



November 4, 2023  
20 Cheshvan 5784

## SCHEDULE

Candle Lighting: Vayera	11/3	5:48 PM
Shabbat Ends	11/4	6:46 PM
Candle Lighting: Chayei Sarah	11/10	4:41 PM

## SHABBAT SHALOM

*A warm welcome to our guests*

We welcome you and are pleased that you have joined us to worship. We hope you will feel welcome whenever you are in town. If you are a new resident to our area, please introduce yourself so we can properly welcome you and tell you more about our wonderful congregation and community.

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## SHABBAT DAVEN AND DINNER

Our next Shabbat Daven and Dinner will take place on the second night of **Chanukah**, Friday, **December 8th**. Join us for an uplifting spiritual Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a delicious dinner of challah, chicken matzoh ball soup, honey mustard panko chicken, potato latkes, broccoli and cauliflower (vegetarian alternatives available upon request) and dessert. Since it will be too late to light candles, everyone should light before they come. The cost is only \$20.00 per person (children 13 and under are free!). Please reserve by Monday, December 5th, in the synagogue office, email to [congknesethisrael@gmail.com](mailto:congknesethisrael@gmail.com) or call 410-263-3924. Make Friday night Shabbat extra special!

## YEAR-ROUND FOOD DONATIONS

Kneseth Israel is now collecting nonperishable food items year-round for donation to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, in addition to the special campaigns we highlight several times a year. Please bring your items for donation to shul whenever you come and leave them in the bin by the main entrance.

## BLESSING

Bless our beloved Congregation Kneseth Israel, Jews in Israel and around the world at this difficult time.

## VAYERA

*Torah Portion: Genesis 18:1-22:24*  
*Pages: 63-76*

*Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37*  
*Pages: 76-79*

The name of the Parshah, "Vayera," means "And He appeared" and it is found in Genesis 18:1.

G-d reveals Himself to Abraham three days after the first Jew's circumcision at age ninety-nine; but Abraham rushes off to prepare a meal for three guests who appear in the desert heat. One of the three—who are angels disguised as men—announces that, in exactly one year, the barren Sarah will give birth to a son. Sarah laughs.

Abraham pleads with G-d to spare the wicked city of Sodom. Two of the three disguised angels arrive in the doomed city, where Abraham's nephew Lot extends his hospitality to them and protects them from the evil intentions of a Sodomite mob. The two guests reveal that they have come to overturn the place, and to save Lot and his family. Lot's wife turns into a pillar of salt when she disobeys the command not to look back at the burning city as they flee.

While taking shelter in a cave, Lot's two daughters (believing that they and their father are the only ones left alive in the world) get their father drunk, lie with him and become pregnant. The two sons born from this incident father the nations of Moab and Ammon.

Abraham moves to Gerar, where the Philistine king Abimelech takes Sarah—who is presented as Abraham's sister—to his palace. In a dream, G-d warns Abimelech that he will die unless he returns the woman to her husband. Abraham explains that he feared he would be killed over the beautiful Sarah.

G-d remembers His promise to Sarah, and gives her and Abraham a son, who is named Isaac (*Yitzchak*, meaning "will laugh"). Isaac is circumcised at the age of eight days; Abraham is one hundred years old, and Sarah ninety, at their child's birth.

Hagar and Ishmael are banished from Abraham's home and wander in the desert; G-d hears the cry of the dying lad, and saves his life by showing his mother a well. Abimelech makes a treaty with Abraham at Beersheba, where Abraham gives him seven sheep as a sign of their truce.

G-d tests Abraham's devotion by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah (the Temple Mount) in Jerusalem. Isaac is bound and placed on the altar, and Abraham raises the knife to slaughter his son. A voice from heaven calls to stop him; a ram, caught in the undergrowth by its horns, is offered in Isaac's place.

## REFUAH SH'LEIMA (SPEEDY RECOVERY)

Jeffrey Blum, Joyce Ani, Betty Goldstein and Marcia Lewis

May the Holy One, Blessed is He, be filled with compassion for them, to restore their health, to heal them, to strengthen and revivify them. May He send them a speedy and complete recovery from heaven, a recovery of the body and a recovery of the spirit, swiftly and soon. Amen.

If you know of someone who should be mentioned in our weekly *Mi Sheberach*, please contact either the Rabbi or the office. If you have added a name to the list, please keep us apprised of their progress and let us know when, G-d willing, they can be removed from the list.

## BIKUR CHOLIM (Visiting the Sick)

When there are members of the Kneseth Israel community who are ill, injured, or hospitalized, we do not always know about it. If you or someone you know would benefit from a call or visit from Rabbi Sislen, please contact him at the synagogue or at ravsislen@gmail.com.

