Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion
Good Shabbos!

Parsha Question of the Week

Yaakov’s Promise

When Yaakov originally left Eretz Yisrael, G-d appeared to him in a dream and promised that He would protect Yaakov and return him safely to this land, Eretz Yisrael. In response to this promise, Yaakov renames the place of his dream Beit Eil and makes his own promise in return. He pledges that if (when?) Hashem will protect him and return him in peace to his father’s house, then Yaakov will respond by turning the newly erected monument of stone into a House of G-d (Beit Elokim).

Indeed, in this week’s Parsha (35:1), after the assault on the city of Shechem, Hashem reappears to Yaakov and urges him to go to Beit Eil and build an altar to the G-d Who had appeared to him when he was escaping from Eisav. This, however, is well in advance of Yaakov’s return to his father’s house (35:27). Is Yaakov responsible to fulfill the promise yet? And why indeed does Yaakov switch the terms of his promise (return to his father’s house) from G-d’s original pledge to him (return to this land)? Finally, why does Yaakov delay the return both to Beit Eil and to his father’s house?

Note that immediately after Yaakov builds the altar and leaves Beit Eil, he suffers the tragedy of Rachel’s death. Did he indeed return "in peace" to his father’s house? The Torah says he arrived Shaleim (whole) in Shechem, but he is less than Shaleim when he gets to his father’s house!
Deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday.
The learning of the BJSZ Night Kollel and Bais Hamedrash for the month of Kislev is dedicated by Dov and Atara Frankel

in gratitude to HKBH for their granddaughter Hindel Shai, and for her parents Dassi and Rummit Fink, and in honor of their dear partners and Mechutanim, Dovid and Chaya Fink.

Dear Friends,
I am away this Shabbos, as I was invited to speak at the West Coast OU Shabbos of Torah in Los Angeles. I am grateful to Rabbi Rose and members of the BJSZ Kollel for giving the shiurim this Shabbos. Thank you to Rabbi Herskowitz for giving the Amud Yomi shiur and to Rabbi Goldenhersch for the Daf Yomi shiur. The Bereishis shiur will not take place this Sunday.
I plan to return to shul on Monday morning.
Rabbi Hauer

Next Sunday, December 10th, at 10:00 AM
Part 2 of the Discussion for Men: Kiddushin and Kedusha,
Strengthening the Sacred Intimacy of Marriage in a Challenging World.
In Rabbi Hauer’s Study

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Motzei Shabbos, January 6, 2018 • 8:00pm

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