

Parshat Vayeira  
15 Mar-Cheshvan 5771 - 23 October 2010

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<b>Shabbat</b> Youth Service	<b>Tuesday</b> Friendship Club 1.45 pm to 3.45 pm
<b>Kiddush</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Mothers & Toddlers
<b>Mincha &amp; Mariv</b> 5.45 pm Short Shiur on Torah Portion end of Shabbat 6.51 pm	<b>Thursday</b> 2nd Minyan in the Reception Area Followed by tea & cake

A message from the Parness & Gabai  
We fully accept the right of all men who are commemorating a Yahrzeit to receive a Mitzvah the Shabbat of, or before the Yahrzeit. We do endeavor to accommodate those members. However it is important for men to please comply with the following conditions.

- Please arrive before 10.00 am
- Please make yourself known to the Parness & Gabbai before the opening of the Ark (Ain Kamocho)
- Please understand that we are limited with the amount of Mitzvot we can allocate.

Please understand the pressure there is to keep everyone satisfied and the service flowing smoothly so please help us.



Please do not take the Chadashot Sheet home on Shabbat, for a copy please go to the Shul website. Thanks to Chabad.org & torah.org.

The Congregation wishes "Long Life" to all those who are commemorating a Yahrzeit

<b>15 Cheshvan 23 October 2010</b>	Mrs. H.T. Steingold
Mrs. B. Caplan	Mrs. L. Swan
Mrs. R. Goldberg	Mrs. I. Wolff
Mrs. I. Goodman	<b>19 Cheshvan 27 October 2010</b>
Mrs. A. Spencer	Mrs. F. Glekin
<b>16 Cheshvan 24 October 2010</b>	Mrs. Y. Haniford
Mr. M. Berkley	Mrs M. Jackson
Mrs. S. Caplan	Mrs. N. Kaplan
Mrs. P. Isaacs	Mrs. R. Kudlatz
Mr. S.M. Kleinglass	Mrs. S. Miller
Mr. H. Margolis	Mr. A. Segal
Mrs. C. Smullen	Mr. W. Wolfe
Mr. M. Toshner	<b>20 Cheshvan 28 October 2010</b>
<b>17 Cheshvan 25 October 2010</b>	Mr. S. Silver
Mrs A. Cooper	<b>21 Cheshvan 29 October 2010</b>
Mr. M. Gladstone	Mrs. H. Bloomfield
<b>18 Cheshvan 26 October 2010</b>	Mrs. C. Fields
Mr. H. Berkley	Mr. M. Gold
Mrs. M.V.D. Conn	Mr. M. Manson
Mrs. R. Jacobs	Mrs. R. Manson
Dr. A.H. Kleinglass	Mrs. E. Teiger
Mrs. A. Malcolm	Mrs I. Tuck

Time of Services: 25 - 29 October 2010  
Shacharit: Sunday 8.45 am, Monday & Thursday 7.20 am and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30 am.  
Mincha & Mariv: Sunday to Thursday 5.45 pm and Friday (commencement of Shabbat) 5.29 pm.

THIS WEEKS **SEUDAT SHLISHIT** IS SPONSORED BY  
BY MAX BERKLEY  
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE YAHRZEIT OF HIS LATE MOTHER  
16 MAR-CHESHVAN - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2010  
MAZAL TOV TO **BILL GARDNER** ON THE OCCASION OF HIS **70TH BIRTHDAY.**

**Chevra Kadisha**  
There is a need for more men volunteers to help with Tahara, to find out more speak to the Rabbi or Carolyn Dover.

**Shechita - Is Our Way of Life Protected?**  
European Parliamentarians are attempting to legislate laws that could have a detrimental affect on the economic viability of Shechita in the UK and across Europe.



Come and hear what is being proposed and its implication - and how we as a community can help with the campaign to defeat the Bill coming into effect.

Guest Speaker:  
Shimon Cohen from Shechita UK

Thursday 28 October at 7.30 pm  
Reception Area  
Giffnock Shul

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY  
EXCLUSIVE CONCERT  
**"FROM ME TO YOU"**  
**"THEM" BEATLES**  
**ARE COMING TO GIFFNOCK**  
**SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER AT 7.30 PM**  
BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW BY CALLING RICHARD KAYE

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Fathers & Boys - Mothers & Daughters  
Sunday 31 October 2010  
Shacharit & breakfast followed by Go-Karts & Bowling at The Garage entertainment centre, Kilmarnock  
Cost £15  
For all Secondary boys & girls  
To book a place please contact Rabbi Garry Wayland

**Mitzvah Day UK**  
Sunday 21 November 2010  
Come and joined 1000's of Jewish people around the world on this day of action.  
On Mitzvah Day we don't raise money for charity. Instead we give our time.  
Come help at Mary's Meals  
25 Glenatann Road  
Balmore Industrial Estate  
Glasgow G22 7XS  
From 10.30 am  
For more information contact the Rabbi

**Parsha General Overview:** In this week's Torah reading, Vayeira, angels visit Abraham and Sarah, informing them that Sarah would give birth to a child despite her advanced age. The angels whisk Lot and his daughters out of Sodom, and overturn and destroy the entire region. Abimelech, king of the Philistines, attempts to make Sarah part of his harem, but through divine intervention she is released unharmed. Isaac is born and Ishmael is expelled from Abraham's household. Abraham makes a peace treaty with Abimelech. The story of the "Binding of Isaac" is recounted – Isaac's "near-sacrifice" experience.

