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November 24 - 30, 2018
16 - 22 Kislev 5779
Parshat Vayishlach

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Friday, November 23

Candle Lighting
3:58pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:05pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
5:06pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
9:23 am



SPONSOR A DAY

Tuesday, November 27

Donna & Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg
Wishing Happy Birthday
to
Matthew Rosenberg

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MARGARET & DAVID RONIS
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IN HONOUR OF
THE UPCOMING MARRIAGE
OF THEIR CHILDREN
ALIZA TO MICHAEL

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IN MEMORY OF
HER MOTHER
PHYLLIS SHAPIRO Z"l

IN APPRECIATION

Dr. Bruce Mazer
for leading services

Ira Robinson
for leining

MAZAL TOV

Rachel & Michael Pfeffer
Jean & Matt Salisbury
on the birth of their granddaughter
Aria Coty (Ya'akot)
daughter of
Bracha & Gerald Pfeffer

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on the passing of her brother
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in memory of her mother
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Ellen & Larry Kogut
in memory of his father
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Margaret & David Ronis
in memory of her father
Richard Feinberg Z"l
and in honour of
the upcoming marriage
of their daughter
Aliza to Michael Hadid

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
November 24 16 Kislev	November 25 17 Kislev	November 26 18 Kislev	November 27 19 Kislev	November 28 20 Kislev	November 29 21 Kislev	November 30 22 Kislev
6:08 am Earliest Talit	6:09 am Earliest Talit	6:10 am Earliest Talit	6:11 am Earliest Talit	6:12 am Earliest Talit	6:13 am Earliest Talit	6:14 am Earliest Talit
8:00 am Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yechiel Glustein Daf Yomi
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
9:30 am Youth Minyan						
10:00 am Youth Groups						
10:00 am Women's Lounge						
3:25 pm Hilbot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff		1:00 pm Knitting Class				3:54 pm Candle Lighting
3:55 pm Mincha Sendab Sblisbit	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:55 pm Maariv	8:00 pm Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yebuda Kops	7:00 pm Duplicate Bridge		7:30 pm Noach Class Ora Rubinstein		5:00 pm Learning with KTM
5:05 pm Shabbat ends		8:00 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat		8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple		6:00 pm Dinner By Reservation Only

VAYISHLACH

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HERTZ P. 122 HAFTARAH P. 137 ~ STONE P. 170 HAFTARAH P. 1141

In this week's parshah, we read of the encounter between Esau and Jacob after many years of not seeing each other. Following the encounter, the Torah tells us that "Jacob arrived intact in Shechem" (Genesis 33:18), and goes on to tell us that Shechem is in the land of Canaan. Mentioning the fact that Shechem was in the land of Canaan seems superfluous. The Alshekh explains that possibly, the Torah wishes to absolve Jacob of even indirect responsibility in the rape of Dinah, reported afterwards. This is why Jacob is described as having returned in perfect physical, spiritual, and economic condition. Since nothing of this kind had happened when Jacob was traveling, exposed in no man's land, far from a spiritually sacred place, this proves that the events with Dinah were not due to any negligence on Jacob's part. Having also paid generously for the land he occupied, Dinah's rape can also not be explained in terms of hostility by the local population towards Jacob and family. Her rape was due to her uncharacteristic tendency to go out alone, a tendency inherited perhaps from her mother, who had also gone out to meet her husband (30:16). Bereishit Rabbah 80 states that the fact that Dinah is referred to as daughter of Leah, in this context, though we are all aware of the fact, is to draw our attention to this hereditary trait in her. According to tradition, Berakhot 60 explains that she had originally been meant to be male, but had been born a female because of her mother's prayer not to shame her sister Rachel by granting her fewer male offspring than the maidservants. If that is so, then Dinah's tendency to leave the home unaccompanied was a residual male tendency, not a fault inherited from her mother. Moreover, since the Torah testifies that Dinah wanted to make contact with other girls (as distinct from males), the purity of her motivation is established. Had the prince himself not seen her, nobody would have dared molest her. At any rate, the Torah teaches that for the daughter of a man such as Jacob to go out alone is potentially dangerous. She ought to be chaperoned. In addition, the Torah teaches 3 other lessons: 1) It is natural for something impure to attempt to contaminate something pure. 2) An affinity of the impure for the pure exists only after the pure has become polluted. 3) Even after having absorbed a degree of pollution, the pure will not develop an affinity for the impure. The Torah emphasizes the lack of reciprocity of Shechem's infatuation with Dinah both before and after the rape. Jacob's silence may have been motivated by his fear that Dinah might have developed reciprocal feelings for Shechem, and refuse to come home even when rescued. The fact that Shechem is described as LOVING Dinah indicates that there was an element that transcended the merely biological, and that he had found words to appease her, i.e. "he spoke to her heart."

