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Shabbos Parshas:
Vayeira



What's up guys?

Thanks for reading the Boys Minyan Weekly Newsletter!

In this issue you will find:

- This week's Parsha in a Nutshell (Aliyah Summary)
- Torah Teasers
- Jokes and Riddles
- Delving into Davening
- Story of the Week
- And solutions to last week's Torah Teasers and crossword

You can find Davening and Aliyah cards to reprint at:

https://www.chabadyouth.org/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/5272404/jewish/Boys-Minyan.htm

This week, we were planning to include a new article called 'Quick Questions' and we were going to ask community members a question that you emailed us or submitted on our suggestions form and compare their answers. Unfortunately, we weren't able to as we didn't get a wide response. Please send in your questions via the google form on the above website or by email.

We have two new articles for you in this issue - Delving into Davening and the Story of the Week relating to the Parsha.

We want to give this newsletter an official name. Please send in suggestions via the link or email.

If you would like to be emailed the newsletter weekly you can use the google form titled 'suggestions' on the above website or email us at boysminyan@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newsletter.

Remember to fill out your quota's after Shabbos!

Have a Good Shabbos,

Eitan Rosen, Editor. Dovi Sufrin, President

CANDLE
LIGHTING: 7:26
PM
SHABBOS ENDS:
6:00 PM

JOKES & RIDDLES

By: Avi Tenenboim



Solutions to last week's Word Search and Torah Teasers can be found on Page 9.

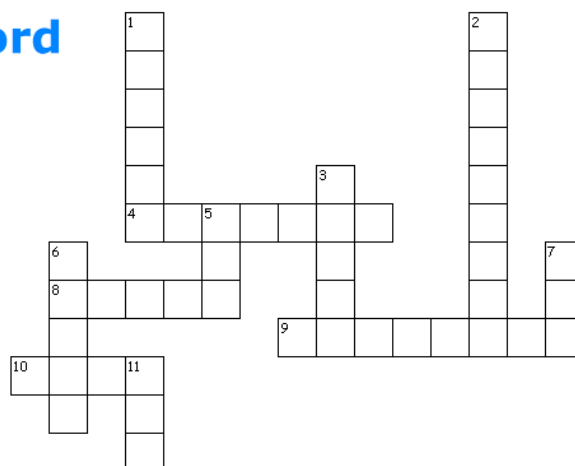
VaYera Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 4. Talked with the strangers
- 8. City that was destroyed
- 9. First book of the Torah
- 10. Lot's wife turned into this

Down

- 1. This Week's Parsha
- 2. King of Gerar
- 3. Plains of _____
- 5. The sacrifice instead of Isaac
- 6. Abraham's son
- 7. He and his family escaped
- 11. The final number of good people



PARSHA IN A NUTSHELL – ALIYAH SUMMARY

By Berel Wolf



1st Aliyah: It is the 3rd day after Avraham's bris, and Hashem comes to 'visit' Avraham. Then Hashem sends 3 Malochim so Avraham can have guest, since no one was visiting him as it was very hot. Avraham and Sarah prepare a big feast for their visitors, who then tell Avraham that in exactly a year, Sarah will have a son. When Sarah hears this, she laughs since she doesn't think at 90 years old she can have a child. Hashem then isn't happy that Sarah doesn't believe.

2nd Aliyah: The Malochim leave and Avraham escorts them, they are going to Sedom to destroy the 5 cities and save Lot and his family. Avraham starts davening to Hashem to save the cities. He starts by saying that if there are 10 good people in each city they should be saved. Hashem can't find them so He has to go ahead and destroy Sedom.

3rd Aliyah: Two of the Malochim arrive in Sedom and Lot invites them into his house which is a crime so people gather around his house. They then want Lot to send out the guests to them, they threaten to break down the door, then the Malochim make all the people outside the house blind. The Malochim tell Lot that they have to leave, with his immediate family. Then Lot, his wife and two of his daughters, (the other two were married and their husbands convinced them to stay), are told to leave, and not look back.

