

Parashat Vayeshev • פ' וישב

PARNESSE HAYOM KISLEV

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

2 Kislev

Mayer, Stark & Bloch Families in memory of husband and father, Abraham Mayer (Avraham Dovid ben Chaim Meir, z'l)

13 Kislev

David Novoseller in memory of his grandfather, Morris Dowben (Mendel ben Yisrael, z'l)

15 Kislev

Mark Wainberg in memory of his father, Abe Wainberg (Avraham ben Yitzchak Zeev, z'l)

17 Kislev

Dr. David Zukor in memory of his father, Leslie Zukor (Yitzchak Chaim ben Yosef, z'l)

22 Kislev

Dr. Alex Spira in memory of his father, Abraham Spira (Avraham Eliezer ben Yeshiah Zvi, z'l)

27 Kislev

Joel King in memory of his father-in-law Ben Hymer, z'l

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**HARAV MOSHE TZVI
NERIAH ON CHANUKAH**

MEZUZAH & CHANUKAH CANDLES

The house serves as the central point of a person's life. We read in the third chapter of Yeshayahu "Let us go up to the mountain of Hashem, to the house of the Lord of Yaakov." The gemara in Pesachim 88b comments on this verse that unlike by Avraham, where we see a reference to a mountain, and unlike Yitzchak, where the reference is to the field, by Yaakov, the father of the twelve tribes and the real foundation of the Jewish nation, we see a reference to a house. Only by Yaakov did the nation finally begin to crystallize. In this vein, we are commanded to put a mezuzah on the right side of the entranceway to our house. The gemara learns that it must be placed on the right side as it must be "*derech bi'atcha*" - the way that a person enters into his house.

However, not only when a person is at home is he supposed to be in a state of purity and perfection, but this way of life is supposed to accompany him in everything that he does out of the home environment as well. As such, man needs a symbol to escort him when he leaves his house, and that symbol is the Chanukah candles. The candles represent the light put forth by the Jews as a whole to the rest of the world, and thus symbolize a man's endeavours in the outside world.

We are told that ideally a person should place his Chanukah candles on the left side of the door so that when he enters his home the mezuzah is to his left and the candles are to his right. The emphasis is on the mezuzah, that which symbolizes the pure, internal life. However, when he leaves his house, the candles are on the right and the mezuzah is on the left. At this point the emphasis shifts - now the stress is on the candles, that which symbolizes the holiness that one can spread to his surroundings.

THE CHAIN OF TRADITION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST GREECE

OVADIAH 1:18 states "And the house of Yaakov will be a fire, and the house of Yoseif will be a flame, and the house of Eisav will be straw." This verse, which refers to the ultimate victory of the Jews over the Edomites, refers to both Yaakov and Yoseif - father and son. Why are both needed? Certainly one spark is enough to ignite an entire pile of straw! What appears to emerge from the parable is that the one spark is not enough, that the victory over Edom, or any enemy of the Jews, will come only as a result of the combined efforts of two generations.

In the Al HaNissim said on Chanukah we begin by saying "In the days of Mattityahu the son of Yochanan, the high priest, the Hasmonean and his sons." Here, we see not two generation but three! Why is this the case? By the parallel Al HaNissim on

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TRIBUTE CARDS

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This week's Daf is sponsored by:

The KTM Executive
 Wishing the entire community
 a Chanukah Sameach!

25th of Kislev 5770

December 12, 2009

Shabbat Begins: 3:54pm

Shabbat Ends: 5:01pm

Haftara: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

**THE BEIT MIDRASH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 17, 2009
SHIURIM WILL RESUME JANUARY 4, 2010 (SEE BELOW FOR SHIRIM THIS WEEK)**

WOMEN'S BEIT MIDRASH

Insight into Chanukah with Eddie Shostak
Explore the story and customs of Chanukah using classic commentaries.
TUESDAYS, 9:30am DECEMBER 7 & 14

Tehilim Group
Completion of the entire Book of Tehilim and prayer for those who are ill.
TUESDAY 10:30am & WEDNESDAY 4:00pm

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Purim we don't mention the lineage of Mordechai - we mention only Mordechai and Esther, the participants in the story. Why by Chanukah do we suddenly have a need to mention a third generation?

It would seem that Chanukah is different than any other struggle that the Jews had with their enemies. While the strength of two generations may have been enough to combat the external Syrian-Greek threat, Mattityahu and his sons faced a second danger at the same time - the Hellenized Jews, an internal threat. This danger required not merely the same "formula" that had stood up to all other danger in the past, but it required the strength that comes from three consecutive generation - "The triple-stranded string will not quickly be broken."

Rav Moshe Zvi Neriah (1913-1995), Israeli Rabbi and Rosh Yeshiva, immigrated to Erez Israel in 1930 to study in the Merkaz Ha-Rav Yeshiva established by Rabbi A.I. Kook, and while still there took a prominent part in the Bnei Akiva movement, formulating its educational program.

Rav Neriah founded the Bnei Akiva Yeshiva in Kefar ha-Ro'eh, where he introduced many original educational principles which opened a new chapter in Torah education in Israel, including youth camps attached to the yeshiva. From this yeshiva there developed a network of some 20 Bnei Akiva yeshivot.

Rabbi Neriah received the Israel Prize for special contribution to Israeli society in 1978.

**CARLEBACH
KABBALAT SHABBAT**

Join the BIBA Youth Minyan with
KTM, Bnei Akiva, TBDJ Youth
Minyan, NCSY, and Beth Zion Youth



**SHABBAT MIKETZ-CHANUKAH
December 18, 2009
@ Beth Israel Beth Aaron Chapel**

**Mincha begins at 3:55 p.m.
For high-school students (and others)**

**Students in grades 7-8 and grades 9-11
are invited that night for an Oneg Shabbat at BIBA,
hosted by Rabbi Poupko, starting at 8 p.m.
WE LOOK FORWARD IN SEEING YOU ALL THERE!
Thank you to Ami and Aviva Drazin
for sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat**

5770 KOLLEL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- Nightly community shiurim and chavrutas
- Night Daf Yomi Shiur
- Weekly Shiur for University Students
- Over 160 elementary and high school students are participating in the KTM after school learning program
- Daily High School girls' Emunah Program
- Weekly "Kabbalat Shabbat" program for the Hebrew Academy CPE
- High School Weekly Movie Night Program hosted by Bachurim & Bnot Sheirut
- Monthly Carlebach Kabbalat Shabbat in conjunction with shul youth minyanim
- Over 80 children and their parents participated in a 5 Session Family Melaveh Malka Program
- Hebrew Academy CPE Havdalah Program
- 40 women participated in a Parenting Workshop, which included presentations by Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Glick & Dr. Yael Miller
- Two weekly High School "lunch clubs"
- Facebook Fan Page Launch
- Oneg Shabbat Program organized together with Elementary School students for residents of Manoir Montefiore
- Over 100 students came out to the Annual High school Pre-Chanukah Party
- Over 300 people attended a Melaveh Malka with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat, Israel

Kollel Torah Mitzion has a core faculty of graduates from Hesder Yeshivot in Israel who come here to serve as teachers and role models in our community. The core of the Kollel is the Beit Midrash which features a full schedule of classes as well as a drop-in center with a warm atmosphere where all, regardless of background, feel comfortable.

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