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## Yahrzeit Minyanim

For those desiring a minyan to observe a yahrzeit, please call or write the office at least one week in advance at 410-263-3924 x0 or congknesethisrael@gmail.com. Please make some calls yourself to bring in Jewish adults who can count towards the minyan.

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## HONORS AND MEMORIALS NEW DONATION AMOUNTS NOW IN PLACE

The Board of Governors approved an increase to all donation amounts for Honors and Memorials on March 24, 2023 which became effective on July 1. You can obtain a copy of the policy and price list from Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org. The minimum donations for these most purchased items are as follows: **Memorial Plaque** on a Yahrzeit Board: from \$400 for members; \$500 for non-members. **Leaf on Tree of Life** (Main Foyer) from a minimum of \$250; Stones on the Tree of Life remain a minimum of \$1000. **Simcha Plaques** (Board in Auditorium): Single width plaque from a minimum of \$300; Double width plaque from a minimum of \$600. Consider one of these honor or memorial opportunities or an another donation. Contact Steve Sutton at sjsutton@knesethisrael.org or 410.721.0679.

## Yahrzeits for This Week

The following Yahrzeits are being observed during the week of **November 4—November 11**

### Saturday, November 4

Helen Jewel Axel Donsky  
Abraham Kurnow  
Bernard Sheff

### Sunday, November 5

Albert A. Block  
Samuel Frishman  
Joseph Golombek  
Melvin M. Katz  
Irma Messinger  
Hyman L. Setzer  
Cecilia Siskind  
Jeanette Spiklosek

### Monday, November 6

David Beiber

### Tuesday, November 7

Cecilia Dorothy Gurwin  
Benjamin H. Katcef

### Wednesday, November 8

Myra Bernstein

### Thursday, November 9

Maurice Ani  
Emanuel Halpern  
Rose Lerner  
Sara Snyder

### Friday, November 10

Bernard Irving Berkowitz  
Jack Exler  
Samuel Riegel  
Anna Friedman Roth  
Isaac Abraham Sheena  
Mordechai Turgeman

### Saturday, November 11

William Glick

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

### Yahrzeit Contributions

In memory of Isaac Abraham Sheena by The Ani Family  
In memory of Maurice Ani by The Ani Family  
In memory of Samuel A. Greenfield by The Gritz Family  
In memory of Hyman Setzer by Carole Jackson  
In memory of Melvin M. Katz by Michael & Gail Snyder

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## Yahrzeit Notices

If you would prefer getting your yahrzeit notices by email, please call the office to let us know and to make sure we have your email address.

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## SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP



We have many new acquisitions at the Shop!

**Lovely acrylic mezuzah case- 6" h by 1" w  
A blend of modern and traditional for your home  
or as a gift! The mezuzah comes with double sided  
tape for easy installation and can be viewed in the  
tall stand-alone display case.**

Remember our KI SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP for all your shopping needs. Please contact Laura Sutton at [ls217@comcast.net](mailto:ls217@comcast.net) or 410-721-0679 for an appointment.

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## CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS

If you would like to make a contribution to a specific Fund or Trust, please see the list below. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

- Building Fund
  - Cemetery Beautification Fund
  - Cemetery Trust
  - Endowment Trust
  - Kiddush Fund
  - Kitchen Fund
  - PreSchool Fund
  - Programming Fund
  - Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
  - Rosenblatt Memorial Fund
  - Sisterhood Fund
  - Torah Fund
  - Tree of Life & Simcha Fund
  - Library Fund
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## LATEST AND GREATEST ON LIVESTREAMING SERVICES

We will continue to livestream our services via Zoom. Just so you are aware, you need to continue to call/write the office whenever you want to livestream so you can get the link. Sometimes we will have the service monitored with an operator (thank you Steve Sutton and Walt Beckerman) when the camera will be zoomed and panned for a wonderful experience. Sometimes the camera will be set to just focus on the full bima without zooming/panning when there is no operator - audio will be the usual. Again, the set-up is determined by availability of operators. Anyone who wants to learn how to be an operator (can do from home with your own computer), please let the office know. **If you would like the zoom link for services, please call the office. The link will be for the entire year of 2023.**

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## PLEASE NOTE

If we have inadvertently omitted your name for any reason, please accept our apologies and please call the office at 410-263-3924 with complete information so we may include your information in the next publication. Please advise the office of any congregant's simchas that you are aware of or if you know of someone who is ill so we may acknowledge it. When calling the office, if you get the answering machine, please leave a message. Someone will return your call.

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## KI FACEBOOK PAGE

We are putting in positive thoughts for members of the congregation on our Kneseth Israel Facebook page. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to participate.

