

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Candle Lighting: 4:30 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:30 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Hilchos Shabbos Shiur: 4:00 pm

Mincha/SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 4:20 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 5:33 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 6:00 pm

Sunday Shacharis: 8:00 am & 9:00 am

Parshas Vayetzei

Adapted from Rabbi Yochanan Zweig [www.torah.org]

A New Role

According to the Talmud, Yaakov gave Rochel a secret message that would identify her on their marriage night. He did this in order to prevent Lavan from substituting Leah for Rochel. When Rochel realized that Leah would be publicly humiliated if she could not give Yaakov the message, Rochel revealed the secret words to her. The Daas Zekainim cites a Midrash which says that in the morning, when Yaakov realized that the woman with him was Leah and not Rochel, he asked her, "Why have you tricked me into believing that you were Rochel?" Leah responded, "It is from you that I learned to do so. Did you not pose as your brother in order to receive the blessings?" How do Yaakov's actions substantiate Leah's? Later in the Parsha, Reuvein, Leah's eldest son brings her Dudaim, a plant that, according to some commentaries increases the chances of conception. Rochel asks Leah to give her the Dudaim, to which Leah retorts, "Is it not enough that you took my husband? Now you want to take my son's Dudaim?" How could Leah make such a statement when the only reason that she was married to Yaakov was because of Rochel's kindness toward her? To begin answering the aforementioned questions, we must first answer another question: Why are there four

Matriarchs and only three Patriarchs? The answer is that there were supposed to be four Patriarchs. Eisav had the potential for becoming an Av. It is only due to his making the wrong choices that he lost this right. Yaakov filled the void created by Eisav and functioned as two Avos. He was therefore given a second name, Yisroel. Rashi teaches that originally Leah was destined to marry Eisav, and Rochel, Yaakov. When Leah saw that Yaakov took over the mantle of Eisav, Leah realized that Yaakov became her soul mate. This is what she alluded to when she told Yaakov, "It is from you I learned. Since you substituted for Eisav, taking his blessings and birthright, you have become my soul mate." Her argument to Rochel was that it was not due to Rochel's kindness that Leah married Yaakov; it was Leah's right once he assumed Eisav's role. Leah therefore felt justified in criticizing Rochel for having taken away her husband. It is interesting to note that the children who issued forth from Leah had many of Eisav's characteristics and propensities. Dovid Hamelech, a descendant of Leah's son Yehuda, is described as "Admoni", - "of ruddy complexion". This is the same description the Torah gives for Eisav. Shimon and Levi were involved in shedding blood, and were admonished by Yaakov for having used Eisav's craft. Leah praised Reuvein for perfecting character flaws which his uncle Eisav displayed. A perusal of the verses with Rashi's com-

mentary shows many examples of this nature. The reason for this phenomenon is as follows: Leah was initially Eisav's soul mate. Therefore she had many of the same propensities found within Eisav. Whereas Eisav was not

able to channel these propensities correctly, it was left up to Leah's offspring to do so.

Good Shabbos

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****information must be submitted to mailings@agudahsouth.com **
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Mazal Tov to Leon & Malka Jakubovic & David & Goldie Richler on the aufruf of their son and grandson Mordechai.

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
Leon & Malka Jakubovic in honour of the aufruf of their son Mordechai.**

The kids' program will take place downstairs beginning at 9:30 am.

**The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Akiva Jakubovic.
Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by the Michael & Mindy Harris in honour of the yahrzeit of Michael's father OB"M.**

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Kislev.
If you would like to submit a name to the cholim list please email gabbai@agudahsouth.com or contact one of the gabbaim.**

Shacharis	Weekday Schedule	Mincha
Sunday: 8:00 am & 9:00 am		12:35 pm & 4:35 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		4:55 pm & 8:00 pm (Mon-Thur)
Daf Yomi with Rabbi Kaufman: 8:00 am (Shabbos), 7:15 am (Sun), 7:40 am (Mon-Fri)		
Amud Yomi with Rabbi Rafi Greenspan: 7:20 am (Mon-Fri)		

To sponsor Kiddush/Seudas Shlishis contact Baruch Klein (kiddush@agudahsouth.com.)

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NEW SHIUR

**The Rav has started a new 'Birchas Hashachar" shiur in Maseches Brachos Amud Yomi before the first minyan @ 6:25 am Monday-Friday.
All men are invited.**

Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)

**The Friday Night learning program will commence this week.
**Learning Seder: 8:00 pm
**Or Hachaim/Esoteric Mefarshim shiur: 8:30 pm
This week's FNL is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Dovid Handelsman.******



**MOTZEI SHABBOS
MELAVE MALKA / KUMZITZ**

Please join us for a Melave Malka / Kumzitz
 this Motzei Shabbos, Parshas Vayatzay
 Hosted by Rabbi Kaufman
 Agudah South Social Hall
 Time: 8:30 - 10:00 pm
 Sponsorships welcome

Divrei Hisorerus for the Soul
 Or Pizza & Beer if that's your Goal

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