Zatkan-Steres, (member)

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