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## MOTI'S MARKET



Kneseth Israel receives regular deliveries from Moti's Market. If we order a kiddush lunch, or if the amount of any order meets the threshold for free delivery, your personal order of groceries, deli, or meat, will be delivered to the shul on Friday morning. You can order on their website and pick up at the shul. Please let the office know if you are placing a personal order (410.263.3924 X0 or email [congknesethisrael@gmail.com](mailto:congknesethisrael@gmail.com)).

# Yahrzeits Observed

## November 2023

Joachim Jakubowicz  
Frank Kopen  
Harry Singerman  
Hyman Nemo Snyder  
Rose Corosh  
Samuel A. Greenfield  
Joseph I. Kirson  
Max Leon Mandle  
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Myra Bernstein  
Maurice Ani  
Emanuel Halpern  
Rose Lerner  
Sara Snyder  
Bernard Irving Berkowitz  
Jack Exler  
Samuel Riegel  
Anna Friedman Roth  
Isaac Abraham Sheena  
Mordechai Turgeman  
William Glick  
Robert Leon Reich  
Leonard H. Lieberman  
Joseph Cohen  
Karen Strauss Bulman  
Esther Z. Goldberg  
Malka Hershkovicz  
Irving Kahn  
John Mild  
Sarah Spritzer  
Joseph Lerner  
Anna Dietz  
Meyer W. Gilden  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy  
Eugene M. Lerner  
Frieda Schwartz  
Hyman L. Barr  
Anna Cheplowitz  
Maurice C. Legum  
David Z. Earle  
Simon Greenfield  
Joseph Hyatt  
Lazer Leonard  
Abraham Post  
Fanny S. Redfern  
Ruth W. Boro  
Thelma Exler  
Beatrice Lippman Manck  
Toby Schaftel  
Rachel Benatar  
Henry Diamond  
Harry Greenberg  
Rev Henoah Hammer  
Ellis Kahn  
Lillian S. Boris

Lucille S. Rattner  
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Helen W. Bienenstok  
Louis Bloom  
Rose Greenberg  
Joseph Levy  
Benjamin Lindeman  
Joseph E. Rattner  
Elaine Aschkynazo  
Joseph Ettinger  
Annie Kotzin  
Sophie Kramer Roth  
Harold L. Fine  
Flora Glick  
John Jaques Lafia  
Sidney Pasternack  
Wilma Tourgeman  
Hyman Reichel  
Jennie Richman  
Jean Schildhaus  
Reuben Slovis  
Harry A. Klawans  
Louis Mashbaum  
David D. Unger

## December 2023

Sadie Kolman  
Nathan Leonard  
David Sanders Stark  
Julius Walder  
Sylvia D. Hecht  
Nathan Klawans  
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Jacob Zaks  
Morris Goldberg  
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Mary Posofsky  
Walter Singerman  
Minnie Kotzin Stein  
Fannie Moss  
Joseph Plizga  
Florence Kleger  
William Kleger  
Jeffrey Gary Beckerman  
Ralph Greil  
Yetta Snyder  
Felice B. Goldstein  
Marjorie R. Kotzin  
Nettie Coale  
Julius Fine  
Harry Gorelik  
Isidore Greil  
Elizabeth Needle  
Doris Packman  
Rose F. Zall  
Nathan Slobody  
Hyman M. Brilliant  
Stephen Neil Kotzin  
Rebecca Levy  
Moses Michelson  
Rose B. Shochat  
Isaac Snyder  
Sylvia Sutton  
Dr. Edith Earle Leonard  
Sylvia Gayle  
Jules Alfred Huber  
Moshe Tourgeman  
Matilda Leah Rosenbloom

Louis Lott  
Joseph Mankowitz  
Floretta Michaelson  
Alan Lee Rothenberg  
Doris Schwartz  
Roslyn Zimmerman  
Edith Michelson  
Simon Pepper  
Ruth Gorelik Snyder  
Edward J. Kramer  
Ida Shapiro  
Maurice Snyder  
Ada Berg  
Ida Sachs Singerman  
Lena Weitzman  
Joseph Ziff  
Miriam Berlin  
Herman Samuel Blumberg  
Helen Ruth Goldstein  
Ann Oshry  
Dora Rubin  
Rae Singerman  
Lena Eisenstein  
Morton Sweren  
Elchanan Feldman  
Morris Rubin Weinfeld  
Robert Lee Cohen  
Essie Marx  
Nancy Reiter  
Marjorie Rogovin  
Binem Shraga  
Saul M. Cohen  
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Hyman Miller  
Sydney Rattner  
Roberta Rubin  
Bernard Leonard Shapiro  
Jacob Hyman Spritzer  
Pauline Bloom  
Joseph G. Cohen  
Annie Cohen  
Marlene B. Reiter  
Albert Rosenberg  
Margery Meyer  
Harry Meyerson  
Jacob Rutman  
Clara Sthool  
Jessie E. Reichel  
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