



# NEWSLETTER

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November 10, 2023 | 26th of Cheshvan

Torah Portion: Chayei Sarah

### DEAR FRIENDS,

In the timeless narrative of Chayei Sarah, echoes of resilience and the pursuit of purpose resonate with us today. Sarah's departure reminds us that from every farewell, a seed of strength and growth can sprout. Like Avraham, we may face challenges with unwavering determination, turning moments of difficulty into opportunities for lasting impact.

Avraham's determination to secure a burial place for Sarah, Yitzchak's readiness to move forward and find love, and Rivkah's courage in taking a leap of faith all teach us that life is filled with transitions. In our own lives, we too will face moments of loss, change, and uncertainty. However, like our ancestors, we can find strength in determination, faith, and the willingness to embrace new opportunities. In the face of adversity, remember that life continues to offer chances for growth, love, and new beginnings. Chayei Sarah reminds us that every ending can be the start of something beautiful and meaningful.

SHABBAT SHALOM!

RABBI AVRAHAM & CHAVA BEKHOR

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# UPCOMING EVENTS:

# Michael & Debby Lissaur

in honor of Rabbi & Chava Bekhor & Family

#### Saturday, November 11

Prayer service begins at 10:00am Followed by Kiddush at 12:00pm

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#### BIRTHDAYS

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# PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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# A MESSAGE FROM RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS...

Tonight we commemorate the \*85th anniversary of Kristallnacht\*. Rabbi Sacks said: "It was the most ominous sign of what was to come. But it had another dimension no less terrifying: 267 synagogues were burnt. Thousands of Torah scrolls, Judaism's most sacred objects, were desecrated and thrown into the flames. Suddenly it became clear that the Nazis were intent not only on killing Jews. They sought to kill Judaism itself. They failed. The Jewish people, tiny, vulnerable, lacerated, having stood face to face with the angel of death, still survives, and prays, and gives thanks to God. Somehow, Judaism outlives every attempt to destroy it. Its symbol is not the fierce fire that burns synagogues and sacred scrolls and murdered lives. It is the fragile flame we, together with our children and grandchildren, light in our homes throughout the year and every week for Shabbat, singing God's story, sustained by our hope. We will never forget those who died in the Holocaust, and we will never stop being who we are and living our faith with pride."

Shabbat Shalom, The Rabbi Sacks Legacy

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

















To survive tragedy and trauma first build the future, only then remember the past.

A meaningful life is built upon acts of kindness

THE PLACE WHERE LIGHT AND DARK BEGIN TO TOUCH IS WHERE MIRACLES ARISE