

DAF TSAFON

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Shabbat Mevarchim
Parashat Chayei Sarah
ArtScroll 106 Hertz 80



Rabbi Soloveitchik explained that our Sages saw a valuable lesson about Sarah. That regardless of how old Sarah was at any point in her life, Sarah had within her the attributes of a seven-year-old (purity and innocence), the attributes of a twenty-year-old (vitality and idealism) and the attributes of a hundred-year-old (wisdom and experience).

Shabbat Shalom

The opening words of our Parasha read, “Sarah’s lifetime was one hundred years and twenty years and seven years, the years of Sarah’s life”. (Genesis 23:1)

If we were writing the Torah we would have written that Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years old when she died. Rashi is bothered by our verse and quotes a teaching from our Sages, (Midrash Raba 58:1) that the verse refers to Sarah’s life, that she was as free from sin at 100 as she was at 20 (there is no liability for divine punishment until 20) and she was as beautiful at age 20 as at age 7. The verse concludes "shnei chaye Sarah" – these are the years of the Matriarch Sarah. Here, Rashi comments – all equally good (kulan shavim l'Tova).

Rabbi Yosef Dov Soloveitchik, zt"l (1903-1993), explained in a lecture, that a person goes through different stages of life – infancy, childhood, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age, and old age. In general, when we finish one stage of life and move onto the next stage, we leave the earlier stage behind. We may have fond memories, but that period of our life is closed. When a person is 100 years old, they have already acquired great wisdom, wisdom that only comes with life's experience. At 20, a person is in the stage when they are full of energy, vitality, and idealism. The age of seven represents an age of innocence and purity.

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King David (like Abraham) has reached an advanced age and his son, Adonijah plots to usurp the throne. Bath-sheba, on the advice of the prophet Nathan, seeks an audience with the king and reminds him of his oath that their son, Solomon, would reign after him. David solemnly reaffirms that Solomon would be his successor (and gives instructions for him to be anointed immediately).

מזל טוב

Wedding anniversaries

Stanley and Marlen Dyne
Sydney and Sheila Goodman
Arnold and Paula Hurwitz
Malcolm and Jeanette Smith

מזל טוב

Bar and Bat Mitzvah anniversaries

Sidney Peipert
John Roberts
Jacob Shteyman
Trevor Satill
Callum Warren

Jadene Vituli

Friday, 29 November 2024

6.00pm

Join us at a special

PRE-SHABBAT KIDDUSH

**to acknowledge those who so generously
contributed to our unique
Sefer Torah cover,
named in honour of a young engineer who
lost his life at the Nova event on
7 October 2023.**

Ma'ariv service at 6.30pm

**More details available in our
Rabbi's Weekly News.**

**Our congregation acknowledges the following
yahrzeit anniversaries and wishes long life to those
who are commemorating a yahrzeit
during the coming week.**

חיים ארוכים

Stephen Bonert	husband of Jennifer Bonert
Sheila Riva Cooper	wife of Gerald Cooper
Rachel Fox	grandmother of Peter Gorfinkel
Paula Green	mother of Michael Green, grandmother of Paul Green
Guenter Hammerschlag	father of Marion Blitz
Sandra Hepner	grandmother of Ilana Hepner
Sarah Hepner	mother of Mark Hepner
Margit Katz	grandmother of Robert Katz
Maja (Marie) Klinger	grandmother of Ron Klinger
Hyman Lenn	father-in-law of Robyn Lenn OAM
Rebecca Lipman	grandmother of Alan Lipman, Robert Lipman and Laura Velik
Riva Lurie	aunt of Gwenda Harris and Leon Lurie
Abraham Milch	father-in-law of Sharon Milch
Yitzchak Misrachi	father of Shavtay Misrachi
Rudolf Mosberg	grandfather of Ron Klinger
Eliyahi Ravia	brother of Ezra Ravia
Margaret Scheinmann	mother of Marianne Feher
Aron Shapiro	father of Helen Layman, grand- father of Naomi Shacham
Jacob Slucki	father of Miriam Gelbart
Sophie Smith	mother of Railea Don, grandmother of Simone Katz and Tracey Port