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Parshat Vayeshev

FISCHER'S SPARKS

"A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another.
And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its
flame to the other. You are such a light."

-Moshe Davis

THE CHANUKAH
EDITION

WHAT TO THINK ABOUT AFTER LIGHTING THE MENORAH

WITH RABBI FISCHER

As I am looking at the Chanukah Neiros after they are lit, I ask You, Hashem to please help me:

1. Purify my eyes from things that I have seen in the past- like a mikveh for my eyes. From now on I will not look at things that are not good for my eyes to see.
2. To only see the good in others and in myself.
3. The Torah that I learn is not an intellectual pursuit but its the "Ohr", the light of Hashem and it is spiritual. When I learn, please Hashem help that I connect to that part of the Torah- "והאר עינינו בתורתך"
4. Let me see Hashem in everything. Let me know that all that happens to me is from Hashem. Nothing is a coincidence - "ה' לי לא אירא מה'יעשה לי אדם"
5. That I become a light for other people, a strength, support, and Kiddush Hashem to everyone who meets me. That I can be a light for others and that the entire Jewish nation can be a light and strength for all of humanity.
6. Let me always see and give thanks to You Hashem, for all the miracles that You perform for me on a daily basis. "ועל נסיון שבכל יום עמנו".
7. "The candle of G-d is my soul" I look at myself as a neshama and I only see the G-dliness in myself and in others.
8. I pray for those who are less fortunate, physically, mentally and spiritually. For someone who is in his "own darkness" whether abused, in pain, sad, disconnected from G-d, disconnected from themselves. The light of Chanukah will help every Jew wherever they are have "light in their midst".

THE LIGHTS

WITH SHMUEL SCHUCK

Chanukah is coming, i smell it in the air My whole body loves it, a time I hold dear

This year in Israel, to light in a new home Creating family, love and joy in a way never shown

I feel the dark all around me, it screams out "You're too much"! I get scared a moment, feel it, the much in all that I touch

Deep Breath, Chanukah, Lion of Judah, I stand STRONG This is MY Holiday, I tell you Demons i BELONG

The candles are fire, inside and out Miracles keep burning, it's what they SHOUT!

Yet, a small little poem, on a big fat page So much feels inside, can these words be their cage?

Magic is real, as real as your dreams Listen to the story, The Lights can still be seen :)

JUST AS POWERFUL

WITH SHAYA LEXIER

Yaakov Avinu battled the forces of evil. He fought them face to face, in human and angelic form, submitting them and ultimately conquering them.

This week's parsha, Vayeshev, begins by telling us about Yaakov's many struggles and how after them, he finally settled down in his father's land of Chevron.

The Torah ascribes the land of Chevron in his father's name. It says וַיָּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מְגֻרֵי אָבִיו "Yaakov settled in the land of the sojournings of his father..."

The pasuk begs a question:

We know that Avraham was commanded by Hashem to take possession and travel the land of Israel. And we know that Yitzchak's mission was to specifically follow each move his father made, solidifying Avraham's actions by reaffirming them. So then why is the land that Avraham took possession of attributed to his son, Yitzchak?

The answer is that when someone makes moves, when he goes out and does something in his own life, the simple fact that it may have been done before, doesn't take away from, or diminish the power, the significance, and the prestige that come along with this action. Your number in the lineup is utterly irrelevant. The moves that you make and the actions you take, seep into your bones and become apart of YOU. So when Yaakov arrived in Avraham's city of Chevron, the Torah specifically calls it מְגֻרֵי אָבִיו - the land of his father's dwelling, to teach us this exact lesson. It became Yitzchak's, even though he was not the FIRST!

To every single Yid who will be lighting a menorah this year, remember that yes, Yidden may have lit menorahs before you, Chanukah may have even been done before, but that's irrelevant. Know with certainty that as you ignite your pure candles, dispelling and overpowering the thick darkness of this long night, know that you are shaking the world. You are satiating the souls of Am Yisroel, with a fire just as brilliant, just as powerful and just as holy as the first one which burned two thousand years ago - which sustains us until this moment. Your menorah has that power! May the precious light of your candles bring upon all of Am Yisroel the final light of the Shechina, the Geula and Mashiach.

A BRIEF INTERVIEW

WITH SHLOMO ZALMAN AUERBACH, AWESOME YID WITH A SWEATER VEST. MAY OR MAY NOT BE A SCIENTIST

The little boy took the candle slowly, as if pondering the effect a fire can have on his menorah. He produced a small matchbox from his pocket, scanning the room for any adults.

"That's fire," said the old lady in the painting. "I know," the little boy said. "That's why I'm lighting with my glasses."

