

# Shabbat Shalom!

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## Parashat Vayera וַיֵּרָא

November 18/19, 2016 - 18 Cheshvan 5777



	<u>Hertz</u>	<u>Etz Hayim</u>	<u>Verse</u>
Rishon	63	99	Gen. 18:1 - 18:5
Sheni	63	100	18:6 - 18:8
Shlishi	64	101	18:9 - 18:14
Revi'i	64	101	18:15 - 18:21
Chamishi	65	102	18:22 - 18:26
Shishi	66	103	18:27 - 18:30
Shevi'i	66	104	18:31 - 18:33
Maftir	66	104	18:31 - 18:33
Haftarah	76	124	Kings II 4:1 - 4:37



Thank you to our Torah readers: Shani Kadis, Len Steiger, Ivan Platt, Joseph Zomber and Bijan Simhai.  
Thank you to Bijan Simhai for chanting the Haftarah.



### DAILY MINYAN

MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm  
FRIDAY 7:00 am & 7:30 am & 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)  
SATURDAY 9:00 am & 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

*Your presence adds to the joy of our service!*

The flowers on the bima are a gift from Ed & Roslyn Kowit and Flo Chelm in memory of their mother, Mollie Kowit<sup>ב"ד</sup>.



### FRIDAY

Mazal tov to all of our couples who are celebrating anniversaries this month!

Thank you to Rylan Polster for leading this evening's service. Thank you to our Board member on the bima, Bob Cohen, and our greeter, Amy Berman.



### SATURDAY

Thank you to Jody Katzner for leading Shahrut and Jeff Zimon for leading Musaf.

Our Starbucks, Bread & Torah teacher this week is Rabbi Alan Lettovsky. Thank you to Cindy Brodsky for preparing the refreshments.

Thank you to the women who prepare the oneg and kiddush refreshments: Fay Blumenthal, Tova Cohen, Lynn Katz Danzig, Ruth Dobres, Faith Eisenberg, Laura Katzner, Harriet Mann, Cheryl Spira, Nancy Tresser Lipko and Pnina Wiesel.

Thank you to our greeter, Sonya Shultz, and our ushers: David Cohen, Maury Greenstein, Dan Jacobs and Nelson Pole.

Today's Torah portion, Vayera, was dedicated in the Holocaust Torah Scroll by Toby & Rey<sup>ב"ד</sup> Macknin in honor of Allison Shapero's Bat Mitzvah, and by Susan & Marc Gordon in honor of Scott Gordon's Bar Mitzvah; and in the New Torah Scroll by Linda Schoenberg & Bill Jones in honor of Rebecca Schoenberg-Jones.

Following the Benediction, please join us for kiddush in **Gross Atrium**, sponsored by the Officers and Board of Trustees.

## Two Opportunities to Volunteers at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank

**Monday, December 5 • 6 - 8 pm**

We are looking for ten volunteers to help sort and pack food. This is open to anyone 13 years and older.

**Thursday, December 8 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Families with children between the ages of 6 and 12 years are invited to participate. We will sort and package food and pizza will also be provided for all. Ten volunteers are needed. The Cleveland Food Bank is located at 15500 S. Waterloo Rd., 44110.

Contact Karen Nash ([kdnash@roadrunner.com](mailto:kdnash@roadrunner.com)) to snag your spot.



**Greater Cleveland  
Food Bank**



**Chanan Tigay**

**Monday, November 21 • 7:30 pm**

**B'nai Jeshurun Congregation**

Free, but reservations are required;

Light refreshments

***The Lost Book of Moses:***

***The Hunt for The World's Oldest Bible***

In 1883, Moses Wilhelm Shapira, archaeological treasure hunter and Jerusalem merchant, arrived in London, claiming to have discovered the world's oldest Bible scroll. However, French archaeologist Charles Clermont-Ganneau denounced his manuscripts as fake. Humiliated and distraught, Shapira fled the country. Six months later he was dead. In 1947, noting the similarities between the Dead Sea Scrolls and the ones Shapira found, investigators re-opened the case and discovered Shapira's scrolls had vanished. Tigay, a longtime journalist and son of a Bible scholar, set out to find the scrolls and determine Shapira's guilt or innocence.

