



# Carnegie Shul Chatter

## November 8, 2023



### Fighting for Us Too

This Saturday, November 11, is Veterans Day in the United States. It is a day that honors all of those who have fought for our country, to defend our freedom.

In Israel today there are many young men and women who are fighting for their country and for their freedom. But in a larger sense they are also fighting for the freedom of every Jew in the world, including you and me.

They are fighting to defend the Promised Land, promised to the progeny of Abraham, the Jewish people, against an evil, barbaric foe, Hamas, who has pledged to destroy the State of Israel.

And let's not forget that even those of us living in the Diaspora, even those who do not intend to ever personally reside in Israel, are being subjected to an alarming increase in anti-Semitic violence, so you too are also, without doubt, personally linked to this conflict. Look no further than the recent slashing of tires and

## Shabbat Services

The Carnegie Shul holds hybrid services this week, beginning 9:20am. Join us in the synagogue, or attend virtually. Watch your email for a Zoom link or contact Rosalyn Hoffman at [rjlynman@yahoo.com](mailto:rjlynman@yahoo.com). The complete Torah reading, in Hebrew and English, can be found at [https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading\\_cdo/aid/2492499/jewish/Chayei-Sarah-Torah-Reading.htm](https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading_cdo/aid/2492499/jewish/Chayei-Sarah-Torah-Reading.htm)

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disgusting graffiti right in Squirrel Hill if you do not believe me.

And so I say to all of the veterans of the IDF, and to all of those who are now risking their life as members of the IDF, thank you for standing up and fighting on my behalf. May you emerge from battle victorious and may you return safely to your families and loved ones.



**Please continue reciting the Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel daily and pray for the wellbeing of all of our Israeli brothers and sisters.**

## **Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel**

**“Our Father Who art in Heaven,** Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless Thou the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Thy love. Spread over it Thy canopy of peace; send Thy light and Thy truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Thy good counsel.

**“O God,** strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

**“Remember our brethren,** the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy servant Moses: ‘Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.’

**“Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name,** and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all.”

**Amen.**

# Chayei Sarah in a Nutshell

From Chabad.org

## Genesis 23:1–25:18

The name of the Parshah, “Chayei Sarah,” means “The life of Sarah” and it is found in Genesis 23:1.

Sarah dies at age 127 and is buried in the Machpelah Cave in Hebron, which Abraham purchases from Ephron the Hittite for four hundred shekels of silver.



Abraham’s servant Eliezer is sent, laden with gifts, to Charan, to find a wife for Isaac. At the village well, Eliezer asks G-d for a sign: when the maidens come to the well, he will ask for some water to drink; the woman who will offer to give his camels to drink as well shall be the one destined for his master’s son.

Rebecca, the daughter of Abraham’s nephew Bethuel, appears at the well and passes the “test.” Eliezer is invited to their home, where he repeats the story of the day’s events. Rebecca returns with Eliezer to the land of Canaan, where they encounter Isaac praying in the field. Isaac marries Rebecca, loves her, and is comforted over the loss of his mother.

Abraham takes a new wife, Keturah (Hagar), and fathers six additional sons, but Isaac is designated as his only heir. Abraham dies at age 175 and is buried beside Sarah by his two eldest sons, Isaac and Ishmael.

# Haftorah in a Nutshell

## I Kings 1:1-31

This week’s haftorah describes an aging King David, echoing this week’s Torah reading, which mentions that “Abraham was was old, advanced in days.”

King David was aging, and he was perpetually cold. A young maiden, Abishag of Shunam, was recruited to serve and provide warmth for the elderly monarch.

Seeing his father advancing in age, Adoniah, one of King David’s sons, seized the opportunity to prepare the ground for his ascension to his father’s throne upon the latter’s passing — despite King David’s express wishes that his son Solomon succeed him. Adoniah recruited two influential individuals — the High Priest and the commander of



David's armies — both of whom had fallen out of David's good graces, to champion his cause. He arranged to be transported in a chariot with fifty people running before him, and invited a number of his sympathizers to a festive party where he publicized his royal ambitions.

The prophet Nathan encouraged Bat Sheva, mother of Solomon, to approach King David and plead with him to reaffirm his choice of Solomon as his successor. This she did, mentioning Adoniah's recent actions of which the king had been unaware. Nathan later joined Bat Sheva and the king to express support for Bat Sheva's request. King David acceded to their request: "Indeed," he told Bat Sheva, "as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel saying, 'Surely Solomon, your son, shall reign after me and he shall sit on my throne in my stead,' surely, so will I swear this day."

## Yahrtzeits

This week the Carnegie Shul acknowledges the yahrtzeits of:

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May their memories be for a blessing.

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