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FROM THE RABBINIC TEAM: SAVING THE WICKED



This week's parshah is packed with fascinating narrative including the announcement of the birth of Yitzchak, the destruction of Sedom, Yitzchak's birth, and Avraham's ultimate test: the akedah, the putative sacrifice of his son.

Nestled in among these is the surprising account of Avraham bargaining with God over the destruction of Sedom. It's surprising because when it comes to the akedah, Avraham does not bargain at all. His trust in God is so complete that he sets off early in the morning to fulfil this command, putting aside his emotions. However, when it comes to a city full of wicked people, he bargains God down from initially saving Sedom if it contains 50 righteous people to agreeing not to destroy it even if there were only ten righteous people there.

Why is this the case? Surely Avraham, as the paradigm of chessed/kindness and hospitality, would be only too happy to see the destruction of a city renowned for its wickedness and cruelty, particularly to visitors. Rabbi Nosson Zvi Finkel, the Alter of Slabodka, says that had Avraham rejoiced in the destruction of Sedom as might have been expected, this would have shown that there was in fact a smidgen of their bad characteristics within him. The fact that he pleaded for it to be saved showed that what he wanted was for evil to be destroyed, rather than evildoers. This is a timely message and one of which we sometimes lose sight.

REBBETZIN VICKI BELOVSKI

שבת שלום

Candles: 4.49pm - 5.38pm
Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat: 5.40pm

Shabbat morning: 9.15am

Mazal Tov to Svi Freedman, whose aufruf is today

Minchah: 5.30pm, followed by RHB's shiur
Ma'ariv when Shabbat ends: 6.39pm

WEEKDAY SERVICES

שחרית as usual

5.30pm מנחה & מעריב

Mazal Tov!

TO SVI FREEDMAN AND JOANNA HATTAB, WHO ARE MARRYING ON SUNDAY; MAZAL TOV TO ESTHER, STANLEY AND THE HATTAB FAMILY

TO JESSICA FREIBERGER AND DANIEL BORGENICHT, WHO ARE MARRYING ON MONDAY; MAZAL TOV TO GILLIAN, MALCOLM AND THE BORGENICHT FAMILY

TO ANDREW GREENBY AND DORIT ZIV ON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGE; TO EYTAN KLEINBERG AND LYTAL LERER ON THEIR RECENT MARRIAGE

Happy Birthday!

· BATSHEVA COHEN · MAX LEVEY
· ALICE SHONTHAL · ZARA JASON

LEARN WITH US

SHABBAT 23RD OCTOBER - FOLLOWING MINCHAH AT 6.00PM

RHB's series: The Journey of Avraham and Sarah: A Look with Classical Commentaries

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER - NO SHIUR

Adrian Jacobs Shiur Gemara Shiur on Tractate Shabbat
Delivered by Zoom
Resumes on 1st November

Coming soon

IN ZOOM CONVERSATION WITH RHB (8.00PM)

Oct 26th: Lord Ian Austin

November 2nd: Sally Berkovic

November 9th: Canon Dr Giles Fraser

November 16th: Dr Blima Marcus

Youth and Children

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
RUN EVERY SHABBAT AND YOM TOV MORNING:

- **YOUTH** (Y7 plus), upstairs in the nursery, 10:30
- **PRE-YOUTH** (Y5 & Y6), outside under the Rimon shelter, 11am
- **CHILDREN** (Reception-Y4), Rimon hall, 11am
- **TODDLERS** (Pre-school and below), Rimon reception playground, 11am

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUTH
ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH
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AWFUL KIDS' JOKES

- I heard you can get lawyers at Ikea now. They're very affordable, but you have to build your own case.
- What do you call a pachyderm that doesn't matter? Irrelephant.
- I used to work at a cats' home, but I had to leave, as they reduced meowers...

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