

## Side Effects

Yaakov awoke from his sleep, and said, In truth, Hashem is in this place, and I did not know it. (Bereishis 28:16)

**RASHI: AND I DID NOT KNOW IT**—for had I known it I would not have slept in as holy a place as this.



In last week's parsha, as Yaakov tries to impersonate his brother Eisav, Yitzchak perceives differences in his mannerisms. Rather than being rough and coarse, his speech was gentle and even incorporated a mention of Hashem. This caused Yitzchak to wonder, "Who is this in front of me?", as these signs were clearly not Eisav-like. Thus, this put Yaakov in danger of his true identity being revealed. Since the goal was to impersonate Eisav as well as possible in order to attain the *brochos*, why didn't Yaakov impersonate the mannerisms and speech of Eisav as well?

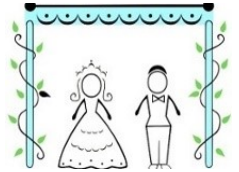
I heard from one of the *mispallelim* in shul the following explanation: There are some things that we just do not change. Speaking with *derech erez* and recognizing that everything comes from Hashem are not things with which to be tampered (except under extreme conditions). Yaakov didn't want to do something improper that wasn't an absolute necessity.

As we look into this week's parsha, there is a fascinating question to be asked: Yaakov goes to sleep in a place without the proper appreciation of how holy it was. He has a prophecy, which he understands was given to him due to the holiness of the place. He then exclaims, "If I would have known how holy this place is, I would not have slept here!" The problem with this exclamation is that if Yaakov would not have slept there, he would not have had the prophecy! Therefore, it was necessary for him to sleep there without knowing how holy it was. Doesn't this suggest that the ends of his receiving the prophecy justified the means of him sleeping there? Furthermore, Hashem not only allowed him to sleep

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## Lifecycles

Mazel Tov to the Rav and Rebbetzin Zachariash on the engagement of their daughter Rochel to Yitzchak Zev Perlstein!



## GROWTH THROUGH THE PARSHA

WITH  
RAV ZACHARIASH

SUNDAY

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20:15-21:00

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FOR WOMEN



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### Shabbos Schedule Parshas Vayeitzei

לוח שבת פרשת ויצא

Erev Shabbos		ערב שבת
Mincha 1	12:30	מנחה א'
Candle Lighting	16:00/16:20	הדלקת נרות
Mincha 2	16:22	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:40	שקיעה
Shabbos Day		יום השבת
Brachos	08:00	ברכות
Shochein Ad	08:30	שוכן עד
Latest Shema – M. A.	08:05	סוף זמן ק"ש למג"א
Latest Shema – G'ra	08:52	סוף זמן ק"ש לגר"א
Mincha 1	13:00	מנחה א'
Pele Yoetz	15:40	פלא יועץ
Mincha 2	15:55	מנחה ב'
Sunset	16:40	שקיעה
Ma'ariv 1	17:17	מעריב א'
Ma'ariv 2	17:40	מעריב ב'

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Shula Bas Zalman Aryeh on her 3rd Yahrzeit

The Rav's Halacha Shiur is learning the laws of CHANUKAH! Need help on these questions? Come to the shiur on Tuesdays! Question from RBSsemicha.com



### Q&A: The Low-Down on a Menorah

**Q** Andy and Michelle went to Israel for a simcha on Chanukah and stayed in a rented apartment near the event. On the afternoon before Chanukah, Andy saw that everyone in the building had set up their menorahs outside the lobby door in glass boxes. Andy quickly went to the store and bought a simple glass box for his menorah and placed it on the ground, under all the other menorahs which were on chairs and other types of racks. Which of the following is true?

1. He has fulfilled the mitzvah and does not have to light again.
2. He has not fulfilled the mitzvah and should light again with the menorah above 3 *tefachim* high, but without a *brocho*.
3. He has not fulfilled the mitzvah and should light again with the menorah above 3 *tefachim* high, and with a *brocho*.

**A** 1. He fulfilled the mitzvah, *b'dieved*, and does not have to light again. But, in the future, it would be proper for the menorah to be above 3 *tefachim* high. OC 671 M.B. 26

### Q&A: You get a Menorah and you get a Menorah and You get a Menorah

**Q** Reuven, an Ashkenazi Jew, lives with his family that includes his boys Shimmy and Hudy. Moshe Khodedadian, a Sefardi Jew, lives with his family that also includes two boys. How many menorahs will each of these families light on Chanukah?