Following the rape, Simeon and Levi "were distressed...because he had committed a disgraceful act against Israel, etc." The Or Hachayyim comments that the Torah uses two expressions, 1) "they were angry," and 2) "they were distressed" to indicate that Shechem had been guilty of two wrongs. It would have been shameful for the family of Jacob even if Shechem had married Dinah – seeing that they would not give their sister to an "unclean" person. That, however, would have been merely distressing. The fact that Shechem raped their sister – something that was repugnant even to the local inhabitants – aroused their anger. Bereishit Rabbah 80:6 states that Gentiles had accepted sexual restrictions upon themselves after the flood, and one of the restrictions included rape. This is the reason as to why the brothers' anger was magnified, as Shechem had transgressed an important restriction.

Prepared by Devorah Abenhaim

Annual Financial Meeting

The Annual Financial Meeting, which is open to members only,
will be Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 pm.

Navi Class

Friday nights at 7:15 pm at the home of Raizie and Rabbi Boruch Perton 5623 Melling Ave.
Taught by Rabbi Perton.
No class November 30

A \$36 sponsorship per class may be made to commemorate a yahrtzeit, a life cycle event, etc.

The Great Cholent Cook Off

Join us for Kiddush and cast your vote on November 24.
Whose cholent will reign supreme?
Finals December 1.
Golden Ladle Ceremony December 8



Romanian Holocaust Memorial Service

Sunday, November 25 - Ceremony at 10:30 am followed by brunch
Dedicated to the memory of Baruch Cohen Z"L 1919-2018
"Tragedy, Triumph and Reconciliation "

Pre - Chanukah Dinner with KTM

Learning sessions with KTM
Zmirot and Chanukah songs
Chocolate Chanukah Gelt

Friday, November 30
Family Style, BYOB
Volunteers Needed

Annual Draydl Spinning Contest
Separate Rounds for Children,
Twins, Teenagers and Adults
Bring Your Own Draydl

Members: Adults \$25 Children 3-12 \$12

Non-Members: Adults \$29 Children 3-12 \$15

Hebrew Day School Students: Adults \$25 Children 3-12 \$12 Family Rate \$74

RSVP by Monday, November 26 <https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/prechanukahktm.fall2018>

Bowling Tournament

Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Meet at Laurentian Lanes 222 Montee de Liesse, Saint Laurent
2 Rounds ~ Special Bumper Pads for Children ~ Prizes
Members \$12 a person ~ Non-Members \$15 a person
<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/bowling.winter2018>

1st Annual Latke Festival

Sunday, December 9 at 4:45 pm at BZC
Featuring our own Culinary Chef Marshal Chazan – Lavigne
Chanukah Menorah Lighting ~ Light Dairy Buffet ~ Gourmet Latkes and Toppings ~ Music
Members: Adults \$10 Children 3-12 \$8 ~ Non-Members: Adults \$12 Children 3-12 \$10
<https://bethzion.shulcloud.com/event/latkefestival.winter2018>

Annual Toy Drive

The office is collecting toys for Sun Youth.
If anyone has any items to donate, please drop them off at the office.