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Anyone who wishes to speak at Shalosh Seudot please contact Arye Stein, 917-873-1943, or 718-435-2145, or call the office.

December 4 - Monday

Start to say Tal Umatar in Maariv tonight.

If you are able to come to our 8 AM weekday minyan, please join us and help us keep our minyan going.

THE YIF EDUCATION PROGRAM—5778

The Shiurei HaShanah for 5778 are sponsored by
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Great Controversies in Jewish History

Each week we will study a different event or issue that created a major division in the Jewish Nation.

The classes will meet at 10:00 AM in the Beth Hamedrash

Open to both men and women.

Monday, December 4, 2017
Zedukim v Perushim - Why Are Zedukim Considered Such Villains?

Shiurei Hayom, December 6, 2017, 18 Kislev, are being sponsored by Peri Rosenfeld and Freda Rosenfeld in memory of their mother
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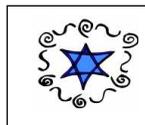
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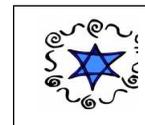
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**PARSHAT: VAYISHLACH
HAFTORAH: CHAZON OVADIA**



PARSHAT VAYISHLACH



December 1-2, 2017

14 Kislev, 5778

EREV SHABBAT

Candle Lighting 4:11 PM
Mincha 4:16 PM
SHABBAT
Shacharit 7:45 AM, 8:45 AM
Latest Kriat Shema 9:23 AM
Torah: Bereshith 32:4 Artscroll Page 170
Haftorah: for Vayishlach Artscroll Page 1141
Afternoon
Talmud Class 3:05 PM
Mincha 4:05 PM
Shalosh Seudot Speaker: Mr. Chaim Zager
Maariv 5:12 PM
Shabbat ends: 5:17 PM

WEEKDAY

Sunday 6:45 & 8:00 AM
Monday 6:35 & 8:00 AM
Tuesday 6:45 & 8:00 AM
Wednesday 6:45 & 8:00 AM
Thursday 6:35 & 8:00 AM
Friday 6:45 & 8:00 AM
Candle Lighting next Friday 4:11 PM
Mincha Next Friday 4:16 PM
Mishnayot Class: 15 minutes before 1st Minyan Monday - Friday
Daf Yomi 7:20 am Sunday - Friday
Daily Mincha this week: 4:15 PM
Maariv following immediately

Join us prior to Shacharit at 8:35 AM in the Main Shul Shabbat morning for a short shiur on the Haftorah of the week

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Climbing Jacob's Ladder by Rabbi Ari Kahn

On the run from a furious brother who is plotting his demise, Yaakov finally falls to the ground in exhaustion and allows himself to sleep. His mind still racing, he wonders how the situation has spun so far out of control. Only yesterday, things had seemed perfect, even idyllic; only yesterday, he had been part of a family, but today tears and screams drown out all civil communication. They had managed to get along, despite their differences; but now - chaos. He had been put in an impossible situation. Should he respect his mother or his father? No child should ever be forced to make such a choice. There was no easy, clear solution: Obeying his mother meant deceiving his father. Honoring his father meant defying his mother. And then there was the matter of his brother, who wanted him dead.

And all this, over some blessings. Were they really worth this drama? Were they worth dying for? Moreover, who was to say that ill-gotten blessings would 'work'? This was not some magical spell that merely needed to be uttered in order to bring about the desired result; this was a prayer, meant to open the very heavens and bring about Divine aid and abundance. Could blessings attained surreptitiously bring about such results? What if God did not agree with his mother, and the stolen blessings would prove worthless? As Yaakov drifted off to sleep (or, perhaps, not really sleep), he floated into an alternative consciousness. A new reality swept over him; he had an epiphany. All at once, everything he saw was holy, beautiful, awe-inspiring. The heavens opened, and he saw the "entrance," a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels climbing up and down. Yaakov's first reaction might well have been relief, even joy: God had not rejected him because of his behavior. Quite the opposite: He was granted revelation. As his eyes followed the ladder up toward heaven, he saw a glimpse of images that were so holy, they were beyond imagination. And then, Yaakov heard a voice he had never heard before - yet the sound was strangely familiar and unmistakable: God spoke to him, introduced Himself, and promised him great things: First, that the land he was lying on would one day be his. Second, God assured him that he would have many children who would burst forth in every direction, and third, that God would protect him. And then, the voice was still. If we consider this revelation, first in terms of the implication that God had chosen Yaakov, and additionally in terms of the blessings that make up the content of the revelation, we might expect Yaakov to have reacted with unqualified, unmitigated joy. And yet, Yaakov's response was far more circumspect; his words reflect a certain dread or fear behind the awe he expressed. Apparently, the content of God's communication gave Yaakov cause for worry, not because of what He said, but because of what He did not say. Something was missing, and recent events make it clear what Yaakov had hoped to hear but did not.

