



tidbits

my father, R' Meir Zlotowitz zt'l, made sure his family was up to date on
from the mundane, to the ordinary, to the 'thanks for reminding me!'

November 16th, 2018 | Parshas Vayeitzei



Reminders



The final opportunity for Kiddush Levanah is next Thursday, November 22nd at 9:46 PM.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Menachos 98.

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents, and Rabbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!



Next on the Calendar

Chanukah begins on Sunday evening, December 2nd.

Parshah in a Paragraph



VAYEITZEI: Yaakov leaves Be'er Sheva • The vision of the ladder • Yaakov arrives at Charan and meets Rochel at the well • Lavan agrees to allow Rochel to marry Yaakov in exchange for seven years of labor • On the wedding day, Lavan switches Rochel for Leah • Yaakov reproaches Lavan • Yaakov agrees to work for additional years in order to marry Rochel, as well as Bilhah • Leah gives birth to Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah • Rochel begs

Yaakov for children • She gives him permission to marry Bilhah • Bilhah has Don and Naftoli • Leah gives Zilpah to Yaakov to marry • Zilpah has Gad and Asher • Rochel offers Leah the opportunity to be with Yaakov in exchange for Reuven's duda'im • Leah bears Yisschar, Zevulun and Dinah • Hashem accepts Rochel's prayers and she gives birth to Yosef • Lavan attempts to swindle Yaakov, but Hashem makes Yaakov wealthy • Hashem commands Yaakov to return to the land of his fathers • Yaakov discusses this with Rochel and Leah • Before they leave, Rochel steals Lavan's idols • Lavan pursues them • Hashem warns him not to speak with Yaakov • Lavan rebukes Yaakov • Yaakov curses whoever stole Lavan's gods • Yaakov and Lavan make a treaty at Galed • Yaakov encounters a camp of angels •



For the Shabbos Table

"Vatomer lah hame'at kachteich es ishi..."

"And Leah said to Rochel, 'was it not enough that you took my husband?'" (Bereishis 30:15)

In our parashah, Leah, the first of Yaakov's wives, accuses Rochel of stealing Yaakov's attention. However, it was only due to Rochel's self-sacrifice through the *simanim*,

that Leah was married to Yaakov at all. This being the case, how could it be that Leah would feel that Rochel 'took' her husband?

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt"l explains. Most of the time, when one does an act of chessed, it is very clear who is the giver and who is the receiver. This way of giving is certainly very noble. However, there is another method that is at an even higher level. Giving in a way that the receiver doesn't realize he is being given to is a more complete act of chessed. When Rochel gave the *simanim* to Leah, she did so surreptitiously to ensure that Leah did not even recognize that Rochel was doing anything for her, and she certainly didn't recognize the magnitude of Rochel's sacrifice. Thus, Leah mistakenly believed that she had the "rights" to Yaakov's affection, and felt that Rochel was infringing on their relationship.

Current Projects



We have partnered with godaven.com to enhance their site, and make minyanim more easily accessible for all Jews. You will be able to use the completely new and revamped version in about four weeks. Please reach out to ecbirnbaum@klalgovoah.org if you have any input with regard to this project.

We've reached 3,166 subscribers!

To join the movement and receive these weekly tidbits in your inbox,
sign up @ klalgovoah.org!