



# Ohr Yerushalayim News

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## THE NEWS ... LATEST NEWS ... LATEST

### מזל טוב

Mazel Tov to Rabbi & Mrs Stanton on occasion of the Bar Mitzva of their son Dovid.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Michael Freedman on the occasion of the Bar Mitzva of their son Tzvi Dovid.

Mazel Tov to Mr & Mrs Ben Rapport on the birth of a daughter.

Mazel Tov to Dr & Mrs Woolfson on the birth of a granddaughter.

Mazel Tov to Mr and Mrs Eliezer Wolfson on the Pidyon HaBen of their new baby son. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Dr & Mrs David Wolfson.

### Chanuka Shuir Part 1

This Sunday, 22nd November, R' Dovid Eisenberg will give part one of his shiur entitled "Insights into Chanukah". The shiur will take place in Shul at 8pm with a second Maariv beforehand at 7.45pm.

### Rov's Chabura

The Rov's chabura takes place on Wednesday night at 9.30 pm at the home of Mr & Mrs Raymond Blackston, 22 Fairway.

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### Sour Lentils

Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky (Torah.org)

"I am going to die!". That is what Esau wailed as he returned home on the afternoon of Abraham's funeral after a rage-filled rampage of murder and promiscuity. Our Sages explain that these acts were a rebellious reaction to the death of his saintly grandfather. The Torah tells us that he returned home, "hungry and exhausted." His brother, Yaakov, understood Esau well and seized the moment. He offered him a steaming bowl of immediate tangible satisfaction, cloaked as hot red lentil soup, in exchange for an intangible piece of spirituality, his birthright. Esau rationalizes. "Behold," he exclaims, "I am going to die so what do I need a birthright for?" (Genesis 25:32) Obviously, Esau had no regard for the birthright or the spiritual ramifications it carried, i.e. blessings, priesthood, and most important, the privilege to be the guiding force behind the traditions of his parental lineage.

He agreed to trade it all for a bowl of lentil soup. Amazingly enough, when Jacob claims his allotment and receives the blessings from Isaac, Esau goes into a frenzy. He wants to kill Jacob over something for which he claimed to have had no use.

Where are the roots of this transformation?

Rav Chaim Soleveitchik was once approached by a wealthy man who owned a slaughterhouse. The man asked Rav Chaim to inspect a recently slaughtered steer that was worth a large sum of money. The steer had a questionable infection on its lung that might have rendered it non-kosher. Rav Chaim looked at the animal and shook his head. "Your fears prove true," he said. "I'm sorry but this animal does have a diseased lung and is not kosher." The man accepted the ruling with an open mind and heart. "It's all right Rebbe," he replied, "I can afford to make a sacrifice once in a while."

A month later, the same person appeared before Rav Chaim together with another man. They were arguing about an insignificant sum of money, and the wealthy man insisted that they present their case before the Rabbi. Once again, Rabbi Soleveitchik issued a ruling against

the butcher, but this time, however, his reaction was very different. He ranted and raved that the Rav did not know how to adjudicate even a simple question. He threatened the Rabbi and verbally assaulted him. Rabbi Soleveitchik stood silent through the man's tirade, and eventually his children expelled the man from their home.

"Wasn't this the man that revered your judgment regarding the cow? Wasn't his loss in that case almost one hundred times the amount of this particular loss? Why was he so amenable then and so incensed now?" his children asked.

Rav Chaim smiled. "This man is basically a good person. He didn't even mind taking a large loss when I prohibited the sale of the meat. However, today I awarded someone money that he perceived to be his. People are willing to lose for Heaven's sake, but they can not handle the fact that someone is getting what they believe is theirs."

Esau had to make a choice -- birthright or soup. He chose soup. The birthright and all its spiritual values held no meaning for him, until his brother reaped the reward. At that moment Esau declared that "the days of my father's mourning shall come soon and I shall kill my brother Jacob." The Torah sums up his frustration exactly the way Rav Chaim explained. "And Esau hated Jacob for the blessings that he (Jacob) received from his father." Esau was not bothered about the blessings that he lost. Esau was bothered about the blessings that Jacob won! Esau was willing to sell the blessings. When the sale bore the fruit of its ramification, Esau went on a rampage. He was willing to abandon his entire spiritual future for a bowl of soup, as long as no one else would profit. When they did profit however, then things turned very sour. We all should look at the personal and inherent ramifications of our own losses and gains, and not judge ourselves by how someone else fares. We'd all be much happier!

