

Thought of the Week

"And Bosmas the daughter of Yishmael..." (36:3)

Eisav's third wife is referred to as Bosmas. However, in an earlier parsha she is called Machlas, a derivative of the word "machal" - "forgive". The Talmud Yerushalmi states that three persons are forgiven for their past sins: a convert, a person who ascends to a leadership position, and a person who marries. The third type of person is deduced from the fact that the Torah refers to Bosmas as Machlas, implying that forgiveness was granted upon the day of her marriage to Eisav. This is the source for the custom of fasting and reciting the "viduy" on one's wedding day. What is the thread which unifies the three individuals who are granted atonement for their past sins? Why should a person's sins automatically be forgiven?

In Parshas Bereishis, Rashi teaches that the verse "lo tov heyos ha'adam levado" should not be translated as "It is not good for man to be lonely", rather "It is not beneficial for man to feel self-sufficient". Therefore, Hashem created Eve. This teaches us that one of the primary functions of marriage is to offer a person the opportunity not to be self-absorbed, but outwardly focused and sensitive to the needs of others.

Similarly, a person ascending to leadership is put in a position in which he must focus upon the needs of the people in his charge. Finally, a convert, who accepts upon himself the six hundred thirteen precepts is, by definition, stating that he will no longer be preoccupied with his own needs and desires, rather his focus will be upon what his Creator expects of him.

The residual effect of sin is that a person becomes preoccupied with self-gratification. These three individuals are being offered the opportunity to extricate themselves from the results of their sins. There is no magic elixir; rather, if they capitalize upon this opportunity and show concern and sensitivity toward others, they can undo the negative effects of their sins.

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Parshas Vayishlach

פרשת וישלח

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י"ד כסלו תשע"ב



Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos: 4:17pm

Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen: 7:55am

Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur: 8:15am

Shacharis: 8:45am

Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:32am

Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up. Children under 2 must be supervised by a parent. 9:45am

Kiddush is community sponsored.

Mincha: 4:10pm

Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.

Chabura given by Ari Weintraub on the topic of Chamishi on a weekday and other Halachos of Pegam Sefer Torah.

Maariv: 5:20pm

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Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis: Sunday:	8:00am
Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv: Sunday:	4:25pm
Maariv: Monday through Thursday:	7:45pm
Candle Lighting, Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	4:18pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Gemora Bekius Shiur:	Tues, Wed, Thurs at 8pm.
Sefer Bereishis Shiur:	Monday at 8pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm

Women's Learning Experience – Winter Schedule

Monday 9:00am: Tehillim for Cholim.
Monday 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Geshet HaChaim.
Monday 10:45am: Rabbi Brisman - Shabbos Kitchen Halachas.
Tuesday 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.
Tuesday 8:00pm: Stacey Goldman - Women in Tanach, at 161 Highland Circle.
Wednesday 9:30am: Steve Goldman - Sefer Devarim.
Wednesday 2:50pm: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha Va'eschanan.
Thursday 9:30am: Rabbi Gold - Parsha HaShavua.
Classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted.
Suggested donation of \$5 per class. Babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477 jfine@comcast.net.

Chevra Mishnayos

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Zeraim. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.



- Mazel Tov to Evan and Ayala Aidman on the bris of their son, Yonason Dov.
- Mazel Tov to Marguerite and Ronald Werrin on the birth of a granddaughter and to the parents, Dorothy and Jason Greene .
- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Eli and Sarah Back on the birth of a grandson, born to Moshe Yitzchok and Ahuva Weil.

Bnos and Pirchei

Pirchei and Bnos will meet from 2:45 to 3:45pm at LMS. Bnos membership \$36/girl. Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529. Pirchei, grades k-8. Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Torah Youth this week is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Nosenchuk in honor of their grandsons, Meir and Dovid. Torah Youth Annual Chanukah Mesiba on Sunday, December 18th from 2 to 3:30pm at Lower Merion Synagogue. \$12 a person, \$40 family max. Contact Rabbi Ari Silver.

Kollel Yom Rishon-Yom Iyun & Kohelet Beit Midrash Dedication

Kohelet Yeshiva High School invites you to join us for a special Kollel Yom Rishon & Yom Iyun in honor of the Dedication of our Community Beit Midrash on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Shacharit is at 9am, followed by the dedication, program, and brunch buffet from 10am to noon. Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik, director of Yeshiva University's Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought, will speak on "Light and Truth: The Message of the Menorah." Admission is free and open to everyone and includes special Middle School learning programs.

YIML joins other community institutions in wishing Kohelet Yeshiva High School mazel tov on this momentous occasion of the Beit Medrash dedication.