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Minyan @ Beit Halevy
60C Blair Street
Parshat Vayishlach
10 December/ 14 Kislev 5772

This Week's Shabbat Times

Candle Lighting	7:39pm
Mincha Erev Shabbat followed by Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv	6:15pm
Shacharit	8:30am
Children's Service- Ages: 5-12 Ages: 0-5	9:30-10:30am 10:30-11:30am
Afternoon Shiur Shabbat Mincha followed by Seudah Shlishit	6:30pm 7:15pm
Shabbat Ends followed by Maariv	8:41pm

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	7:40pm
Sunday Maariv	8:20pm

Daily Zmanim	This Shabbat	Next Shabbat
Shkia (sunset)	7:58pm	8:03pm
Tzeit (nightfall)	8:20pm	8:25pm
Earliest Tallit / Tefillin	4:37am	4:39am
Neitz (sunrise)	5:37am	5:39am
Latest Shema	9:12am	9:14am

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Parashat Vayishlach (From SALT on the VBM)



Parashat Vayishlach tells of Yaakov's successful confrontation with the mysterious attacker. Recall that Yaakov suffered a serious wound to the leg over the course of the contest, which we commemorate, as the Torah writes, through the prohibition of eating the "gid hanasheh" (thigh muscle) of an animal.

Rav Moshe Feinstein raises an interesting question: why do we commemorate this miracle of Yaakov's victory over the angel through inaction, by refraining from a given activity? In two weeks we will celebrate the Hasmonean defeat over the Greeks through the observance of Chanuka. This observance entails the recitation of hallel, lighting candles to publicize the miracle, and modes of festivity. On Purim, too, our commemoration of the miracle requires several rituals and active festivity. Why do we commemorate Yaakov's struggle with the angel by simply refraining from eating the "gid hanasheh"?

Rav Moshe suggests that this mitzvah commemorates a specific kind of miracle: overcoming challenges and trying circumstances. Although Rav Moshe does not elaborate, he implies that Yaakov's wrestle with the mysterious assailant symbolizes his struggles in exile and ultimate triumph. This type of miracle warrants a less enthusiastic commemoration. We pray every day (towards the end of "birkhot ha-shachar"), "Do not bring us to tests." We much prefer not to confront exile and grueling conditions, even if we eventually overcome these obstacles. Our ultimate triumph over adversity and trying times deserves commemoration, but a much different type of commemoration than other miracles involving the overthrow of our enemies. Yaakov's successful struggle with the angel is thus commemorated passively and somewhat subtly, through restraint and inaction, rather than active celebration.

Rav David Silverberg

A movie poster for the film "Life is Beautiful" is displayed at an outdoor cinema. The poster features the title "LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL" in large red letters, with a quote "A MODERN MASTERPIECE!" and a star rating. The background shows a man and a woman smiling. The cinema is set outdoors with rows of orange and green chairs on a lawn under a blue sky. The text "LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL" is written vertically in large white letters on the right side of the poster. A menorah logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster area.

Monday 26th December 8:30pm @JLC (garden)
Menorah lighting and movie "Life is Beautiful" by Robert Benigni

Food and drinks stalls: pizza, popcorn, smoothies, soft drinks and beers
(extra cost)

Entry ticket: \$6 advanced booking / \$10 at the door
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