## The Week Ahead

### שבת פרשת תולדות

Candle Lighting and Shabbos	3.50pm
Mincha	3.55pm
Seder Halimud	8.40am
Shacharis	9.00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	9.49am
Mincha 1st Minyan / 2nd Minyan	1.30pm / 3.54pm
Rov's Mishnayos Shiur	4.24pm
Maariv & Motzei Shabbos	4.59pm
Ovos uBonim	5.59pm
Sunday 1st/2nd Minyan	7.20am/8.20am
Sunday Mincha & Maariv	3.50pm
Monday / Thursday	7.10am
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday	7.20am
Maariv Mon - Thurs	7.45pm
Mincha & Maariv Next Shabbos	3.47pm (Shabbos 3.42pm)



# 11th Anniversary

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INVITE THE KEHILLA TO A SPECIAL KIDDUSH NEXT SHABBOS TO MARK THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHUL.

WE NORMALLY HAVE A DINNER TO MARK OUR ANNIVERSARY BUT AS PLANS ARE ALREADY IN PLACE FOR A SPECIAL DINNER LATER THIS YEAR FOR THE NEW BUILDING AND SIYUM HASHAS CELEBRATIONS, WE ARE INSTEAD HAVING A SPECIAL KIDDUSH AFTER DAVENING THIS YEAR TO MARK OUR 11TH ANNIVERSARY.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO COMPLETE THEIR LIMUD HASHASS ALLOCATION THAT TIME IS MOVING ON. IF ANY ONE FEELS THEY ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR SECTION, CAN THEY KINDLY CONTACT THE ORGANISERS.

## The monthly Rosh Chodesh Chaburoh and Breakfast takes place this Sunday

Chaburoh from 7.50am - 8.20am  
Shacharis from 8.20am - 9.00am  
Followed by breakfast

All members are encouraged to join in!



## Brainteasers

Prize

Here is this week's prize brainteaser based on the sedra:

On a similar subject to last week's question:

- a) Which rare טרופ/טעם/נגינה/Trop in this week's sedra?
- b) On which word does it come?
- c) In which four other sedras does this same 'trop' occur?

Anyone with the correct answer to (b) can claim a 2nd לחיים of a 'Single Malt' at the Freedman קידוש. This prize has been sponsored by Frenchie Plc.

Answer Next Week ...

### Last Week's Answer

a) What do the following four sedras only have in common? וירא חיי שרה וישב צו

These are the only sedras in the תורה which contain a word with a shalshelas (ש).

b) Four different men in ספר בראשית shared the same name. One is mentioned in this week's sedra, where are the other 3 mentioned?

The name חנוך appears twice in בראשית in חנוך בן קיין, חנוך בן ירד פ' ויגש חו (חנוך בן מדין) פ' חיי שרה חו (חנוך בן ראובן).

The staff at Brainteasers would like to wish מזל טוב to the Freedman and Stanton families on the occasion of their respective sons becoming מצוה בני.

## Parsha Snapshots



Yitzchak and Rivka did not have any children, so they prayed to Hashem.



Esav was a hunter, a man of the field, while Yaakov sat in tents.



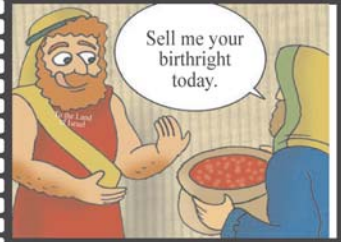
When Rivka finally got pregnant, she felt that the babies were "fighting" within her.



Yaakov had prepared a stew, and Esav came back tired from the field.



Rivka gave birth to twins – Esav and Yaakov.



Yaakov gave Esav bread and lentil stew. In return, Yaakov asked for Esav's birthright.