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January 5 - January 11, 2019
28 Tevet - 5 Shevat 5779
Parshat Vaera

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Friday, January 4

Candle Lighting
4:06pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:10pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
5:15pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
9:47 am



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Haim Fruchter and family
*in memory of
his wife
Sylvia Fruchter Z"l*

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on her special 95th birthday

CONDOLENCES

Thea & Stanley Yetnikoff
*in memory of her sister
Tova Li Babad Z"l*

SPONSOR A DAY

Tuesday, January 8

Paula & Morris Trefler
*Wishing a Happy Birthday
to their granddaughter
Jody Beth Grundman*

Friday, January 11

Paula & Morris Trefler
*Wishing a Happy Birthday
to their grandson
Gabriel Philip Heering*

Friday, January 11
5 Shevat

Esther & Andre Zoldan
*In memory of his father
Jeno Zoldan Z"l*

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 5 28 Tevet	January 6 29 Tevet	January 7 1 Shevat	January 8 2 Shevat	January 9 3 Shevat	January 10 4 Shevat	January 11 5 Shevat
6:35 am Earliest Talit	6:35 am Earliest Talit	6:35 am Earliest Talit	6:35 am Earliest Talit	6:34 am Earliest Talit	6:34 am Earliest Talit	6:34am Earliest Talit
Molad: Shevat January 6 11:13 AM and 14 chalakim		Rosh Chodesh				
8:00 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:05 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:15 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	6:25 am Shacharit Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary Drasha Rabbi Perton in memory of Sylvia Fruchter Z"l	8:45 am Shacharit	7:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
10:00 am Youth Groups						
10:00 am Women's Lounge						
3:30 pm Hilbot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff		1:00 pm Knitting Class				4:14 pm Candle Lighting
4:00 pm Mincha Sendab Shlishit D'var Torah Haim Fruchter	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:15 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:20 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
5:05 pm Maariv	8:00 pm Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yehuda Kops	7:00 pm Duplicate Bridge		8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple		
5:15 pm Shabbat ends		8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat				

VAERA

JANUARY 5, 2019 • 28 TEVET 5779
HERTZ P.232 HAFTARAH P. 244~ STONE P. 318 HAFTARAH P. 1149

In this week's parshah we read of Hashem hardening Pharaoh's heart, as the Torah states : "Va'ani Aksheh Es Lev Pharaoh..."(7:3) Many commentators ask why the 'bechira chofshit' - the free choice- of Pharaoh was taken away from him. Rashi explains that it was clear to Hashem that the teshuva - repentance of Pharaoh would not be b'lev shalem (sincere). If Pharaoh would have been given the choice, he would have attempted an insincere teshuva. At that point, to punish him would seem unfair to the world, yet such a teshuva would still not exempt him from punishment.

Therefore, Hashem removed his free choice so that the world could recognize the truth and wonders of Hashem. Rashi further notes that in the first five plagues, the Torah says that Pharaoh himself hardened his own heart. Only in the last five makot is it written "Vayechezak Hashem es lev Pharaoh" - "Hashem hardened the heart of Pharaoh." Rabbi Mayer Lichtman explains that perhaps Rashi is saying that the proof that there wouldn't be sincerity with Pharaoh's teshuva or with the idolatrous nations in general is from the first five makot. Pharaoh had a good opportunity to change his wicked ways with the lessons and blows dealt to him and Mitzrayim in the first makos. By hardening his own heart – he proved his intention – his lev shalem was to hurt the Israelites. It was not for some economical or political excuse – it was a hatred that ran deep in his heart. When Hashem hardened his heart during the last five plagues, it was merely a result of Pharaoh's own hardening during the first makot. If Pharaoh would have done teshuva during the final makos, it would have been heartless and meaningless.

Generally, the difficulty of making the right choice lies in one allowing the logic of mind to overcome the desire of the heart. When one continuously makes the correct choices, his heart moves to the right place. When one truly knows or is inclined to listen to the Dvar Hashem, it becomes more effortless to do what is right. As we grow in spirituality the test of bechira changes to higher levels. As Jewish people who have accepted Hashem's Laws, we should all be able to try and comprehend the punishments doled out to Egypt and other nations, and try to elevate our hearts to serve Hashem as best we can.

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

Navi Class

Friday nights at 7:15 pm
at the home of Raizie and Rabbi Boruch Perton, 5623 Melling Ave.

Taught by Rabbi Perton.

Classes Resume on January 11

A \$36 sponsorship per class may be made to commemorate a yahrtzeit, a life cycle event, etc.

Save the Date

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 20

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 3

Speed Dating

Thursday, February 14

Community Wide Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 17

Community Wide Emergency Medical Response Training

Sunday, January 27
6:00 - 8:00 pm

At Beth Israel Beth Aaron
6800 Mackle Rd

Separate sessions for
Teens and Adults

For more information:
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See below for Registration details

SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH
6:00-8:00PM
THIS EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For more information or teen registration please contact the office or email programming@shul.org. NO registration required for adults.

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