Sponsored by: B'nai Jeshurun Congregation through the generosity of the Weingold Family. Register at [mandeljcc.org](http://mandeljcc.org) or (216) 593-6248.



Sisterhood invites you to a Cooking with Friends  
**Pampered Chef Fundraiser Party!**  
All proceeds will subsidize USY Convention costs



Enjoy a fun evening with friends and family! We'll make some delicious recipes & check out the NEW products!

Hosted by Susan Nash

**Wednesday, November 30 • 7:00 pm**

at her home, 2530 Fairwood Court, Beachwood

Please RSVP by phone (440-759-3042) or [susanbnash10@gmail.com](mailto:susanbnash10@gmail.com)).

One-time drawing! Winner gets a FREE Gift! Bring a friend or outside order and get a gift! Monthly Special - Choose one of five items FREE with \$75 purchase! Guaranteed delivery before Hanukkah! Can't attend? Order online at [pamperedchef.com/go/bjusyfundraiser2016](http://pamperedchef.com/go/bjusyfundraiser2016).

**Sisterhood Shabbat**  
**Saturday, December 3**

Please join us for a beautiful Shabbat service led by Sisterhood and welcome Elise Braverman Plotkin, our guest speaker. Contact Sue Nash for a part in the service (440-759-3042 or [susanbnash10@gmail.com](mailto:susanbnash10@gmail.com)).

## Pesach in Sodom by *Rabbi Daniel Goldfarb, Conservative Yeshiva Faculty*

When the angels came to Sodom to rescue Abraham's nephew, Lot, before destroying the city, Lot invited them in and "prepared a feast and baked unleavened bread [*u'matsot ufah*]" (19:3). Rashi's comment here has long intrigued me - "*Pesach haya, it was Pesach.*" On the one hand it seems so obvious - why else would Lot bake *matsot*? Yet on the other, so whimsical - the story of the bondage under Pharaoh and the exodus from Egypt which Pesach commemorates would not happen for a few hundred years. In fact Rashi already noted that it was Pesach earlier in the day, when the angels visited Abraham to tell him that Sarah would bear a son in a year - "it was Pesach and the following Pesach Isaac was born" (on 18:10), though in the text about Abraham there are no Pesach "code" words, like "*matsot.*"

Were Abraham, Lot and Rashi several millennia ahead of Steven Spielberg - *Back to the Future*? There is a view that Abraham fulfilled the *mitsvot* even before Matan Torah (e.g., Ramban on Gen 26:5), but we should note that Rashi says "it was Pesach," indicating the date, not necessarily that Lot observed the holiday or fulfilled the *mitsva* the way we know it.

A careful reading of Chapter 19 reveals several other parallels between the stories of Lot in Sodom and the departure from Egypt in *Shmot*. *Petach habayit*, the entry to the house, is central in both. Lot's struggle with the mob in Sodom, angry about his inviting strangers in for the night, takes place at the entry, the door, mentioned six times in verses 19:6-11. In Egypt, the Jews were commanded to put blood on the doorposts the night of the last plague, as a sign (Ex 12:7, 22) and "not to leave the house door till morning" for "the Lord will pass over the entry [*v'pasach...al ha'petach*]" (12:22-23).

In both cases, when those locked inside are finally commanded to leave, it is "in a hurry." The angels urge Lot to get his family out before "we destroy this place," and Lot tries to rush his sons-in-law: "*kumu tsu* - Quick, get out..." (19:12, 14), to no avail. The children of Israel ate the *matsah* and left Egypt *b'chipazon*, in a hurry (Ex 12:11, Deut 16:3).

Of course Lot lived long before the story of Pesach, but this *parashah* shows that certain fundamental values we associate with Pesach predated the holiday. Both Abraham and Lot made efforts to take in strangers, leading the Talmud to comment - hospitality to guests takes priority over welcoming God's presence (Shabbat 127a on 18:3). Neither in Sodom nor in Pharaoh's Egypt were guests welcome, and in particular, those who were different or less fortunate. The Mishnah (Sanhedrin 10:3) says that the people of Sodom have no place in the World to Come; the Talmud (Sanh 109a) attributes this harsh fate to their refusal to accept outsiders and to share the bounty with which Sodom was blessed with others, particularly the poor. Lot ran a real risk when he invited strangers in.