FS: Hey Shlomo Zalman, thanks so much for taking the time. What do you love most about Rabbi Stampler's.

SZA: Very good learning, and it's actually much funnier than people think.

FS: Right, right Now, you told us to ask this, so what's with the sweater vest?

SZA: Well, I guess you could say I'm invested.

FS: {giggles and guffaws} Golden golly goosen!

What's your favorite - hahaha inVESTED, too good- part about Chanukah?

SZA: Childhood memories with my family.

FS: Meir, that's another 5 bucks! What's one thing we should (should!?) know about you?

AK: I try to wear my heart on my sleeve. Also my birthday doesn't happen every year - Lamed Cheshvan.

FS: I could tell! So genuine and authentic, I admire you and people like you. Happy birthday! Thanks for sitting with us. You can now give us one more pun.

SZA: I learnt a Tosafos about ink this week. It was ink-credible!

A MOMENT IN MEZHBUZH

WITH AVROMIE FOGEL

That night when we were having a phatty kumzitz in the Baal Shem Tov's old shul, shii what a great time it was vibing with all the boys

WHY DON'T WE EAT CLOWNS AT HANUKKAH?
BECAUSE THEY TASTE FUNNY.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HANUKKAH AND A DRAGON?

ONE LASTS FOR EIGHT NIGHTS, THE OTHER SOMETIMES ATE KNIGHTS.

HOW CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A CHANUKAH HIPPIE?
HE'S THE ONE WITH HIS HAIR IN DREIDEL-LOCKS.

WHICH HAND IS BEST TO LIGHT THE MENORAH WITH?

NEITHER, IT'S BEST TO LIGHT IT WITH A CANDLE.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SPECK THAT FALLS INTO THE LATKE PAN?
AN UNIDENTIFIED FRYING OBJECT.

WHAT DID THE OLDER HANUKKAH CANDLE SAY TO THE YOUNGER ONE?
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO SMOKE.

WHAT'S THE BEST THING TO PUT INTO THE SUFGANIYOT?
YOUR TEETH.

EVERLASTING LIGHT

WITH MICHAEL EHRENTAU

There is an interesting question the commentators ask about Chanukah. For eight days we light lights, and each night we make the **שעשה ניסים לאבותינו**.

There is a famous **שאלה** of the **שולחן ערוך**. What was the miracle of the first night? The light that should have lasted one day lasted eight. But that means there was a real **נס** about days 2 to 8; but what was the **נס** of the first day?

Perhaps the miracle was this, that the **חשמונאים** found one **פח של שמן** with its seal intact, undefiled. There was no reason or suppose that anything would have survived the systematic desecration of **מלכות יון** and their supporters did to the **בית המקדש**. Yet the **חשמונאים** searched and found that one jar. Why did they search? Because they had **אמונה ובטחון** that from the worst tragedy something would survive. The real **נס** of the first night was that of faith itself, the faith that something would remain with which to begin again. So, it has always been in **עם ישראל**. There were times when any other people would have given up in despair: after **חורבן בית המקדש** or the massacres of the crusades, or the Spanish Expulsion, or the pogroms, or after the second world war. But somehow **עם ישראל** did not sit and weep. They gathered what remained, rebuilt our people, and lit a light like no other in history, a light that tells us and the world of the power of **עם ישראל אמונה ובטחון בהקב"ה**. From the days of **משה רבנו** with the **נסחנה** which was burned and was not consumed to the days of the **נסחנוכה** and the single cruse of oil, **תורה ומצוות** has been humanity's **ner tamid**, the everlasting light that no power on earth can extinguish.

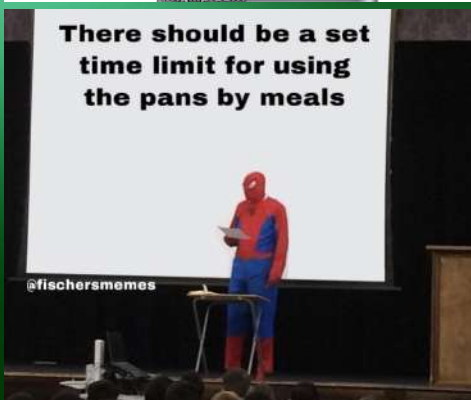
MAZEL TOV TO JOSH HYMAN AND DANIEL SHAW

ON GOING TO SERVE ON THE OTHER BASE!! WE LOVE YOU GUYS!!

