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## Parshat Vayishlach

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## Ahavat Yisrael Newsletter

### Parshat Vayishlach

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#### Shabbat Shalom!

Candlelighting this week is 5:04pm.

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat starts 5:05pm.

We welcome **Reb Judah Mischel** this Shabbat as our Scholar-in-Residence. Rabbi Judah Mischel (a.k.a. Reb Judah) is the Director of Programming and a Rebbe at Yeshivat Reishit Yerushalayim in Bet Shemesh, Israel. In that capacity he coordinates the inspirational elements of his yeshiva's curriculum, filling it with meaningful, educational and fun tiyulim, chesed

**Shabbat**

Candlelighting: 5:04pm  
Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 5:05pm

Shacharit: 8:45am  
Mincha: 4:30pm  
Seudah Shlishit: 4:55pm  
Ma'ariv: 6:00pm  
Shabbat ends: 6:05pm

**Sunday**

Shacharit: 8:15am

**Tuesday**

Shacharit: 6:15am  
Ma'ariv: 8:30pm

**Wednesday**

Shacharit: 6:15am

**Friday**

Shacharit: 6:15am

**Kids' Corner**

**Join us for Shabbat Groups, including davening, snacks, games and prizes!**

Groups begin at 9:45am.

**Group 1:** age 2 through Kindergarten -- playroom.

**Group 2:** 1st through 5th grade -- blue room.

Children under 2 are welcome in the playroom with an adult.

**Parent-Child Learning:** After kiddush in the shul.

**B'nei Akiva:** Meeting at 3:00pm at AY.

**Happy Kislev Birthdays!**

**Leah Stock**  
**Ellie Guberman**  
**Rina Yanowitz**  
**Erez Pollak**

**Community Classes**

projects, guest speakers and activities. In addition to Gemara shiur, he also teaches Torat Eretz Yisrael, hashkafa and mussar. He is known throughout Israel as a superb magid and inspirational speaker.

For the past five years, he has served as the Rabbi and spiritual guide of Camp HASC in Parksville, NY, a summer camp for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Reb Judah is also a regular contributor to Arutz Sheva-Israel National Radio.

Rav Judah attended Yeshivat Shaalvim and continued his studies at Yeshiva University, and completed a B.A. in History, and M.A. in Jewish Education. He also attended City University of New York School of Public Administration, and was a Graduate Fellow at CUNY's Center for Coexistence. Before making Aliyah, Reb Judah was a Rebbi and Director of Student Activities at The Frisch School in Paramus, NJ.

**The schedule is as follows:**

**8:00pm: Oneg**

**All in the Family... Learning about Ahavat Yisrael**

**Around 11:00am: Drasha after Kiddush**

**Dream On... Making the most of Kislev**

**4:55pm: Seudah Shlishit**

**The Struggle of Yaakov and Esav**

*And please join us for a **Melava Malka with Moshe Feiglin motzei Shabbat starting 7:30!** See flyer below.*

**Kids' Corner Updates!**

The Youth Department is delighted to welcome both **Yocheved Stock** and **Elisheva Davidovics**, who have volunteered to run special events for our youth program throughout the year.

**Linda Shkedy** will be overseeing the youth program on Shabbat morning.

**Malkie Yanowitz** will be running the children's birthday events. Please email [Malkie](#) to have your child's birthday added to the list.

**Monday**

8:00pm: Men's class at the home of Avrohm Perl

**Tuesday**

8:00pm AY Beit Midrash Night for Men and Women: Halacha Shiur by Rabbi Sutofsky of TORCH

**Wednesday**

8:00pm: Men's Rambam class at the home of Avrohm Perl

8:30pm: Women's Tehillim group at the home of Susan Munk

**Shabbat**

Rabbi Greenman's Gemara shiur after davening on kiddushin at AY: after kiddush

3:30pm: Berachos Class at the home of Avrohm Perl

Jewish Ethics in Business during Seudah Shlishit at AY.

**Home Hospitality**

If you know anyone who needs home hospitality, please reply to this email or contact our shul president, [Clive Shkedy](#). We have many families who would be happy to host guests for Shabbat or any time.

**Community Resources**

[Community Bulletin Board](#) - A free resource for the Houston Jewish community.

[Kosher Co-op](#) - Free membership

**Mitzvah Cards**

[Click here to send a mitzvah card for a special occasion - only \\$5!](#)

**Fondren SW Softball Team Forming!****Jewish neighborhood softball teams now forming!**

Anyone interested in playing on the "Fondren SW neighborhood softball team" please contact [ras@berenacademy.org](mailto:ras@berenacademy.org). The team will compete regularly with teams from other Houston synagogues. Ages 25-80 welcome.

