## Parashat Vayera

Excerpt from *Yishmiru Da-at* by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi

ב' וירא אליו, (בראשית י״ה אי). Section "And He appeared unto him," (Genesis 18:1).

(שבת קב"ז.) (Shabbos 127a)

"Hospitality to wayfarers is more important

than an encounter with

השכינה, the *Shechinah /* in-dwelling of God."

For he, [Abraham], came to be a host

to the wayfarers

amidst that sense of cleaving

during the encounter with the Shechinah,

for there was a sense that he would

see the holy *Shechinah* in the wayfarers.

translation by Gabbai Seth Fishman