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|  | Walking |
|  | Running |
|  | Sprinting |
|  | Being first to on line to wish Rabbi Fischer Good Shabbos friday night |



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| 12AM Reb Mielech party |  |
| Chanukah is coming |  |
| Mystery Maccabee |  |
| Fischer's In-Shabbos!! |  |



KEDUSHAS ERETZ YISROEL

EPISODE 7

WITH ZACK COREY

This is my third year in the holy land. I can't pinpoint one or two specific things that I have "seen" the kedusha of the land. I've been to kvarim and all the "holy cities" and they've been nice and all but I can't specify what I feel about the "kedusha". Until I leave Israel and I see the immense vacuum of Jewishness that enters my life. I feel much more connected when I'm in the Land; I feel Hashem's presence in the land when I notice I don't feel it outside of Israel. I feel more complete, I feel this content was of "at least I'm in Israel;" and most of all I feel like I am an eved hashem and not just some dude :)

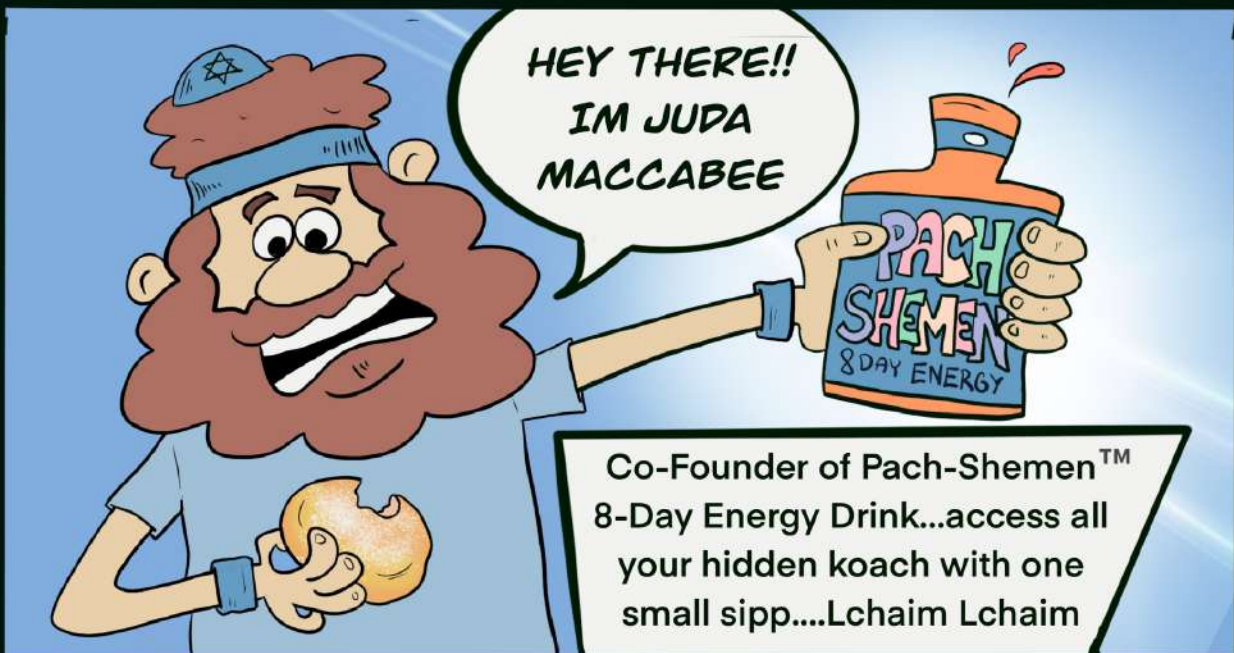
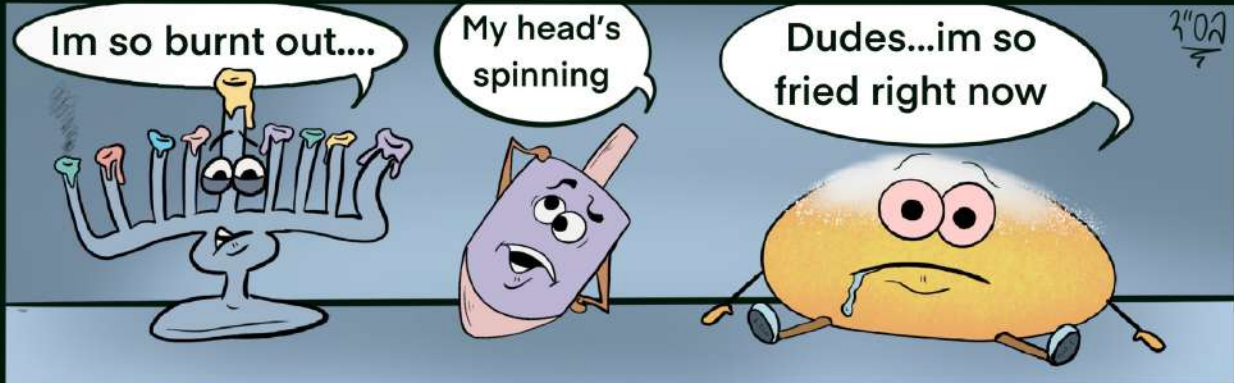
LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT

