

**Parashas Vayeitzei 5782 • November 12th • 8 Kislev**

 **Reminders**

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Thursday night, November 18th.

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Rosh Hashanah 34, Siyum follows on Shabbos, Parashas Vayeitzei; Mazal tov! The next Mesechta, Meseches Taanis begins this Sunday and has only 30 Blatt. Join now and be Mesayeim on Erev Asara B'Teves.

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 in two weeks, on Sunday Night, November 28th.

Asara B'teves is on Tuesday, December 14th.

 **Parshah in a Paragraph**

**VAYEITZEI:** Yaakov departs Be'er Sheva • The vision of the ladder and angels • 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 night, Lavan switches Rochel for Leah • Yaakov reproaches Lavan • Yaakov marries Rochel in exchange for a commitment of an additional 7 years of work • Leah bears Reuven, Shimon, Levi, and Yehudah • Rochel begs Yaakov for children • Rochel gives Yaakov her maid Bilhah, who bears Dan and Naftoli • Leah gives her maid Zilpah to Yaakov; she bears Gad and Asher • Rochel exchanges with Leah her opportunity to be with Yaakov for Reuven's Duda'im • Leah bears Yisachar, Zevulun, and Dinah • Hashem remembers Rochel and accepts her prayers; 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 • Rochel and Leah agree to leave • 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 upon his return to Eretz Canaan.

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**VAYEITZEI:** 148 Pesukim • No Mitzvos listed

 **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)

One may ask, how could Leah accuse Rochel of "stealing" her husband Yaakov's attention from her? Since Leah was only able to marry Yaakov through Rochel providing her with the Simanim, Rochel actually gave Yaakov to Leah!

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz zt'l explains that in most instances of Chesed, it is very clear as to who is the giver and the receiver of the favor. But a yet higher form of Chesed is giving in a manner in which the receiver doesn't realize he is being provided for. When Rochel gave the Simanim to Leah, she did so in such a manner 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. How so? R' Boruch Zlotowitz posits that the Siman Yaakov gave Rochel was that he would ask her by the chuppah, "Are you Leah?". Rochel should then

respond in the affirmative. For surely Leah in her place would respond, "No, I'm Rochel" to maintain her 'cover'. Rochel "revealed the siman" by merely advising Leah to answer truthfully to the question - "Yes, I am Leah." Thus, Leah believed that Yaakov in fact married her knowingly and agreeably!

 **Halachos For Chanukah**

Included are select Halachos for Chanukah as we are 30 Yom Kodem La'Chag

**WHAT TO LIGHT:**

Both men and women are obligated in this Mitzvah. There is a Mitzvah of Chinuch for a minor son as well. While only the head of household is obligated, the Ashkenazic Minhag is to be zealous and have all male household members light independently. A woman fulfills her obligation via her husband or with the in-home lighting of an adult male household member (even if she is away from home). Ideally, a husband should wait for his wife to return home before lighting, even if he will miss the preferred Z'man. If a husband is away for the night, he may technically fulfill his obligation with his wife's lighting back at home (if he is in a similar time zone). However it is best that he himself light in his location and have in mind not to be yotze through his household. The wife in turn should light at home, having in mind as well not to be Yotze with her husband's distant lighting.

**When you have  
nothing to say,  
say nothing.**

-Rabbi Meir Zlotowitz zt'l