

Agudas Yisroel Anshei Kielce



Zmanim

Shabbos Parshas Vayera

Candle Lighting: 5:54 pm

Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos: 5:55 pm

Shacharis: 8:45 am

Hilchos Shabbos Shiur: 5:20 pm

Mincha/SEUDAS SHLISHIS: 5:40 pm

Maariv/Motzei Shabbos: 6:55 pm

Motzei Shabbos Rabbeinu Tam: 7:22 pm

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends:

Remember to turn back your clock 1 hour at 2:00 am

Parshas Vayera

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

A Reputation at Stake: Maintaining a Long-Term Perspective

"Lot went out to them and he said, 'Please, my brothers, do not do evil. Behold, I have two daughters who have never known a man. I will bring them out to you now, and do to them whatever pleases you; just do nothing to these men, for they have come beneath the shelter of my roof' (Bereishis 19:6-8).

Lot's response to the men of Sodom is really quite astonishing. What sort of human being would allow his own daughters to be violated by a vicious mob, even for the sake of protecting other people? How could Lot possibly make this offer to his wicked neighbors?

A young baal teshuvah with a highly unusual family situation once enrolled as a student in Yeshiva. These students typically follow a pattern: The young men are good, serious students, but their parents adopt the attitude that they do not have money to pay tuition. The same parents are willing to pay for a university education, but for their

sons' Yeshiva studies - whose importance they do not understand or appreciate - they are unwilling to spend a dime.

The case of this young man, whom we will call "Shlomo Cohen," was a puzzling exception to this rule. Shlomo was indeed a diligent and serious student and, unlike most irreligious parents, his parents were willing to pay his Yeshiva tuition. At the age of 22, Shlomo decided to pursue a degree in psychology by enrolling in the Yeshiva's joint program with a university, which would enable him to study in Yeshiva all day and to attend classes at night. Yet when he informed his parents of his plan he was shocked by their reaction: They were unwilling to finance his university studies.

This was an extraordinary refusal. Shlomo's father, who was not religious and didn't understand the value of Yeshiva study, was prepared to pay for Yeshiva yet he wouldn't pay his son's college tuition. On the surface his attitude seemed completely illogical.

Several months later, Shlomo figured it out. The senior Mr. Cohen owned a huge retail business from which

he had made a fortune. Outside his store on a large main street, the name of his business, "Cohen's," was emblazoned on a huge sign. It had always been Mr. Cohen's dream for his son to join him in the family business; for years, he had envisioned the sign one day reading "Cohen and Son." Shlomo's studies in the Yeshiva never created a perceived threat to that dream, and so Mr. Cohen was happy to support his son's choices. But Mr. Cohen knew very well that if Shlomo would pursue a PhD in psychology his dream of having his son join the family business would be shattered.

Herein lays an important insight: Very often, when parents weigh in on their children's choice of profession, it isn't out of concern for what is really best for the children. Instead, many parents are primarily concerned with how their children's choices will reflect on them. In Shlomo Cohen's case, it was his father's dream of build-

ing a business under the family name; Mr. Cohen knew that a child with a PhD in psychology would be unlikely to end up working in the family retail store.

In a similar vein, the Torah reveals Lot's true motivations. Lot begged the people of Sodom not to harm the visitors "for they have come beneath the shelter of my roof." This wasn't a display of noble altruism; Lot didn't actually care about his guests' well-being. Rather, he was seeking to prevent a violation of his own honor and dignity. As guests in his home, Lot's visitors were under his protection, and he felt a need to preserve his own reputation as a man whose home is a safe haven. So too, as many parents are unfortunately prepared to sacrifice their children for the sake of their own reputations, Lot was willing to hand over his own daughters to be violated - simply for the sake of preserving his name.

Good Shabbos

**** To ensure accurate publication of all announcements and sponsorships,**
****information must be submitted to mailings@agudahsouth.com **
****prior the publication deadline of 10:00 am on Friday morning.********

**This week's kiddush is sponsored by:
Moishe & Leah Korolnek.**

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

The guest speaker for Seudas Shlishis is Rabbi Uriel Nachum on behalf of Shuvu Darom, an organization is rebuilding the communities of those displaced from Gush Katif. Seudas Shlishis is sponsored by the shul.

**We are updating the cholim list for Chodesh Cheshvan.
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		12:30 pm & 4:55 pm
Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:55 am		Maariv
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 7:00 am & 8:00 am		5:15 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)		

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Early Mincha & Late Maariv

**There will be an early mincha minyan from Sunday-Thursday.
**The times will be posted in shul. This week early mincha is at 12:30 pm.
There will also be a late maariv minyan Monday - Thursday at 8:00 pm.****

Friday Night Learning Program (FNL)

**The Friday Night learning program will commence Parshas Chaya Sarah (November 6).
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