**Scholar-in-Residence Series****Upcoming Shabbaton**

On **Shabbat Limmud, Parshat Mishpatim, in association with Yom Limmud (February 12-14, 2010)**, we will host Rabbi Zvi Grumet, Associate Educational Director of The Lookstein Center for Jewish Education, editor of Jewish Educational Leadership, and chair of the Tanakh department at Yeshivat Eretz Hatzvi. Special thanks to the *Houston Federation of Greater Houston* and the *Bureau of Jewish Education of Houston* for their generous sponsorship of Rabbi Grumet's visit.

**Community Events****Community Chesed List**

A chesed list has been compiled that Judy Pollack will use when there are chesed overlaps with Ahavat Yisrael and Young Israel in order to facilitate the opportunities in the community. Judy will indicate in the email who to contact to volunteer, whether it is her or another coordinator. Please email [Rivkey Nimchinsky](mailto:Rivkey.Nimchinsky) if you would like to be added to the list, with "Please add me to the general chesed list" in the subject line. No emails will be added unless specifically requested and you will receive confirmation once your name has been added. *A test email has been sent to the list. If you did not receive it, please email Rivkey.*

**AMIT presents a Night at the Theater**

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.

*THE LAST NIGHT AT BALLYHOO*, at Main Street Theater (2540 Times Boulevard, in the Village) is a comedy set in

Atlanta, Georgia, in December of 1939. Atlanta's Jewish elite focus on who is going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season.

AMIT has reserved a block of tickets and will offer light refreshments following the performance. Tickets are \$36.00 per person and are available by contacting either [Hetty Perl](#) or [Barbi Topek](#).

All proceeds from this program will benefit the educational facilities of AMIT in Israel, which care for over 20,000 children. AMIT enables Israel's youth to realize their potential and strengthens Israeli society by educating and nurturing children from diverse backgrounds within a framework of academic excellence, religious values and Zionist ideals.

**Melava Malka**



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**Saturday Night December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**  
**"Melava Malka" – refreshments will be served**  
**Doors open at 7:30 program begins promptly at 8:15**  
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### Job Opportunities

A full-time position working for a restaurant chain is available for a very skilled bookkeeper. Salary: \$50,000. Email [Avrohm Perl](mailto:Avrohm.Perl@jewishisrael.org) for more information.

Sr. Accounting role for a Private Equity company located downtown. 4 to 6 years of experience, but no PE experience necessary. Position reports to the VP of Finance and Accounting and will work closely with the Fund's finance and accounting team as well as the CFOs of the portfolio companies.

Contact [Susan Benson](#), 713-358-7231.

### **"Package From Home" for Israeli Soldiers**

Dear AY Members and Friends,

I'm writing on behalf of my son's army unit.

The winter is upon us and to a soldier that means being out for days on end in cold rain and wind.

Though the army does provide a minimum of warm gear for the winter, it also works on the assumption that items will be donated.

My son is in a Nachal infantry unit. The Nachal is less well known than say, Golanior paratroops and as such receives less in the way of donations. Many units are adopted by companies, as is the case with my other son's unit. Besides the minimum, they receive donations for all sorts of extras. Nachal, though doesn't even have buildings for barracks and the boys sleep in large tents, with the sand blowing in. As the base is in the Negev , the

days are brutally hot in summer, cold in the winter, with the nights freezing cold all year round.

The boys in Nachal do the same training, serve on the same lines, crawl through the same thorn fields, trudge through the same mud and most importantly, give the same 3 years of their youth as other units. My hope is that the 150 boys in his pluga will be able to have warm hats, gloves and long underwear this winter.

Though there are, I'm sure parents who could buy whatever their sons need, I'd like to stress that not all soldiers come from homes that can provide for them, as well as there being close to 20 lone soldiers (a lone soldier is one who is living in Israel without his family) in the pluga.

Yair has a lone soldier from Morocco in his tent!. The army, as is only right, will not allow some soldiers to wear what other soldiers don't have.

There is an organization called "A Package from Home" which delivers winter packages to army units. They estimate the cost of providing the pluga with the packages as \$6000. An advantage of donating through them is that US tax receipts can be obtained, plus the minute the money is received it will be used to buy the required items. Please specify that donations to a "Package From Home" are for Pluga zayin(7) of Bach Nachal (Nachal training base).

For details about the organization, winter packages and how to donate, please visit the website [www.apackagefromhome.org](http://www.apackagefromhome.org).

Thank you and tizku l'mitvot,

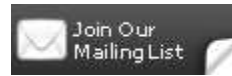
Ann Dansker (Rabbi Arnold Greenman's sister)

### **Correction...**

The Jones baby boy's name was inadvertently mistyped. It is Evan Noach.



B'nei Akiva will meet at  
3:00pm at AY.



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