**First Aliyah:** G-d paid Abraham a visit, as he sat at the entrance of his tent. Abraham suddenly noticed three travelers passing by, and ran to invite them into his home. These passersby, who were actually angels in human disguise, accepted the invitation, and Abraham and Sarah prepared a sumptuous feast for them. The angels informed Abraham that Sarah would give birth to a child exactly one year later. Eighty-nine-year-old, post-menopausal Sarah, who was standing nearby, heard this assurance, and laughed. G-d was displeased with Sarah's lack of faith.

**Second Aliyah:** The angels departed, with Abraham escorting them on their journey. Their destination: the Sodom region; their mission: to destroy the five cities of the region, and rescue Lot (Abraham's nephew) and his family, who resided there. G-d informed Abraham of His intention to destroy Sodom because of the great evil of its inhabitants. Abraham attempted to save the region, asking that it be spared if it contains fifty righteous people. When it was apparent that this was not the case, Abraham "bargains" with G-d – eventually asking Him to spare Sodom even if there are only ten righteous individuals there, but even ten were not to be found.

**Third Aliyah:** The angels arrived in Sodom, and Lot invited them to his home to eat and rest. Word of Lot's guests spread throughout the city – a city that abhorred all acts of kindness – and the incensed residents of Sodom surrounded Lot's house, with intent to assault the guests. Lot refused the demands that he surrender his guests, and – as the Sodomites prepared to break down the door – the angels struck all those surrounding the house with blindness. The angels informed Lot of their mission, and encouraged him to flee. Lot, his wife, and two of his daughters were escorted out of the city to safety, and were warned not to look back as the city was being destroyed.

**Fourth Aliyah:** G-d rained fire and sulfur on Sodom, and then overturned the entire region. Lot's wife looked back, and was transformed into a pillar of salt. Lot and his daughters took shelter in a cave. Assuming that the entire world was destroyed, Lot's daughter's intoxicated their father with wine, and seduced him – in order to repopulate the world. They each gave birth to a son – the antecedents of the Ammonite and Moabite nations. Abraham relocated to the Philistine city of Gerar. Abimelech, the king of the Philistines, took Sarah – who was presented as Abraham's sister – to his palace. G-d afflicted the members of Abimelech's palace with a disease, and appeared to Abimelech in a dream warning him to return Sarah to her husband, Abraham. Abimelech obeyed, and also showered Abraham and Sarah with gifts, and he and his household were healed. Sarah conceived, and at the age of ninety gave birth to a son, who was named Isaac. Abraham circumcised Isaac when he was eight days old.

**Fifth Aliyah:** Isaac grew, and Sarah noticed that Ishmael, Isaac's older half-brother, was a potentially negative influence on her young child. She demanded of Abraham to expel Ishmael, along with his mother Hagar, from the household. Despite Abraham's initial misgivings, G-d tells him: "Whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her voice!" Hagar and Ishmael wandered in the desert and eventually ran out of water. Ishmael was about to perish from thirst when an angel "opened Hagar's eyes" and showed her a well of water. Ishmael grew up in the desert and became a skilled archer.

**Sixth Aliyah:** At that point, Abimelech approached Abraham and requested to enter into a treaty with him, whereby neither party will harm the other for three generations. Abraham agreed, but reprimanded Abimelech concerning a well of water which he had dug which was stolen by Abimelech's subjects. Abraham set apart seven ewes, telling Abimelech to take them as a testimony that he, Abraham, dug the well. Abraham planted an orchard and established an inn in Beer Sheba and proclaimed the name of G-d to all passersby.

**Seventh Aliyah:** G-d commanded Abraham to take Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice on a mountain. Abraham took along Isaac and necessary provisions, and set out for the mountain. They arrived and Abraham built the altar and bound Isaac. As Abraham stretched out his hand to take the slaughtering knife, an angel ordered him to desist. Abraham offered a ram, which was caught in a nearby thicket, in lieu of his son. G-d promised Abraham great blessings as a reward for passing this difficult test. After these events, Abraham was notified that his sister-in-law had given birth to children. One of these children, Bethuel, was the father of Rebecca, Isaac's future wife.

#### **Haftorah: Kings II 4:1-37.**

In this week's Torah reading, G-d promises a child to Abraham and Sarah, despite childless Sarah's advanced age. This week's haftorah describes a similar incident that occurred many years later -- the prophet Elisha assuring an elderly childless woman that she will bear a child.

The haftorah discusses two miracles performed by the prophet Elisha. The first miracle involved a widow who was heavily in debt, and her creditors were threatening to take her two sons as slaves to satisfy the debt. When the prophet asked her what she had in her home, the widow responded that she had nothing but a vial of oil. Elisha told her to gather as many empty containers as possible -- borrowing from neighbors and friends as well. She should then pour oil from her vial into the empty containers. She did as commanded, and miraculously the oil continued to flow until the last empty jug was filled. The woman sold the oil for a handsome profit, and had enough money to repay her debts and live comfortably.

The second miracle: Elisha would often pass by the city of Shunam, where he would dine and rest at the home of a certain hospitable couple. This couple even made a special addition to their home, a guest room designated for Elisha's use. When the prophet learned that the couple was childless, he blessed the woman that she should give birth to a child in exactly one year's time. And indeed, one year later a son was born to the aged couple.

A few years later the son complained of a headache and died shortly thereafter. The Shunamite woman laid the lifeless body on the bed in Elisha's designated room, and quickly summoned the prophet. Elisha hurried to the woman's home and miraculously brought the boy back to life.