



## This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES  
FOR  
PORTLAND:

Friday, Nov. 6 4:07 pm

Torah Portion: [Vayeira](#)

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## Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

When Abraham was told by G-d that Sodom and its surrounding cities were going to be destroyed, he immediately began to plead that they be spared. The inhabitants of those cities were sinners who were certainly deserving of destruction, yet Abraham found it in his heart to pray for them to be given one more chance to repent.

This was not Abraham ignoring their evil ways and pretending that everything was just fine. Rather, he managed to rise above the surface and was able to see the bigger picture. Just because someone does something wrong does not mean we must hate them and wish them ill.

Everyone should be given a chance, even or especially someone with whom we do not see eye to eye.

May G-d bless us all with a modicum of Abrahams qualities, and may we all be able to look beyond our differences, making the world a better place for all of mankind.

Shabbat shalom!



# Save The Date! Chanukah Parade to City Hall

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**  
FIRST ANNUAL CAR TOP MENORAH PARADE

**START**  
Chabad of Maine  
11 Pomeroy St • 4:30 p.m.  
POLICE ESCORT

**END**  
City Hall

**GRAND MENORAH LIGHTING AT CITY HALL 5:15 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
No charge to participate - sponsor & keep your own car Menorah for \$100  
No affiliation necessary - open to the entire Jewish community  
Sign up by December 1st to secure your spot and car menorah for the parade at [CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE](http://CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE)

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
• MUSIC • JUGGLING SHOW  
• LIVE MUSIC WITH THE MAIN MESHUGOIM  
• LIGHTING OF MAINE'S LARGEST MENORAH  
• HOT LATKES & DOUGHNUTS  
• CHOCOLATE GELT & DREIDELS  
• WORDS FROM OUR MAYER  
For more info email [RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM](mailto:RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM)

Join us for our annual event at City Hall, this year starting off with a grand Menorah Parade! Sign up now to receive a car Menorah and be a part of it.

[www.chabadofmaine.com/parade](http://www.chabadofmaine.com/parade)



# Young Jewish Professionals: Musical Havdalah

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# Musical HAVDALAH TOGETHER

Saturday Night, November 14, 8:00 pm  
11 Pomeroy St, Portland ME

*Connect. Inspire. Celebrate.*  
Join us for a musical Havdalah service and fun evening with  
other Young Jewish Professionals.  
(Social distance guidelines followed - Please wear a mask)

Braid a beeswax Havdalah candle | Giant Jenga | Drinks and Refreshments



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**There's no denying—  
biblical stories are strange.**



*Some dismiss them as legends;  
others look deeper to discover their profound wisdom for life.*

*Which will you choose?*



***Secrets of the Bible***  
ICONIC STORIES, MYSTICAL MEANINGS,  
AND THEIR LESSONS FOR LIFE

*A new six-session course by the  
Rohr Jewish Learning Institute*

Revisit six seemingly absurd stories you likely remember from Hebrew school. Uncover their hidden themes and eye-opening insights into the mysteries of life.

**Virtual option:** 6 Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning December 6

**In-person with masks and social distancing:** 6 Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning December 8.

To learn more about this course and to register, [click here](#). For more information, email [rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com).



## Torah Studies: Match

# Made In Heaven



**4** November 10

## **MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN**

*What's in a Shadchan?*

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Good news, Grandma! The Talmud tells us that before a child is born the future spouse is handpicked up in heaven. The two children will eventually grow up, cross paths, meet, and marry. But if two people are really soul mates, what is our role in making the match?

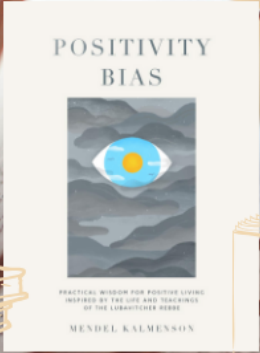
Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly Torah Studies class.

**Tuesday, November 10th, 9:30-10:30 am.**

[chabadofmaine.com/zoom](https://chabadofmaine.com/zoom)



## Positivity Bias Book Club



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### WOMENS' Book Club

Mondays | 11 am  
WITH HINDY

### Positivity Bias:

Practical Wisdom for Positive Living

Join Hindy this Monday, November 9th, for the Positivity Bias Book Club!

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## Service Times

**Shabbat day**

10:00 am

**\*Social distancing guidelines followed**



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PARSHAH

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# Parshah in a Nutshell

## Parshat Vayeira

Gd **reveals** Himself to Abraham three days after the first Jews **circumcision** at **age ninety-nine**; but Abraham rushes off to prepare a meal for three **guests** who appear in the desert heat. One of the three who are **angels** disguised as men announces that, in **exactly one year**, the barren Sarah will give birth to a son. Sarah **laughs**.

Abraham pleads with Gd to spare the wicked city of **Sodom**. Two of the three disguised angels arrive in the doomed city, where Abraham's nephew **Lot** extends his hospitality to them and protects them from the evil intentions of a Sodomite **mob**. The two guests reveal that they have come to **overturn** the place, and to save Lot and his family. Lot's wife **turns into a pillar of salt** when she disobeys the command **not to look back** at the burning city as they flee.

While taking shelter in a **cave**, Lot's two daughters (believing that they and their father are the only ones left alive in the world) get

their father **drunk**, lie with him and become pregnant. The two sons born from this incident father the nations of **Moab** and Ammon.

Abraham moves to Gerar, where the Philistine king **Abimelech** **takes Sarah** who is presented as Abrahams sister to his palace. In a **dream**, Gd warns Abimelech that he will die unless he returns the woman to her husband. Abraham explains that he feared he would be killed over the **beautiful** Sarah.

Gd **remembers** His promise to Sarah, and gives her and Abraham a son, who is named **Isaac** (*Yitzchak*, meaning will laugh). Isaac is circumcised at the age of **eight days**; Abraham is one hundred years old, and Sarah ninety, at their child's birth.

**Hagar and Ishmael** are banished from Abrahams home and wander in the desert; Gd hears the **cry** of the dying lad, and saves his life by showing his mother a **well**. Abimelech makes a treaty with Abraham at Beersheba, where Abraham gives him **seven sheep** as a sign of their truce.

**G-d tests** Abrahams devotion by commanding him to **sacrifice** Isaac on Mount Moriah (the **Temple Mount**) in Jerusalem. Isaac is **bound** and placed on the altar, and Abraham raises the knife to slaughter his son. A voice from heaven calls to stop him; a ram, caught in the undergrowth by its **horns**, is offered in Isaacs place. Abraham receives the news of the birth of a daughter, **Rebecca**, to his nephew Bethuel.



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