

פ' תולדות • PARASHAT TOLDOT

PARNESS 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

For more information on the KTM Parness Hayom Project, please call our office at 514 486 5718.



ויזרע יצחק בארץ ההיא "Yitzchak Planted in That Land"

Each of the three patriarchs – Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov – confronts a severe economic crisis to the point of actual hunger. In each instance, the patriarch in question does not sit idly in the face of crisis; rather, he takes the initiative and acts in order to survive. Avraham journeys to Egypt. Yitzchak settles in Gerar, where he sows fields and digs wells. Yaakov Avinu sends his sons to purchase grain from Egypt, and the Almighty had sent Yosef ahead of time to Egypt so he could sustain his father and brothers.

It wasn't only during the times of the *avot* that the world experienced economic ups and downs, periods of abundance and wealth followed by shortages to the point of hunger. Throughout the generations, we find periods of prosperity and economic boom, as well as financial crises and recessions.

And just as the *avot* did not sit idly during times of crisis, but rather took proactive measures – each in his own way – to survive, today, too, as we endure a financial crisis that affects us either generally or personally, we must arrange accordingly and act in order to ensure that we will leave this difficult period strengthened. מעשה אבות סימן בנים – the

actions of our patriarchs serve as models for us to follow.

We have much to learn especially from Yitzchak, who, even while living in the arid Negev region during a period of drought, planted fields with faith, as the Torah says, "Yitzchak planted in that land, and he yielded that year one hundred measures [of grain]." Moreover, he dug wells so he would have water for himself and his flocks. We, too, during times of crisis, must continue exerting effort, planting, praying, and searching for sources of sustenance similar to the wells of Yitzchak Avinu.

At the same time, we must learn from Yosef Hatzadik, who, during the years of surplus, stored and saved, and then, when the crisis struck, limited expenditures to whatever extent possible. All this was done with the faith that his and his brothers' descent to Egypt, as well as the financial crisis, was all for the best, as he said to his brothers, "You thought to do me harm, but God thought it would be for goodness, in order to do as we have today – to sustain a large nation."

Shabbat Shalom,

Rav Nadav Levin, Rosh Kollel KTM

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GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING
NOV. 07-10
 1 WORLD. 1 PEOPLE. 1 DAY.
www.theglobalday.com
 1-3pm at the Gelber Conference Centre

29nd of Cheshvan 5771
November 6, 2010
Shabbat Begins: 5:19pm
Shabbat Ends: 6:21pm

The Living Beit Midrash

A Vibrant Community Learns Together

MONDAYS—THURSDAYS, 8-10PM (MAARIV 9PM)
For information on more learning opportunities, please contact us.

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
Shiur Parashat Hashavua with Rav Nadav Levin
THIS WEEK: Special Guest Speaker
Rav Boaz Ganut, Executive Director Torah MiTzion International
TOPIC: "There is Life after Teshuva" - The Story of Reish Lakish

Tuesdays, 9:15-10pm
Shiur Masechet Brachot with Rav Nadav Levin (HEBREW)

Thursdays, 8-10pm
Chavruta Learning & Shiur with Rav Nadav Levin
Topic: Hilchot Shabbat

The KTM Bachurim's Corner



When examining the story of how of Jacob obtained the blessing from his father, Yitzchak, the intentions of most of the characters in story are clear except for those of Rebecca.

It is unclear why Rebecca tries to transform her son, Jacob, into a thief of blessings. What kind of success did Rebecca expect from these actions? Did she really think that she could deceive Isaac, a man holy spirit? Did she really expect that after the deception would be discovered that, that blessing would remain with Jacob? Is it not clear that the division of inheritance and blessings based on lies and theft, would return completely null and void!

Says Rabbi Samason Raphael Hirsch: Rebecca wanted to get the very game itself! The goal was not to make Jacob get the blessing, rather it was to open the eyes of Isaac.

Earlier, we saw how Esav took the daughters of Heth. Isaac was to understand at least that, Esav did not follow in the way of Abraham and that he is not the appropriate son to be blessed, and that he is the wrong person for the mission. And yet we see that he calls Esav to receive the blessing. Somehow, he managed to steal the heart of Isaac, since he "knows hunting" - Rashi explains: "Know Hunting - to hunt and to deceive his father with his mouth, and asking his father: 'How do we measure the salt and straw? His father thought that he was being punctilious with the commandments. Esav committed fraud against his father, pretending to be righteous, despite living a lifestyle that completely contradicts the way of Abraham.

Rebecca tries for a long time to open the eyes of Isaac. This is why he says: "I am old" - he has long awaited to give a blessing, but Rebecca stopped him, and now he's old and he must give the blessing before it is too late. When Rebecca sees that Isaac does not see who is the real Esav, all that remains for her to do is to show Isaac how easy it is to steal his mind. Here, even Jacob, the innocent and pure man, is successful in hunting in the same way, showing Isaac what Esav was able to accomplish.

When Isaac understands the scam, he is very startled, and he realized that all his life his mind was stolen from him. And then his eyes opened and eventually, voluntarily - גם ברוך יהיה

Shabbat Shalom, Moshe Mendelson

WOMEN'S BEIT MIDRASH
"Topics in Sefer Shemot"
with **Rav Ido Tauber**
Tuesday, November 2
November 9
9:30 am @ Kollolel Torah MiTzion
5700 Kellert Ave. Cote St. Luc

Tehilim Group
completion of the entire Book of Tehilim, and prayer for those who are ill.
Tus. 10:30 am

A special time just for you!



Wednesday, November 10, 2010 @ 9:15pm

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Rav Yitzchak Neriya

TOPIC:

הנך לנער על פי דרכו (משלי כב:ו)

Rav Neriya is currently the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Torah BeTzion and former Rosh Yeshiva of Or Etzion High School. He is the beloved former Rosh Kollolel of our own Kollolel Torah MiTzion.



Sunday, November 21, 2010 @ 7:30pm

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin

Rabbi and educator, city and institution builder, Rosh Yeshiva and public speaker, author and activist

TOPIC: "Where there is a rabbinic will you can always find a halachic way-is this true?"



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