

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:45 pm

Candle Lighting: 4:42 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Mincha/Shalosh Seudos: 4:30 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 5:43 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 6:10 pm

Parshas Vayeitzei

Adapted from Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

Let's get straight to the point. After all Yaakov did – at least when he dealt with his charlatan father-in-law, Lavan. You see, Yaakov wanted to marry Rachel, Lavan's youngest daughter. He did not have the audacity to ask for her hand in marriage straightforwardly, so when he arrived at Lavan's home, and identified himself as the son of Lavan's sister, Rivka, Lavan decided to offer his nephew Yaakov work. He would not have him work for free, so he declared, "Just because you are my relative, should you serve me for nothing? Tell me - What are your wages?" (Bereshis 29:15). The Torah tells us that Yaakov loved Rachel, so he said, "I will work for you seven years, for Rachel your daughter, who is the youngest one." What is fascinating is the magnanimous offer Yaakov made. He did not say, "I'd like to marry your daughter and then work." He offered seven years of devoted labor before marriage. What is even more perplexing is the seemingly superfluous language in the request. Why did he announce each detail about

Rachel? Why ask for "Rachel, your daughter, the youngest one?" Why not just one of the three? Rashi tells us that Yaakov was afraid. What reason was there for mentioning all these detailed descriptions of Rachel? Because Yaakov knew that Lavan was a deceiver he said to him, I will serve you for Rachel. If Lavan would say he meant any other Rachel from the street, therefore he said "your daughter." Should Lavan say, "I will change Leah's name and call her Rachel", Yaakov said "your younger one."

It didn't help. In spite of all this, Lavan deceived him. He surreptitiously switched Leah for Rachel, excusing himself in a mocking manner, "By us, in our place, we don't give the younger daughter before the older one!" (ibid v. 26). But we are surely left with a lesson both in Yaakov's specificity and in Lavan's response.

Master storyteller Rabbi Ami Cohen tells the tale of the famous and equally pious Reb Yosel Czapnik, who in his unpretentious manner walked one day into a large yeshiva. He was

unfamiliar with the workings of that particular school, and as he meandered about the great study hall, his Chassidic garb and uncombed beard attracted some stares from some of the students who were not accustomed to that sort of persona in their academy. Innocently he looked at the bookshelves crammed with countless volumes of Talmudic and Biblical exegeses, picked up a volume, sauntered over to a chair toward the back of the study hall, and began to study the book. A moment later, a tall young man towered over him peering down through the narrow gap that separated his spectacles from his ruddy face. In a very sarcastic tone he sneered, "In our Yeshiva, we do not sit in the Mashgiach's seat."

Reb Yossel looked up for a moment, and in his pure naiveté smiled, and agreed, mumbling as he peered back down in the volume, "by us as well." The fellow hunched over Reb Yossel and repeated his statement, this time in a louder and more ominous tone. "By us, we don't sit in the Mashgiach's seat!"

Reb Yossel shook his head and acknowledged. "In our yeshiva too!" By this time, the exasperated, young man changed his tactic. In

a sharp voice, he commanded. "I don't know who you are, but you are sitting in the Mashgiach's seat!"

Upon hearing those words, Reb Yossel bounded out of the seat. He turned to the fellow in authentic shock. "I was sitting in your Mashgiach's seat?" he asked in horror. "Why didn't you say so in the first place?" Perhaps the exchange that is portrayed in the Torah teaches us two lessons at once. A person who requests something should be clear, direct, and accurate. Yaakov clearly stated his want, "Rachel, your youngest daughter." There should be no room for error or an opening for surreptitiousness. Like Yaakov, you can't always win, but you have to try your best with a most clear request.

In addition, if you don't want to accept the terms, say no right from the start. Don't deride your counterpart saying, "By us, we don't do it this way." Mocking the individual, while making him feel like an anomaly, is no way to explain your position. Be clear, honest, and precise. You may disagree, but you will gain a lot more respect.

Good Shabbos

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by Leo & Frances Grunwald in honor of the yahrzeit of Frances's father Tzvi ben Mirel OB"M. Udi Grunwald will be making a siyum at kiddush l'iluy nishmaso.

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This week's Kiddush is also sponsored by Benny & Penina Feintuch in honor of the Yahrzeit of Benny's father OB"M.

The Moreshes Aviva Shiur will take place Monday, November 11 in the Agudah South Social Hall at 8:00 pm.

Weekday Schedule

Shacharis(Sunday): 8:00 am
Shacharis (Monday & Thursday): 7:00 am & 7:55 am
Shacharis (Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday): 7:00 am & 8:00 am
Weekday Mincha: 4:40 pm
Weekday Maariv: 5:00 pm

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