We begin the Seder service on Passover by *opening the door* and proclaiming: *Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are needy come celebrate the Passover.* In doing so, not only do we commemorate the departure from Egypt, but also the hospitality shown by our ancestors, Abraham and Lot.

MISHABERAH

JAYDEN BARBER  
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AVRAM DAVID BEN DINAH  
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BEN-TZION PESACH BEN  
SHAINDEL CHAYAH  
FRUMA BAT JANETTE  
YISRAEL BEN MEIRA  
MATANA DVORAH BAT SARAH  
CHAYA BAT VARDA  
ZELIG BEN DOROTHY  
DAVID BEN MICHAEL HAKOHEN  
DINA RIVKA BAT LEAH  
GITTEL CHANA BAT ESTHER  
MASHA TSIRIL BAT BASHA  
SHANDEL BRACHA BAT ESTHER  
DYLAN CHAIM BEN PESIA HINDA  
AVIGAYIL BAT HADAR MIRIAM  
HADAR MIRIAM BAT ESTHER  
ADINA BAT SARAH  
YAKOV BEN MIRIAM  
RONI BEN RACHEL  
TOVA ELKA BAT RAISEL MALKA  
RAISEL MALKA BAT FREDA  
TOVA BAT SARAH GITTEL  
MOSHE BEN ZELDA  
CHAIM FIEVAL BEN NECHAMA  
MICHAL VERED TOVA BAT SARAH GILA  
SARAH GILA BAT LEAH  
PINHAS SIMCHA BEN PNINA  
ADIN RONEN BEN SARAH GILA  
YONIT ABRA BAT HAYA  
HAYA TZIPPORAH BAT ITTA  
YAKOV ELIAHU BEN GALIA  
DONNA ROSEN  
MASHA BAT HEINCHA  
ZEV TZVI BEN SARAH MALKA  
MEIR BEN SHLOIMO HA'LEVI  
AVRUM REUVAIN BEN NAOMI  
DAVID BEN SHMUEL  
RACHEL BAT SARA  
MORDECHAI DOVID BEN LEAH  
MIMI DORF  
PEREL BAT YENTA  
YAKOV BEN SARA  
DANIEL BEN LEAH  
HARAV YITZHAK BEN Y'HUDIT  
ZELDA BRACHA BAT MINA  
TZIPPA ZEISEL BAT MIRIAM  
HENNACH BEN ETEL

SURA TOBA BAT JOSEF ZWI  
ZALMAN SHMUEL DOV BEN  
RUVENA SHIFRA  
BRACHA BAT SIMA  
KETURAH BAT SARAH  
MESHELEM BEN RACHEL  
REUVEN BEN HAYA  
NOACH YA'ARI BEN SARAH  
YEHUDIT BAT SARAH  
ADIRA BAT RUCHEL  
GERSHON BEN RITA  
MINAH MINDEL BAT PESAH MALKA  
MASAHIRO UENO  
CHANNA EETA BAT FIVAL  
SARA CHAYA BAT DEVORAH  
AVRAHAM BEN SARAH  
SIMCHA MELECH BEN SORA  
PEREL SARAH BAT DVORAH  
MALKA BAT BATYA  
AVRAHAM BEN CHAIM HA'LEVI  
EZRA SHAMIR BEN SIMCHA  
RACHEL LEAH BAT DEVORAH  
MORDECHAI BEN MIRIAM  
AIYELA RACHEL BAT SHIFRA  
REUVEN BEN ADELIN  
LEAH BAT ETYE  
PHIL APRUZZI  
YAKOV BEN CHANA  
MICHAEL LUBLINE  
SHOSHANA BATYA BAT  
YEHUDIT DEVORAH  
MALKA BAT RAISA  
MORT YUSSEL BEN RIVKA  
DANYA MICHEL BAT CARI  
HANA RUCHEL BAT FAIGEL  
KIM BAILES  
SHAINA LIEBE BAT CHAVA MIRYAM  
ZLATE FEIGA BAT CHAYA  
MEIR BEN SARAH  
YENTEL SURAH BAT MARIAM PESSER  
RAPHAEL BEN MASHA GOLDA  
BENJAMIN JOSEPH GREEN  
MIRIAM BAT RUCHEL  
MENACHEM NAFTOLI BEN LEAH PERL  
MARY ELIZABETH GREENE  
BARUCH YESHUA BEN BELLA  
REUVEN BEN SHAINDL  
YONKEL MOSHE BEN LEAH  
YOSEFA BAT CHANA SURA  
SUSAN HYMAN  
HAYA SORA BAT LEAH  
EFRAIM ZEV BEN ZELDA  
MOSHE ZEV BEN SHEVA



