

## THIS SHABBAT OCTOBER 2024

This Shabbat, *Parashat Vayeira* (“The Lord *appeared* to him [Abraham]...”), the Friday night service will begin at 7 PM. The Rabbi will talk about Hospitality as a Jewish Value.

On Saturday morning our service begins at 9:45 AM. The Torah will be read by the Rabbi.

Sunday morning at 9:30 AM we have morning minyan. Following the service, the Death Class continues with Death in the Tanach, in particular in the Prophets and Writings. How has the reporting of death changed since the Torah? The texts selected will be provided on Zoom. We will also do an in depth study of Psalm 23. Please provide yourself with a copy of Psalm 23 in both Hebrew and English.

Below is an outline of the class going forward.

NB The outline changes from time to time as I develop more ideas.

### CLASS TWO

Death in the Tanach–Neviim, Ketuvim and Psalm 23

### CLASS THREE

Death in Rabbinic Literature–Second Temple literature (Apocrypha), Talmud, Midrash. Preparation for next class on the Soul and the Afterlife

### CLASS FOUR

The Afterlife

The Soul

### CLASS FIVE

Facing Death with Humor–Holocaust Humor

## CLASS

Liturgical treatment of Death–Kaddish, Yizkor

## CLASS

Funeral and Burial, relate to denominations

Issue of Cremation

Cemetery organization

Shiva and shiva prayerbook

Rabbi's Manual–what is in it and how is it used

<https://www.joincake.com/blog/jewish-funeral-prayers/#ten>

## CLASS

Medical ethics

Transplanting organs from a donor

Abortion

Refusing or Terminating life support

## CLASS

Suicide

Assisted suicide

Denominational differences (CJLS, Committee on Jewish Law and Standards)

Murder

## CLASS

Music and Art

Leonard Bernstein Kaddish

*Eil Malei Rachamim*

*Tsen b'ruker* Zamir chorale with explanation

Karen Benioff Friedman

Marc Chagall

Holocaust art

