Parshat Vayera

20 Cheshvan, 5770 / November 7, 2009
HumashEtzHayim, p. 112.
Haftarah, 2 Kings 4:1-37, page 123.

1. (21:1-8) God keeps His promise: Isaac is born. Isaac is circumcised. There is a banquet on the day of his weaning.

2. (21:9-21) Due to conflict between Sarah and Sarah’s fears of the negative influence Ishmael may have over Isaac, Hagar and Ishmael are sent away. God promises Isaac, "I will make a great nation of Ishmael." 

3. (21:22-34) Abraham and Abimelech make a covenant of peace at Be’er-sheva. 


Candle lighting time for November 6: 4:48 p.m.
Announcements

Square Dance Party
Saturday, November 7, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
CBD and Sisterhood co-sponsor an evening of dancing with a professional caller in the social. Western attire is encouraged. $5 per person at the door. Call (408) 257-3251 to learn how to submit a nomination. Forms are also available in the Beth David office. Please note that the due date for nominations is December 24, 2009.

Help Beth David Host the Saratoga Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 10 a.m.
On Thanksgiving morning, Congregation Beth David will host the annual Saratoga Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Volunteers are needed to serve the interfaith community by participating as a greeter or an usher or participating in the choir. Contact Barbara Biran at biran@beth-david.org for more information.

The Jewish Book Discussion Group 10th Anniversary Multimedia Program
Friday, November 14, 13:30 p.m.
The Jewish Book Discussion Group will mark its 10th anniversary by reading aloud short stories by Sholem Aleichem ("On an Account of a Hat" and "A Yon Kippur Scandal"). All adults and teens are invited to participate in the reading of these delightful stories. For more information, contact Miriam Merr at (650) 966-7138.
The next regular meeting will be held December 12 to discuss Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaac Hellman Created California - Speaker: Author Frances Dinkelspiel - This book by his great-great granddaughter Frances Dinkelspiel tells the remarkable story of Hellman's rise, and his role in transforming California from a frontier economy driven by the barter of hides and the exchange of gold to one of the most dynamic economies in the nation. Book sales and signing follow the talk.

Tu B'Shvat Tree Planting in the Mountains of Israel
Sunday, January 24, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
To be held at Kibbutz Hakikar, a communal settlement in Israel. Groups of 10-40 participants will be led to a site where they will help plant trees and learn about the land and its culture. Cost is $50 per person and includes bus, lunch, and tree planting. More information can be obtained by contacting Beth David Congregation at (408) 366-9100, or by visiting the website, http://www.beth-david.org.