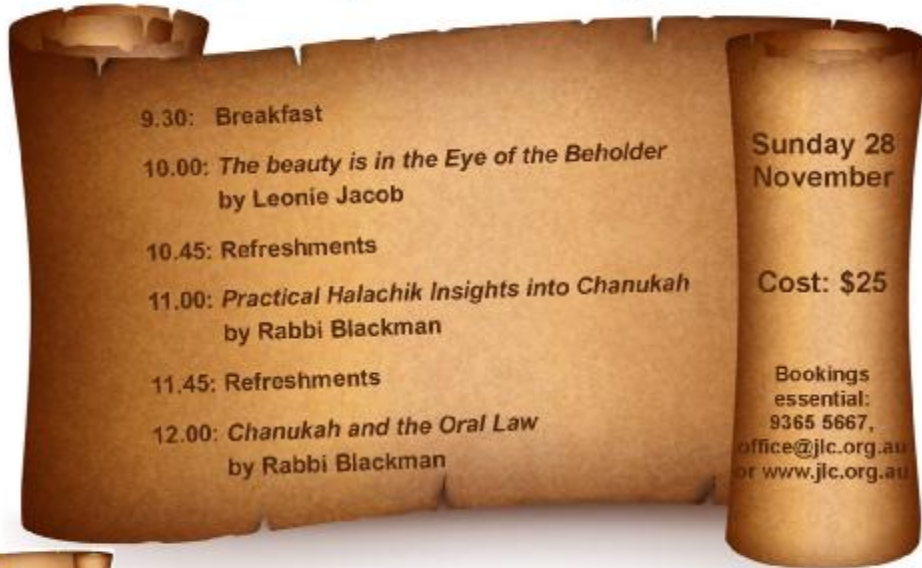


Chanukah Yom Iyun

Half-day of Inspirational Learning for Women



Minyan @ Beit Halevy
60C Blair Street
Shabbat Parshat Vayetze
13th November / 6 Kislev 5771

This Week's Shabbat Times

Candle Lighting	7:14pm
Mincha Erev Shabbat followed by Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv	6.15pm
Shacharit	8:30am
Children's Service (5-12) (Ages 0-5)	9:30am 10:30am
Shabbat Afternoon Shiur	6:05pm
Mincha Shabbat Afternoon followed by Seudah Shlishit	6:50pm
Maariv after Shabbat ends	8:15pm

Daily Zmanim	This Shabbat	Next Shabbat
Shkia (sunset)	7:34pm	7:41pm
Tzeit (nightfall)	7:55pm	8:02pm
Earliest Tallit / Tefillin	4:49am	4:44am
Neitz (sunrise)	5:45am	5:41am
Latest Shema	9:12am	9:10am

Weekday Davening Times

Sunday, Public Holidays	8:00am
Monday & Thursday	6:10am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	6:25am
Rosh Chodesh	6:00am
Weekday Mincha, Maariv @ Bnei Maon	15mins before Shkia
Maariv @ JLC—Mon - Thu	9:20pm
Sunday Mincha followed by a short Shiur	7:20pm
Sunday Maariv	7:56pm

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Parshat Vayetze - Taken from SALT on the VBM

Long before the Puritans, Yaakov Avinu set the standard of what we might term the "Jacobian work ethic." After Lavan - his father-in-law and employer - chases after him and accuses him of theft, Yaakov vehemently rejects the accusation and upholds his loyalty:

"These twenty years I have spent in your service, your ewes and she-goats never miscarried, nor did I feast on the rams from your flock. That which was torn by beasts I never brought to you; I myself made good the loss... Scorching heat ravaged me by day and frost by night; and sleep fled from my eyes" (31:38-40).

Yaakov's testimony of his devotion to Lavan's flocks contains all the elements of a proper work ethic. First, he speaks of competence: "your ewes and she-goats never miscarried." Yaakov accepted the responsibilities of shepherd only after having acquired sufficient know-how to properly tend to the sheep. Next comes honesty: "nor did I feast on the rams of your flock." Alone in the field with his employer's sheep, Yaakov had plenty of opportunities to catch a "quick snack" at Lavan's expense. Yet, he faithfully held out and never took Lavan's sheep for himself. Yaakov also worked with a keen sense of accountability: "That which was torn by beasts I never brought to you; I myself made good the loss." Rather than presenting Lavan with excuses, Yaakov maturely accepted responsibility for any mishaps that may have occurred to the flock under his charge. The final ingredient of Yaakov's work ethic is elbow grease: "Scorching heat ravaged me by day and frost by night, and sleep fled from my eyes." When the going got rough, Yaakov kept going. His devotion to his work overcame the hostile natural forces and fatigue.

Besides teaching us about honesty and integrity in the workplace, Yaakov's example may shed some light on our ultimate responsibility in life, that of "avodat Hashem." Our religious observance must feature these basic elements: competence, honesty, accountability, and hard work. The need for competence requires us to educate ourselves regarding our many responsibilities as observant Jews. We cannot possibly claim loyalty to God's laws so long as we remain ignorant of the many detailed halakhot that arise on a regular basis. Secondly, Yaakov teaches us to fulfill our duties honestly. Granted, here the parallel falters a bit, as one can never fool the Almighty. But all the more so, we have what to learn from Yaakov Avinu in this regard: there is no such thing as cheating or cutting corners when it comes to Torah observance. Accountability in this context essentially translates into teshuva: when we err, we must hold ourselves accountable and humbly confess our wrongdoing. We are then to do whatever necessary to reverse the effects of our sins. Finally, the elbow grease: we cannot be "fair weather Jews." Just as Yaakov remained with his flock during the seething heat and frigid winds, often losing nights of sleep, so must we never abandon our duties when adverse situations arise.

This is perhaps how we become as loyal servants of God as Yaakov was of Lavan.

Rabbi David Silverberg



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