4th Aliyah: Hashem made it rain fire and sulphur on Sedom and then overturned the entire area. Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. Lot's daughters have children, the ancestors of Ammon and Moav. - Avraham moves to the Pelishti city of Gerar. Avimelech, the king takes Sarah. Then Hashem sends a disease to Avimelech and his family and appears to him in a dream to return Sarah to Avraham. Sarah becomes pregnant and has Yitzchak, whom Avraham gives a bris to when he is 8 days old.

5th Aliyah: Yitzchak grows up and Yishmael is influencing him negatively. Sarah asks Avraham to send away Yishmael and Hagar. Hashem tells Avraham that he should send them away. They are running out of water and when Yishmael is about to die and then a Malach comes and 'opens Hagar's eyes' and shows her a well. Yishmael grows up in the desert and becomes a skilled archer.

6th Aliyah: At that point Avimelech asks Avraham to make a treaty not to harm each other for three generations. Avraham agrees but isn't happy that Avimelech's workers once stole a well. Avraham sets apart 7 sheep telling Avimelech to take them as a promise that Avraham had dug the well. Avraham plants an orchard and establishes an inn in Be'er Sheva and tells all people who pass through about Hashem.

7th Aliyah: Hashem tells Avraham to bring Yitzchak as a korban. Avraham takes Yitzchok and other things needed and they leave for the mountain. They arrive and Avraham builds a Mizbeach and ties up Yitzchak. Avraham stretches out his hand and a Malach tells him to stop. Avraham offers a ram instead. Hashem promises great Brochos as a reward for passing the test. After this Avraham was told that his sister in law had given birth. One of the children was Besuel the father of Rivkah.

Haftorah: This week's Haftorah discusses two miracles Elisha Hanovi performed. The first one was with a lady who owed a lot of money. She only had one jug of oil. Elisha told her to get as many containers as possible, and that she should borrow from neighbours. She did that and then Elisha poured and poured into every single container, and the lady sold the oil and paid back all the people she owed and lived comfortably.

The second miracle was with a lady from Shunam who always invited people into their house. They had a special room for Elisha when he would come to their city. When he found out they didn't have children he blessed them to have a son in exactly year, and a year later they had a son. A few years later their son became sick and passed away. Then they called Elisha to try and revive the child. He hurried over and miraculously revived him.

DELIVING INTO DAVENING

lecha Dodi - by Mendel Loewenthal

Written by Rabbi Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz who passed on in the city of Tzfas around the year 1580. It is sung in both Ashkenazi and Sefardi communities during Kabbalos Shabbos. The composer also sings it with the first letter of each stanza, beginning with Shomer VeZocher and finishing with Yamin U'Smol. This is also the reason it puts Shomer before Zocher. In the chorus it says "likras Kalah - My Bride" this is explained by a teaching of the Rashbi- Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai. He says in the 5th of the Aseres Hadibros it says leKadsho this is because Shabbos complained to Hashem that "all other days have a partner and I'm alone. Hashem answered, "the Yidden will be your partner." The word leKadsho also means betrothed meaning remember the Yidden are betrothed to Shabbos.

Adapted from My Prayer Volume 2



TORAH TEASERS

By Yoav Cooper

1. What does Vayera mean?
2. What did Avraham prepare for his guests (the Malachim)?
3. What did Avraham do when Hashem told him that he is going to destroy Sedom?
4. What happened to the people of Sedom who wished to harm Lot's guests?
5. How old was Yitzchak when he had a bris?
6. What did Hashem tell Avraham to do when Sarah wanted to expel

Yishamel and Hagar?

7. What stopped Avraham from slaughtering his own son?
8. How we know that the need of one who davens for another is granted first? (Rashi)

Story of the Week

By Menachem Goldberg

In a small village not far from Berditchev lived Mendel, a simple innkeeper, who made a modest living from the small inn he managed at the side of a country road. With time however, Mendel started thinking about his life. “For most of my life I’ve lived in this tiny village managing the inn,” he thought. “I’ve fed many hungry and exhausted travellers. I’ve poured drinks for the rough peasants and wild noblemen. Because I was burdened by managing the inn, I could neither learn or daven properly. Now that my hair is grey, the time has come to separate myself from Gashmius pare for my ultimate journey.”