SHELMIE REUVEN BEN ZVEI  
MENORAH BAT SHULAMIT  
TIMOTHY BAT JEANNE  
LIBBY GOLDIE BAT SHAINA MALKA  
HAYA LEAH BAT DVOSIA  
SHULAMITH BAT FAYGA  
CHANA MINCHA BAT CHAYA  
NATAN BEN MIRIAM  
RENA BAT ZISL  
HANA BAT GITTEL  
MALKA BAT HAYA SARAH  
TOM BEN MILDRED  
LIBA ESTHER BAT BESSIE  
SHMUEL BEN SHOSHANA  
HATINOKIM HA-RACHIM  
B'NAI GOLDA RIVKA  
JOANN BAT ZOLA  
YEHUDIT BAT LIBA  
EZRA BEN BENYAMIN  
DOBA YENTA BAT HANA  
MALKA BAT MIRIAM  
DANIEL GIOVANNI FEOLA

May He who blessed our ancestors and is the source of all healing bless and heal those who are ill. May the Holy One Praised Be He mercifully restore them to vigor and lift the burden of anxiety from their loved ones and friends.

On this (Sabbath, Festival, Judgment or Penitence) day we pray that they be spared further pain. May God grant them health of body and health of spirit and mind. May we speedily be privileged to greet their return to good health by welcoming them once again into our midst. Let us say: Amen.

Anyone wanting to add a name to the list should contact Diane Shalom (216-831-6555 ext. 104 or [dianeshalom@bnaijeshurun.org](mailto:dianeshalom@bnaijeshurun.org)) by Thursday afternoon at the latest for inclusion in that Shabbat's program. We will also pause during the prayer for people to recite additional names from their seats.

### **Insider Tour of Jewish India**

**Sunday, December 4 • 9:15 - 10:00 am**

directly from expert and tour organizer Rahel Musleah

Rahel will give an overview of the trip and answer questions for adults interested in future tours. She is a 7th generation Indian Jew, born in Calcutta, who traces her roots to 17thC Baghdad. RSVP to Harriet Rosenberg Mann ([harrietrmann@gmail.com](mailto:harrietrmann@gmail.com)).



### **Jewish Calcutta Through Music & Memory**

**Sunday, December 4 • 11:15 am**

Through multi-media and song, Rahel Musleah shares her intimate knowledge of this ancient community's history, customs and melodies. Free for Sisterhood 2016-17 paid members; \$36 at the door. Brunch at 11:30 am and program at 12:30 pm. RSVP to Terry Amon (216-870-8588 or [t.amon@roadrunner.com](mailto:t.amon@roadrunner.com)).

### **PJ Library® Family Shabbat Dinner**

**Friday, December 2 • 5:45 pm**

Come welcome Shabbat with songs, blessings and stories with Rabbi Hal and Rabbi Josh. Get ready for Hanukkah with crafts, too. Kids – come in your pajamas! Enjoy a delicious (meat) dinner and dessert.

Stay for Friday night services at 7 pm with Zamir Choir. Cost: \$8/adult; \$5/child; \$26/family cap. RSVP to Julie Sukert.

# What's Coming Up

Tuesdays 10:30 am Torah Study with Susan Wyner

Thursdays 12:15 pm Lunch & Learn (Commerce Park IV)

Fridays 10:15 am Kinder Shabbat & Open Playroom

Saturdays 9:00 am Starbucks, Bread & Torah

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**Saturday, November 19** - 4th-5th Grade Shabbat Sha-Bang!