**A** Reuven's Ashkenazi family will light three menorahs, one menorah for the father and two for the boys (Rivky, Reuven's young daughter, might possibly light her Hello Kitty™ Menorah, depending on the custom of her family). Moshe's Sefardi family will light only one menorah for the entire household. OC 671:2



## אבות ובנים



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**AuB for ages 3-7 is still Shabbos afternoon**  
30 minutes before the last mincha  
**15:25-15:55**



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there, but actually sanctioned it by giving him this prophecy! So, if Hashem said it is OK to sleep there, why would he think otherwise?



I would like to share with you a conversation that I had with a member of Hatzalah from Ramat Beit Shemesh. He mentioned to me that he was considering retiring from this

lofty service because his children were getting older. I probed further and asked him, "What exactly is the problem? Missing the Shabbos table? A lack of security? Or just a feeling of family becoming second fiddle?" He answered, "None of the above. Rather, if my children see me driving on Shabbos week in and week out, though intellectually they would understand that it was a mitzvah and not a sin, it would still create for them a lack of trepidation regarding desecrating the Shabbos. Since my primary obligation is to educate my children, I will have to step aside and allow others to do this holy mitzvah."

So too, Yaakov was lamenting the fact that he mistreated a holy place. Though, it may have been necessary to get the prophecy, Yaakov didn't want to lose his sensitivity and therefore he bemoaned that which he did.

The things that we do affect us, even if we do them for a mitzvah. In fact, the *Mishah Berurah* in *Siman Alef* tells us that though it is permissible to be brazen when doing mitzvos, it is not worthwhile because one will acquire a bad *middah*.

I heard in the name of Rav Pam that people read or view news, without realizing the effect it will have on them. One who sees the most horrific sights must keep in mind that not every gruesome detail is important, because precisely those details may have the negative side effect of causing us to become desensitized.

Everything we do needs to be assessed to determine if the possible benefit is worth the emotional and ethical cost. Viewing an image with a warning "Viewer discretion is advised" is probably not worth the cost. But there will still be incidents where we will have to do what is necessary and face the emotional risks, such as Yaakov sleeping in a holy place, or even fulfilling the mitzvah of wiping out Amalek.

May Hashem bless us that we have no grief or sorrow, and we should be enveloped in *shalom*.

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לע"נ הנדל חיה בת יוסף ע"ה



## Pele Yoetz Shiur

Continuing this and every Shabbos afternoon, Rav Zachariash will give his shiur for men on **Pele Yoetz**. This week, the shiur will begin at 15:40 on the topic **חברותא**.



המשך מעמוד 4

כך יעקב היה מוטרד מכך שלא התנהג כמו שצריך במקום קדוש. למרות שנראה שהיה הכרחי כדי לקבל את הנבואה, יעקב לא רצה לאבד את רגישותו ולכן הוא נאנח על מה שעשה.

מה שעושים משפיע עלינו, אפילו כשנעשה בשביל מצווה. למעשה, המשנה ברורה בסימן א' אומר "שמירת העזות מגונה מאד, ואין ראוי להשתמש ממנה כלל, אפילו בעבודת ה' יתברך, כי יקנה קניין בנפשו להיות עז אפילו שלא במקום עבודתו יתברך".

שמעתי בשם הרב פאס, שאנשים קוראים וצופים בחדשות, מבלי להבין איך זה ישפיע עליהם. מי שרואה את המראות הנוראיים ביותר חייב לזכור שלא כל פרט מבעית הוא חשוב, כי דווקא מהפרטים האלו עלולה להיות תופעת לוואי שלילית שגורמת לנו חוסר רגישות.

חייבים להעריך את כל מה שאנו עושים כדי לקבוע אם התועלת שווה את המחיר הרגשי והמוסרי.

שה' יברך אותנו שלא יהיה לנו עוד צער ושנהיה עטופים בשלום.



## Mi Shebeirach for Cholim

If you have *cholim* that you would like the Gabbai to mention during Shabbos day davening, please submit these names via email to Mrs. Zakoo at [office@ahavasshalom.org](mailto:office@ahavasshalom.org) by Thursday at

12:00 (Please write the **Hebrew names using Hebrew letters**). This will help to save some time and enable the flow of the Shabbos service to remain consistent. The list was just erased on Rosh Chodesh Kislev, and so if necessary please resubmit any names.



