#### **SHABBAT VAYERA**

In this week's Torah reading, G-d promises a child to Abraham and Sarah, despite childless Sarah's advanced age. This week's *haftorah* describes a similar incident that occurred many years later — the prophet Elisha assuring an elderly childless woman that she will bear a child.

The *haftorah* discusses two miracles performed by the prophet Elisha. The first miracle involved a widow who was heavily in debt, and her creditors were threatening to take her two sons as slaves to satisfy the debt. When the prophet asked her what she had in her home, the widow responded that she had nothing but a vial of oil. Elisha told her to gather as many empty containers as possible — borrowing from neighbors and friends as well. She should then pour oil from her vial into the empty containers. She did as commanded, and miraculously the oil continued to flow until the last empty jug was filled. The woman sold the oil for a handsome profit, and had enough money to repay her debts and live comfortably.

The second miracle: Elisha would often pass by the city of Shunam, where he would dine and rest at the home of a certain hospitable couple. This couple even made a special addition to their home, a guest room designated for Elisha's use. When the prophet learned that the couple was childless, he blessed the woman that she should give birth to a child in exactly one year's time. And indeed, one year later a son was born to the aged couple.

A few years later the son complained of a headache and died shortly thereafter. The Shunamit woman laid the lifeless body on the bed in Elisha's designated room, and quickly summoned the prophet. Elisha hurried to the woman's home and miraculously brought the boy back to life.

## October 2018

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

28 Myron Perlmutter

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## WELCOME ברוכים הבאים



Rabbi Tracee Rosen Candle lighting 5:24 p.m.

**SHABBAT VAYERA** 

October 26, 2018

Friday Night Services

Services 6:30 p.m.

Oneg sponsored by congregation

October 27, 2018
Saturday Morning Services
Services 9:00 a.m.

Genesis 21:1-22:24

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II Kings 4:1-37

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Kiddush sponsored by the congregation

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Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu M'kor ha'bra-cha l'i-mo-tei-nu May the source of strength Who blessed the ones before us, Help us find the courage To make our lives a blessing, And let us say, Amen

Mi she-bei-rach i-mo-tei-nu M'kor ha-brach-cha l'a-votei-nu Bless those in need of healing With R'fu-a sh'lei-ma The renewal of body, The renewal of spirit And let us say,

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## **Prayer for healing**

We wish "Refuah Shelemah" - a speedy recovery - to congregants, family and friends who are ill.

We encourage you to call or visit with them and wish them well.

Ailene Barkhoff, Barry Bookman, James Clapp, Peter Enneking, Cindy Frami. Maya Goldberg, Thomas Hannagian, Barry Himmelfarb, Dovid Ben Itchok, Katie Iverson, Judith Koven, Don Lehrer, Samantha Leznek, Alissa Leznek, Nelson Magedman, Michael Mamuzich, Peggy Markowitz, Michael Moschel, Barbara & Harry Newman, & Harry Newman, Sy Perlis, Gerald Rich, Charlotte Rubinoff, Cyrene Schochet, Elaine Schwartz, A. David Silverman, Robert Summer, Charlie Tarnor, Randy Thomas, Marcia Turkiewicz, Richard Wasserman, Michael Weisberg

The following Yahrzeits will be observed during the coming week. Kaddish may also be said on Friday evening & Saturday morning October 26, 2018 & October 27, 2018. El Malei Rachamim, the memorial prayer, may be said on the Monday or Thursday preceding the Yahrzeit at the 8:00 am Minyan.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Heshvan</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	Relation- ship	<u>Observant</u>
26	17	Miriam Goldberg	Mother	Celia Weissbuch
26	17	Rita Gould	Sister	Nancy Perlow
26	17	Jack Kleinman	Father	Elliot Kleinman
27	18	Samuel Himmelfarb	Father	Gerald Himmelfarb
28	19	Steven Jack Grossman	Son	Gail Grossman
29	20	Charles Miller	Father	Iris Silverman
31	22	Ila Dias	Mother	Audrey Albert
31	22	Sally Lauer	Mother	Gail Grossman