He summoned his son Shia who was young, and energetic, and handed over the keys to the inn, saying: “I’ve managed the inn for decades and now I’m giving it over to you.”

Mendel left the village and moved to Berditchev. He spent his time in either his small home or in the shul. He did not become a famous Talmid Chacham, but he could daven and learn Chumash and Mishnah.

The inn, meanwhile, had completely changed. With his son in charge, it was no longer a quiet and sleepy roadside tavern. From a bussiness perspective, the transformation was a success.

But the simple traveller, who longed for the warm reception Mendel had always given him, stopped coming. They longed for the modest warm meal he'd offer and the listening ear they'd receive. Now the place felt foreign and empty. They no longer belonged.

When Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev heard about this, he became sad. He was sad for Shia, whose thirst for money had driven him to such lows. He was sad for the place which had changed from a nice inn into a party house. And he was sad for the weary travellers who could no longer find a comfortable place to rest and enjoy a kosher meal.

Reb Levi Yitzchak summoned Mendel and asked, "Why did you leave your inn and hand it over to your son?"

"I am not getting any younger, "explained Mendel. "My hair is grey; who knows how many more years I will be granted? With what will I meet my Maker? Shall I remain without any Torah or prayer to accompany me?"

"Now that my son is taking care of the inn, I feel better. I get up in the morning, wrap myself in my Tallis and Tefillin, and daven slowly with concentration. Then I study. I feel I am accumulating at least a small amount of prayer and study that I can take to the Heavenly Court when my time comes."

Reb Levi Yitzchak sank into thought and after a short while, said: "Our chachamim say: 'A wise man is someone who knows his place. A person should to know the place that hashem has chosen for them. When one knows one's place, he or she should to stay there and not try to take the place that is meant for someone else.

“Another thing our chachamim have taught: ‘Royalty on earth is like royalty in the heavens. ‘Royalty in heaven and on earth operate similarly. Woe is to a kingdom that has a plethora of generals but lacks simple foot soldiers. In fact, a soldier who escapes battle to become a general is considered a deserter and a rebel.’”

Reb Levi Yitzchak waited a moment, looked softly at Mendel, and put his hand on his shoulder. “Know, my dear son Mendel, Hashem has enough generals—those who are learned and daven. On the other hand, G-d needs simple and loyal foot soldiers who prove their loyalty.

“Hashem places each person at their post. He has placed one person in the Beis Medrash and another in a small and remote village. You, Mendel, were selected by G-d to be posted at an inn at the side of the roads, so that you could serve up some warm kosher soup to weary travellers on a cold winter night and a cold cup of water on a sweltering summer day.

“No, Mendel, you will not stand before the Heavenly Court like a poor man. With no shame will you greet the angels. With you will be all the kosher meals you served to the travellers and all the warm beds you prepared. All the smiles and good words you exchanged will advocate for you. Return to the inn and fulfil the Shlichus that G-d assigned specifically to you.”

Mendel followed the Rebbe’s instruction and returned to the village. Shortly afterward, the inn returned to serving travellers and the noblemen found other places for their parties.

Mendel returned to his old work, this time filled with the satisfaction of knowing he was a loyal soldier standing guard where he was most needed.

Adapted from Chabad.org

Solutions to last week's crossword and Torah Teasers

1. Go for yourself

2. Mitzrayim

3. Lot

4. He led his men out to war to free the captives

5. The King of Shalem

6. Like the dust of the earth and the starts of the heaven

7. 400 years

8. Hagar

9. A wild donkey

10. Bris

parsha lech lecha

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- AVRAM
- PHAROH
- YISHMAEL
- AVRAHAM
- CANAN
- MALACHIM
- SARAH
- SIDOM
- SARAI
- LOT
- STARS
- HASHEM
- GOWS
- MITZRAIM
- HOGOR



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- 3 Read the aliyah summary to enter a weekly bonus raffle.
- 4 After Shabbos, fill out this form @ chabad youth.org/boysminyan For every two pins you earn a ticket for a weekly raffle. Earn 16 pins over four weeks and you will be eligible for a slice of pizza and a slushy! If you read all aliyos then you enter in to a bonus raffle. If you read all aliyos for 4 weeks, you will earn a second slice of pizza.
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