9:00 am Service

12:00 pm Sisterhood/Men's Club Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weiss

8:00 pm BJUSY Cosmic Bowling

**Sunday, November 20**

9:30 am Chesed @Kosher Food Pantry

12:30 pm Men's Club Browns vs. Steelers Lunch & Watch Party

3:30 pm Mishpachot Mitzvah Day

**Monday, November 21**

7:30 pm JCC Jewish Book Festival Speaker Chanan Tigay @BJC

**Tuesday, November 22** - no school

**Wednesday, November 23**

11:00 am Cleveland Hillel Summer Internship info mtg @Federation

**Thursday, November 24** - Thanksgiving; office closed

2:00 pm Mincha

**Friday, November 25** - office closed

6:00 pm Service

**Saturday, November 26** - no school

9:00 am Service

**Sunday, November 27** - no school

**Tuesday, November 29**

7:00 pm GCC Town Hall Meeting

**Wednesday, November 30**

7:00 pm Pampered Chef Fundraiser for USY at Sue Nash's house

**Thursday, December 1** - Rosh Hodesh Kislev

**Friday, December 2**

5:45 pm PJ Library® Shabbat Dinner

7:00 pm Service; Birthday Shabbat; Zamir Choir

**Saturday, December 3**

9:00 am Service; Sisterhood Shabbat

Condolences to:  
Fran Doris & family on the death of her father, Harold Nitowsky  
The family of Rachael Edwards  
The family of Roger Benjamin

Yahrzeits: November 19 - 25, 2016

Albert Abraham	Charles Gurland	Philip Ozan
Thelma Barson	Betty Halpern	Alex Penn
Ilana Beckman	Bennett Harris	Jerome W. Perlstein
Irma Benzion	Henrich Hersh	Yetta Pollack
Jack Bergson	Gloria Herzog	Raymond Rockman
Michael Berlager	Fannie Zamok Hirsch	Joseph J. Roller
Estelle Bernstein	Ethel Marcus Jacobs	Laura Rosenberg
Lillian Birnbaum	William Kahane	Rose Rubin
Ann Bohnen	Claire Kammen	David G. Saltzman
*Jules Bookatz	Gertrude Karklin	Fannie Sandin
Jacob Bornstein	Harry Klausner	Sidney Sapphire
Sanford B. Cohen	Samuel Klein	Harry M. Sapir
Sam Cohen	Rev. Herman Kohn	Maurice Savitt
Mary Cooper	Minnie Kohn	Louis Scott
Philip Dollins	Mollie Kowit	Norma Sharf
Norman Douglass	Mildred Kritzer	Max Shultz
Detlef Fabian	Hannah Miriam Kronenberg	Nathan Sieman
Martin Farkas	Bessie Kusenitz	Marvin W. Snyder
David G. Federman	Sam Kutnick	Sally Brown Steiner
Elaine Felber	Jacob Levine	Anna Stoller
Marilyn Fink	Emil Lippa	Bertha Stroom
Rebecca Fishman	Harry Lustig	Dr. Bert Tobin
Alfred M. Frank	Simon E. Macks	Abraham Traubenberg
Sarah Friedlander	Dorothy G. Macks	Marjorie Van Baalen
Esther Gardner	Hyman Malik	Frank Volk
Al Gelman	Frank Mandel	Jacob Wasserman
Beatrice Ginsburg	Ethel Marks	Lena Weinberg
Doris Rosen Glaser	Rose W. Marks	William Weisberg
Sherwood Alan Goldfarb	Ben Mart	Mona Weiss
Jerome Goodman	Marilyn Matlin	Sylvia Whalley
Lena Green	Joshua David Mendelsohn	Elizabeth Wilensky
Selma Green	Morris Meyer	Mary Wolf
William Green	Harry Miller	Sarah Zalzneck
Anna Joseph Gregg	Max Morrison	Dr. Norman Zucker
Gladys Gurland	Sally Moss	<i>*past president</i>

If you would like a name read from this week's yahrzeit list and have not already informed the office, please notify one of the ushers.

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**We welcome your children in the Main Sanctuary!**