# Shiurim with the Rav

The Rav will be giving 2 shiurim this coming week:

SUNDAY 21:15: *Mishnayos*.

New Series!

## HILCHOS CHANUKAH 20:15 TUESDAY

Both shiurim are given in shul  
and via ZOOM at this link:  
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ליכטמן שליט"א

השיעור מתקיים 7 ימים בשבוע:  
ימים א'-ה': 19:15-20:15  
שישי: 11:30-12:30  
שבת: 19:00-20:00



משולחנו של הרב אברהם ברוך זכריש

## תופעות לוואי

וַיִּקַּץ יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁנָתוֹ וַיֵּאמֶר אֲכֹל יֵשׁ יְהוָה בְּמָקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֶנְכִּי  
לֹא יָדַעְתִּי: (בראשית כח:טז)

רש"י ואנכי לא ידעתי. שָׁאם יָדַעְתִּי, לֹא יִשְׁנֶנִּי בְּמָקוֹם קָדוֹשׁ כָּזֶה:  
בפרשת השבוע שעבר, כשיעקב מנסה להתחזות  
לאחיו עשו, יצחק קולט הבדלים בהתנהגותו. במקום  
להיות גס, הדיבור שלו היה עדין ואף הזכיר את ה'.  
זה גרם ליצחק לתהות, "מי זה עומד מולי?", כיוון  
שאופן הדיבור הזה בהחלט לא היה כמו עשו. כך  
עמד יעקב בסכנת חשיפה. מאחר שהמטרה הייתה  
להתחזות לעשו בצורה הטובה ביותר כדי להשיג את  
הברכות, מדוע יעקב לא התחזה גם להתנהגותו  
ולדיבורו של עשו?

שמעתי מאחד המתפללים בבית הכנסת את ההסבר  
הבא: יש דברים שאנחנו פשוט לא משנים. דיבורנו  
עם דרך ארץ והכרתנו שהכל בא מה' אינם דברים  
שיש להתעסק בהם (אלא בנסיבות קיצוניות). יעקב  
לא רצה לעשות משהו לא ראוי כשלא היה צורך  
מוחלט.

בפרשת השבוע, אפשר לשאול שאלה מרתקת. יעקב  
ישן במקום בלי ההערכה הראויה עד כמה הוא היה  
קדוש. ואז קיבל נבואה, שלדעתו ניתנה לו בשל  
קדושת המקום. אז הוא אומר, "אם הייתי יודע כמה  
המקום הזה קדוש, לא הייתי ישן כאן!" אבל היה  
צורך שישן שם מבלי לדעת עד כמה זה קדוש, שאם  
יעקב לא ישן שם, לא היה מקבל את הנבואה! האם  
אין זה מעיד שהתוצאות של קבלת הנבואה הצדיקו  
את האמצעים שישן שם? יתר על כן, לא רק שה'  
הרשה לו לישון שם, אלא למעשה הראה את  
הסכמתו בכך שנתן לו את הנבואה הזו! אז, אם ה'  
אשר לו לישון שם, למה שהוא יחשוב אחרת?

אני רוצה לשתף אתכם בשיחה שקיימתי עם חבר  
הצלה מרמת בית שמש. הוא ציין בפניי שהוא שוקל  
לפרוש מהשירות הנעלה הזה כי ילדיו מתבגרים.  
חקרתי יותר ושאלתי אותו, "מה בדיוק הבעיה? הפסד  
סעודת השבת? חוסר אבטחה? או סתם תחושה של  
משפחה שהם פחות חשובים לך?" הוא ענה, "אף  
אחד מאלו. אלא, הילדים רואים אותי נוהג בשבת  
שבוע אחר שבוע, ואמנם מבחינה שכלית הם מבינים  
שזו מצווה ולא חילול שבת, אבל זה עדיין מפחית  
את רגישותם בעניין חילול השבת. מכיוון שהחובה  
העיקרית שלי היא לחנך את ילדיי, אצטרך לוותר על  
כך ולאפשר לאחרים לעשות את המצווה הקדושה  
הזו."

המשך בעמוד 3

זמנים לימי חול עד פרשת וישלח	יום	א'(Sun)	ב'(Mon)	ג'(Tue)	ד'(Wed)	ה'(Thu)	ו'(Fri)
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מנחה	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	13:00, 15:15	12:30, 16:21
מעריב	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	19:00, 21:00	*Hall

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