WITH ELI SOMEKH

Looking for the light....many of us have struggled or is currently struggling either way we can use some more light so here are somethings that help me everyday to see the light im looking for the first thing is we can always talk to hashem no Matter where you are ask him for help whether its to get those earphones you wanted or to help you with a struggle your having another thing is to work on bitachon and emunah it doesn't matter how many bad stuff you think you did if you have bitachon and emunah Hashem will shower you with good and remember the one who created you is the giving you these struggles and he created every particle on this earth he's done miracles for all of us and if you speak to him he Hashem has no limits and therefore can help you with anything and everything your never stuck in a situation when Hashem is on your side. and another thing is what you believe you can achieve,what you think about you bring about so realize and understand what your thinking about for example if your thinking about how much you hate this struggle your going to get more of that. but if think about how much you love that hashem is always watching you and making sure this is best for you you will get more of thatWitch is precisely what I would like to learn from chanukah the miracle the oil lasted 8 days .impossible on your own but with Hashem it lasted 8 days .with Hashem were never stuck and chanukah is being grateful for that miricle witch God gave us and gives us every day that he's with us and we're are able to literally achieve whatever we want thank you and have a blessed week

STILL FLEISHIGZ

WITH HUDA KRUPKA



#PACHSHEMEN

** CONTAINS A WEE-BIT OF VODKA...DONT PACH-SHEMEN AND DRIVE...

**CUT OUT AND HANG UP NEXT TO BED FOR
MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THIS WORLD**

**THE FOUNDATION OF CHASSIDUS
AND THE ROOT OF PERFECT
SERVICE (OF G-D) IS FOR A MAN
TO CLARIFY AND COME TO REALIZE
AS TRUTH WHAT IS HIS OBLIGATION
IN HIS WORLD AND TO WHAT HE
NEEDS TO DIRECT HIS GAZE AND
HIS ASPIRATION IN ALL THAT HE
DOES EVERY DAY OF HIS LIFE.
(MESILAS YESHARIM CHAPTER 1)**

**TODAY:
I AM
CHOOSING
GREATNESS!!**

FISCHER'S

FARBRENGEN



FISCHER'S

CHANUKAH 5781



FISCHER'S

AS SEEN IN MYRIAD DUOTONE FILTERS



FISCHER'S

FUN PAGE



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CHASHMONAIM ARONISEGGS
 REBSIMCHARABBAH KOLLEL
 RAMCHAL SHEPSEL
 DONUTS FARBRENG
 YAAKOVHEMESH KISLEV
 REINVENT
 MENORAH

Across

- 1. The Maccabees found one _____ of pure olive oil.
- 3. I like to _____ fried donuts.
- 5. Fried donuts in Hebrew are called _____.
- 7. Some people place the Menorah opposite the _____.
- 8. Others put their Menorah in the _____.
- 10. Yehudis fed the Greek general cheese to make him thirsty. That's why we eat _____ foods.
- 13. The oil they found lasted for _____ days.
- 14. Chanukah begins on the _____ day of Kislev.
- 18. A Jewish warrior was called a _____.
- 19. Mattisyahu was the son of Yochanan _____ Gadol.
- 21. To remember the miracle we eat food fried in _____.
- 24. We play _____ the dreidel.
- 27. We re-tell the story of Chanukah every _____.
- 28. A miracle: They found one jar of pure oil with the _____ of the Kohen Gadol on it.
- 29. Chanukah comes in the month of _____.
- 30. The shamash candle is often made of _____ wax.

Down

- 2. Money given out on Chanukah is called Chanukah _____.
- 4. "In those days, at this _____"
- 5. A beautiful Menorah may be made of _____.
- 6. The Greek armies were many, but the Jews were _____.
- 9. The _____ of the Maccabees' home town was Modin.
- 11. The most famous Maccabee.
- 12. The candle we use to light the Menorah is called the _____.
- 15. Many Chanukah foods, like latkes and donuts, are _____ in oil.
- 16. The Greeks wanted to _____ certain Mitzvos.
- 17. Potato pancakes are also called _____.
- 18. We light the _____ on Chanukah.
- 20. The candle we kindle first is the _____ one.
- 22. We can _____ at the light of the Menorah, but we may not use it for anything else.
- 23. Oil for the Menorah is made from _____.
- 25. We all love to _____ dreidel.
- 26. First letter on the dreidel.

