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Shabbat - Vayishlach,

שבת פ' וישלח

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Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 9:04). 08:30

Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shlishit. * (Sunset - 16:00). 15:20

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. *

Arbit Motzei Shabbat. 16:57

Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 07:30). (Mon. & Thu. - 6.40) 06:45

Mincha & Arbit 15:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 16:00

Next Friday: Mincha, Shir Hashirim, Kabalat Shabbat & Arbit. 15:20

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Vayeishev** 15:40

Vayishlach 5779 (Genesis 32:4-36:43)

Nov 18, 2018 | by Rabbi Kalman Packouz

GOOD MORNING! Mark Twain wrote a fascinating article, "Concerning the Jews," in the Harper's Magazine in 1897. In the epilogue he concludes:

"The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greek and the Roman followed, and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time, but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished. The Jew saw

them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal, but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?"

If Mr. Twain had looked in the Torah and the Prophets, he would have found the following prophecies setting forth the covenant between the Almighty and the Jewish people for eternity. Prophecies for eternity backed by the Almighty are the secret of the

Jewish people's immortality. Here they are:

"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations, an eternal covenant, to be your God and the God of the descendants after you." (Genesis 17:7)

"Thus, even while they are in the land of their enemies, I will neither reject nor obliterate them, lest I break My covenant with them by destroying them, for I am the Lord their God. I will remember them because of the covenant I made with their original ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, so that I might be their God." (Leviticus 26:44-45)

"Because the mountains may move and the hills may be shaken, but My love shall never move from you, nor My covenant of peace be shaken, said God, Who has compassion on you." (Isaiah 54:10)

"As for Me, this is My covenant with them, says God. My spirit, which rests upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouths of your children's children, says God, from now and forever." (Isaiah 59:21)

"Thus says God, Who establishes the sun to light the day,

the laws of the moon and stars to light the night, Who stirs up the sea into roaring waves, Whose name is the Lord of Hosts: 'If these laws of nature would ever give way before Me,' says God, 'only then shall the offspring of Israel cease to be a nation before Me for all time.' " (Jeremiah 31:34-35)

"But fear not, O Jacob My servant, neither be dismayed, O Israel, because I shall redeem you from afar, and your children form the land of their captivity; and Jacob will again be quiet and at ease and none shall make him afraid. Fear not, O Jacob My servant, says God, for I am with you. For I will topple all the nations to which I have driven you. But of you I will not make a full end. I will correct you in just measure, but I will not utterly destroy you." (Jeremiah 46:27-28)

The story is told of King Louis XIV asking the philosopher Pascal for some proof of a supernatural force in the world. "Why..., the Jews, your majesty," replied Pascal, "the Jews."



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

On the trip back to Canaan, Jacob meets his brother Esau; Jacob wrestles with the angel. Then they arrive in Shechem;

Shechem, the son of Chamor the Hivite, (heir to the town of Shechem) rapes Jacob's daughter, Dina; Dina's brothers, Shimon and Levy, massacre the men of Shechem; Rebecca (Rivka) dies; God gives Jacob an additional name, "Israel," and reaffirms the blessing to Avraham that the land of Canaan (Israel) will be given to his descendants; Rachel dies after giving birth to Benjamin (Binyomin); Jacob's 12 sons are listed; Isaac dies; Esau's lineage is recorded as is that of Seir the Horite; and lastly ... the succession of the Kings of Edom is chronicled.

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Dvar Torah

based on Growth Through Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

"And (Jacob) commanded (his messengers) saying: This is what you should say to my master, to Esau -- this is what your servant Jacob said: 'With Lavan I have dwelt and have been delayed until now' (Gen. 32:5).

What lesson can we learn from this?

The Ohr HaChayim explains that Jacob's intention in relating

this to Esau was to show his brotherly love for him. When two people love each other, one shares with the other all the things that happened to him. This includes both the good things and the misfortunes. Sharing this information is a sign of closeness and for this reason Jacob told Esau about both the good and the bad that he had experienced.

This is an important principle for someone who wants to become close to another person. When you open up and share your life experiences, it helps develop friendship and closeness. It is possible to be acquainted with someone for many years without really knowing him. When you share personal information with others, you gain an emotional connection. While one must be careful not to relate information that would constitute *loshon hora* (gossip) or that could cause difficulties, a deep level of communication is a prerequisite for closeness.



Shabbat Shalom,

Kalman
Rabbi Kalman
Packouz

Kiddush: presented by Dr Kelly Saltoun in memory of his late beloved aunty, **Soltana** Rina bat Lulu ע"ה.

Seuda Shelishit: presented by Dr Kelly Saltoun in memory of his late beloved aunty, **Soltana** Rina bat Lulu ע"ה. Also by Helen Georgy in memory of her late beloved father, **David** ben Israel & Rachel ז"ל.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

ברוכים הבאים

Welcome to all who are visiting our Kehilla this Shabbat if you would like to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home of one of our members, please approach the honorary officers and they will be pleased to arrange this for you.

DID YOU KNOW?

It is forbidden for men or women to perform any work on Saturday night before:
Either The Evening Service Or Havdalah Or Reciting the following:

בְּרוּךְ הַמַּבְדִּיל בֵּין קֹדֶשׁ לְחֹל

(Blessed he who separates between holy and secular) (See Shulchan Aruch O.H. 299:10)

A message to those saying Kaddish: please gather behind the TEBBA and recite the Kaddish together. As it will be a good help to the new Kaddish readers.

Security Alert: Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagogue. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

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THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

03 Kislev Mr Solly Yona	19 Kislev Mr Adel Darwish
04 Kislev Dr. Steven Cohen	20 Kislev Mr Moses Jacob
04 Kislev Mrs Hannah Cohen	20 Kislev Mr Isaac Cohen
06 Kislev Mr Tony Silver	25 Kislev Mr Moses Jacob
12 Kislev Mr Benny Benaiah	27 Kislev Miss Nancy Dwek
14 Kislev Dr Maurice Gubbay	28 Kislev Mr Azouri Attar
14 Kislev Mr Nadhim Mouallim	28 Kislev Mr Mayer Attar
17 Kislev Mrs Helen Georgy	

Quote of the Week

"Luck" is how some people spell God