



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Oct. 22 5:28 pm

Torah Portion: [Vayeira](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

When G-d appeared to Abraham after his circumcision at age 99, the Torah describes him sitting at the entrance to his home looking for guests. G-d had made it so hot outside that there were no travelers, allowing Abraham to rest and recover.

But Abraham insisted on performing the mitzvah of hosting, and despite the most important visitor G-d Himself being there, he still hoped for actual guests he could host and serve.

When three angels finally appeared in the form of human travelers, Abraham politely asked G-d to hang on while he tended to his guests.

The Talmud says that Abrahams actions remind us that being kind and welcoming to strangers is at times greater than welcoming G-d Himself. Being there for others, even those that appear to be strangers, comes before taking care of our own spiritual endeavors.

As Jews we all inherit this attribute of kindness from Abraham, and its our responsibility to find ways to apply it in our lives.

Shabbat Shalom!



Last week to sign up for the Outsmarting Antisemitism Free Trial

Tuesday, November 2
@ 6:30pm

First class - free trial

Your favorite Jewish Foods
Challah, Babka, Rugelach, Knishes

**OUTSMARTING
ANTISEMITISM**

A four-part course on the absurdity of antisemitism and
how to beat it with purpose, positivity, and pride

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RSVP and more info
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Learn how to combat antisemitism with JLI's newest course. Not sure? Join the first class for free!

Tuesday, November 2, at 6:30 pm
Virtual option: Monday, November 1, at 7:00 pm

chabadofmaine.com/antisemitism
rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com



Menorah Parade & Lighting at City Hall!

LET THERE BE LIGHT

**SECOND ANNUAL CAR TOP
MENORAH PARADE**

START

Chabad of Maine
11 Pomeroy St. • 3:15 p.m.
POLICE ESCORT

END

City Hall
389 Congress St.,
Portland

**GRAND
MENORAH
LIGHTING
AT
CITY HALL
4:15 P.M.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

No charge to participate - sponsor & keep your own car Menorah for \$100
No affiliation necessary - open to the entire Jewish community

Sign up by November 24th to secure your spot and car menorah for the parade at CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- LIGHTING OF MAINE'S LARGEST MENORAH
- WORDS FROM OUR MAYOR KATE SNYDER
- LIVE MUSIC WITH THE MAINE MESHUGOYIM
- JUGGLING SHOW • HOT LATKES & DOUGHNUTS
- DREIDELS • KID'S CRAFTS
- GELT DROP • DOUGHNUT MAKING

For more info email RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM

The Menorah Parade is back, along with the annual Menorah
Lighting at City Hall!

Save the date: Sunday, November 28

For more information, email rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com



Save the date! Jewish Heritage Night- 12/5

2ND ANNUAL JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE MAINE MARINERS

SUNDAY, DEC. 5 AT THE CROSS INSURANCE ARENA

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

First 50 tickets bought will receive a free JHN t-shirt!

2:00pm

Pre game Chanukah party with Beacon the Puffin

3:00pm

The Game Starts

CHANUKAH FUN FAN EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE GAME!

MENORAH LIGHTING ON THE ICE AT THE END OF THE FIRST PERIOD



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Farmers Market featuring Challah,

Babka, and Baguettes!



Fresh, homemade, kosher, and delicious Challah, Babka, and Baguettes for sale at the Scarborough Farmer's Market this Sunday, 10/24, 9:00am-1:00pm!

Made with quality ingredients and local honey 🍯🍞



Jewish Insights: The Admission Test



THE ADMISSION TEST

Every new bride goes through an 'admission test' in her new family. In Abraham's family, there was a very high bar. Rebecca was accepted into the family only when she managed to bring several miracles into her home: A Cloud of Glory, a growing dough, and a candle that wouldn't go out. What do those miracles represent?

 Sunday, 10/24 at 2:00pm

 chabadofmaine.com/zoom



JEWISH INSIGHTS

A TASTE OF THE REBBE'S TEACHINGS

PARSHAT CHAYE SARAH

Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly Torah class on Parshat Chaye Sarah. Sunday, 10/24, at 2:00 pm.

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Service Times

Thursday

7:00 am

Friday night

5:45 pm

Shabbat day

10:30 am



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BY THE NUMBERS

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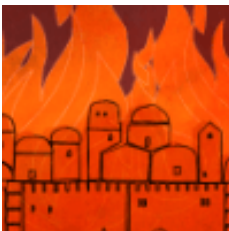


LIFECYCLE SPOTLIGHT

Why Are Mourners Served Bagels and Eggs?

The custom of giving round foods is learned from Jacob, who cooked a pot of lentils.

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PARSHAH

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No sinning is good, but sins against our own neighbors are the worst.

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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 Abraham's 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 Abraham's home and wander in the desert; G-d 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 Abraham's 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 Isaac's place. Abraham receives the news of the birth of a daughter, **Rebecca**, to his nephew Bethuel.



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