Yitzchak had given Yaakov two separate sets of blessings: One set were blessings that had always been intended for him. As he sent him away to begin his journey, Yitzchak blessed Yaakov, knowing precisely who he was, with the "blessings given to Avraham:" The Promised Land and a great nation of descendants to inherit it. This blessing was echoed in the promises Yaakov had just been given by God Himself. On the other hand, the blessing he acquired by dressing up as his brother Esav, the blessing he had taken surreptitiously, the blessing that was so important to his mother, promised physical bounty, abundance and power. When God spoke to Yaakov, He was silent regarding this blessing - and that silence was deafening; Yaakov heard it loud and clear. The blessings for great wealth were not repeated; apparently, they were not in his future. When Yaakov awakes, he makes declarations and promises: He will build a house for God, and if God gives him the smallest modicum of physical security - clothes on his back, bread on his plate - he will, in turn, give one tenth back to the Almighty. Suddenly, for Yaakov, the blessings he had gone to such great lengths to acquire are no longer important. The physical world that had seemed so critically important pales in contrast with the sublime vision he has just been shown. Yaakov suddenly understands that he can be content to live his life with only a bare minimum of physical wealth - and he vows to dedicate even that minimal wealth to God. Yaakov sees the ladder, with its feet on the ground and its head in heaven, and he draws a remarkable conclusion: He himself can be like that ladder. He can live simultaneously in the physical and spiritual worlds. He can bridge the gap, and live his life as a quest to achieve spirituality and holiness, continually climbing up the ladder from earth to heaven. At that moment, he vows to devote his physical resources to his quest for holiness, and to climb that ladder just as he saw the angels do

. With this realization, Yaakov can continue on his journey. Only when he understands that wealth and power are not the true blessing is he able to travel forth and to succeed. Now that he fully understands the true nature and significance of the blessings he received from his father, he becomes worthy of the blessings his mother instructed him to acquire. The physical bounty with which he was blessed becomes a tool in the service of the greater blessings of spirituality and holiness. Wealth is not the real gift; rather, true blessing is born of figuring out how to take the physical stuff God gives us and use it to construct our own ladder to heaven. A blessed life is one spent climbing the ladder and transforming physical bounty into spiritual wealth.

BITS of INFO

Synopsis of current events from various news sources
Gleaned and Edited by Sherine Levine

✧ On an English-language news channel, Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely addressed increased tensions between Israeli and US Jews, including over restrictions on non-Orthodox prayer at the Kotel and Israel government's policies on Israeli Arabs and the Palestinians. She hoped more American Jews would move to Israel to influence its political process and "bring American Jews closer to Israel." She depicted US Jews as distant from the sacrifices other Americans make and the threats that govern life in Israel. She remarked, "People that never send their children to fight for their country, most of the Jews don't have children serving as soldiers, going to the Marines, going to Afghanistan or to Iraq - most of them are having convenient lives; they don't feel how it feels to be attacked by rockets..." Her comments prompted Reform movement's leaders to call for her removal. The dust-up comes as liberal Jewish movements seek more rights at the Western Wall and are upset with Netanyahu for renegeing on an agreement that would have seen more recognition of egalitarian prayer at the holy site. [JTA]

✧ Tzipi Hotovely's comment that "US Jews don't fully understand the realities of life in Israel" has drawn criticism from many on the left, both in Israel and the US. As a result, she was disinvited to speak at Princeton University and there have been calls for her resignation. Tellingly, her remarks are neither anti-Semitic nor disrespectful of US Jewry as some have reported. Rabbi Dovid Fendel, Dean of Sderot Hesder Yeshiva, stated Hotovely's words were "spoken with grace and with compassion, out of faith and humility. She did not attack US Jewry, and did not insult them." [AFSI]

✧ The big royal announcement has led some to wonder if there's a Jewish connection to Prince Harry's fiancée Meghan Markle. Her former husband, Trevor Engelson, is a Jewish movie producer from Great Neck. The couple met in 2004 and married after dating for seven years in 4-day beach extravaganza in Jamaica, culminating in (as the media described) "a traditional Jewish chair dance." The couple filed for divorce two years later citing long separations by Markle's TV commitments and Engelson's production work as the cause. Engelson is a producer of a fictional TV show inspired by "real-life events." The yet untitled Fox comedy imagines the circumstances of a divorced father who shares custody with his ex-wife, newly married to a British prince. (Markle and Engelson have no children.) [Forward]

✧ Quote of the Week "... the Hebrews have contributed more to civilize men than any other nation. If I was an atheist and believed in blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations... They are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their empire were but a bubble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe and have influenced the affairs of mankind more and more happily than any other nation, ancient or modern." [John Adams, second President of the United States of America]

RECIPE

Chanukah will be here soon and it's time to be a little more adventurous with variations on traditional latkes. Below is a delicious recipe for vegetable latkes which also are less heavy in carbs due to the various vegetables being used. Remember to please send your favorite recipes to Leah Lieberman at leahlieb@aol.com. Enjoy!

Rainbow Veggie Latkes - Inyan Magazine, December 2014

Ingredients:

1 large onion, pureed
1 small beet, shredded
1 very dark green zucchini, unpeeled, washed and shredded
1 small carrot, shredded
3 potatoes, shredded
5 eggs
½ cup flour, matzo meal, or bread crumbs (substitute ½ cup almond flour to make gluten free)
2 tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper (or more if desired)
2 tbsp oil

Mix everything until you have a colorful batter. (The batter will take on a mostly pink/reddish hue as the beets have the the strongest color of all the vegetables being used.)

Heat a large skillet, spraying it with oil spray first. Add oil to the pan as necessary and fry the latkes in batches until done. You will notice a nicer color and texture when eating them. Serve with sour cream or applesauce as usual.

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