



**Candle Lighting**  
4:31p

**Havdalah**  
5:32p

**Torah Reading**  
Bereishis 32:4-36:43

**HafTorah**  
Ovadiah 1:1-1:21

**Candle Lighting 11/26**  
4:28p

## Parsha Perspectives - Vayishlach: What Do You See?

Rabbi Shmuel Silber

There are certain inevitable realities. Yaakov knew the day would come when he would have to face his brother, Esav. Would Esav be seething with anger, or had he moved on? Could Yaakov and Esav rehabilitate their relationship, or would they simply go their own ways? We could only imagine that these questions were on Yaakov's mind the night before this fateful encounter. The Torah describes that after Yaakov crossed his family over the Jordan River, he found himself all alone, Va'yivaser Yaakov L'Vado. It is at this moment that he is attacked by the "Ish," (a man, identified by Rashi as the ministering angel of Esav), and they wrestle with one another throughout the night. Yaakov was injured but managed to stand his ground and kept his adversary restrained until morning. When the sun rose, the Ish requested that Yaakov release him. "And he (the angel) said, "Let me go, for dawn is breaking," but he (Jacob) said, "I will not let you go unless you have blessed me." So, he said to him, "What is your name?" and he said, "Jacob." And he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, because you have commanding power with [an angel of] God and with men, and you have prevailed" (Genesis 32:27-29)."

This exchange is perplexing. First, why is the Ish asking Yaakov his name? After all, they had been struggling with one another throughout the night. Second, it would appear that Yaakov's name is changed twice, once in the above-mentioned verse and a second time when God appears and says: "...Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel shall be your name." And He named him Israel (Genesis 35:10)." Why was the second name change necessary?

The Torah (Genesis 2:20) states that Adam named each of the animals. The Midrash (Bamidbar Rabba Chukas 19:3) relates that after Adam finished this important task, God approached him and asked, "... and you, what is your name? He (man) responded, Adam, because I was created from the earth (adama)." Man named each of the animals based on the qualities and characteristics he perceived in them. When God asked man, "What is your name?" He was asking how do you perceive yourself? And man answered, "I am from the earth." This was not a statement of origin; it was a statement of identification. Adam identified with the earth. Adam failed to realize that the root of his name is also the same root as the Hebrew word "adameh, I will resemble." Man has a choice – he can view himself as resembling the dirt or he can view himself as resembling his Maker and Creator. He can choose to identify with the earth, or he can choose to identify with the heavens. The choice is his.

A name captures the essence of an individual. When the angel asked Yaakov, "mah sh'mecha (what is your name)?" he was asking Yaakov, "how do you view yourself? What do you see when you look in the mirror?" Yaakov responded, "I am Yaakov. I am the one who was trampled on and who has to hold on to the heel of the other (the root of the name Yaakov is eykev, heel). I am the one who is always running; I am the one who is unable to face others (he ran away from home and later from Lavan to avoid conflict)." The Ish says, "Yaakov, you are mistaken. Your name is no longer Yaakov, you don't have to run, you don't have to fear. Your name is Yisrael, ki sarisa, you are a master, you have struggled, but you are still standing. You have fought with both angel and man and have stood your ground. You lived in Lavan's home, a spiritually hostile environment for over two decades, and yet, you remained true to your Abrahamic values. You wrestled an angel into submission. You don't have to grab at anyone's heel; you don't have to flee in the face of adversity. You are Yisrael. Find the confidence to face your demons, find the confidence to confront your challenges, find the strength to see how much you have grown."

The angel did not change Yaakov's name. In fact, Rashi explains that the angelic Ish was foreshadowing what would occur later on when God appears to change Yaakov's name to Yisrael. The Ish is giving Yaakov important advice. The only way you will be successful in life is if you begin to view yourself in a different light. You have so much potential, you possess so much holiness, but your self-perception is preventing you from seeing it.

Too often we fail to achieve, progress, and grow because we give up on ourselves; we feel unworthy. We are acutely aware of our faults and shortcomings and assume that we cannot achieve greatness. We identify as "adama" and therefore, lower our personalistic expectations. We must always remember that we are the Children of Israel; we are the people who strive for "adameh." Let us find the strength to see the good, the beauty, and the holiness that resides within.

	19/20 SHABBOS	21 SUNDAY	22 MONDAY	23 TUESDAY	24 WEDNESDAY	25 THURSDAY	26 FRIDAY	
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	<b>SHABBOS DAY</b> 7:00a Hashkama 8:45a Shacharis (KS-9:24a) 9:15a Teen Minyan (No Jr. Cong) 3:35p Daf Yomi 4:25p Mincha (followed by Shalosh Seudos) 5:32p Maariv/Havdalah 6:30p Motzai Shabbos Learning 8:30 Latkes & Lattes Women's Event		9:00a Shacharis 4:35p Mincha/ Maariv 8:00p Semichas Chaver	9:00a Shacharis 4:35p Mincha/ Maariv 8:00p Tehillim & Torah 8:30p Night Kollel/ MS Learning				

**MEMBER NEWS:**

**MAZEL TOV:**

**Bruce & Lois Kauffman** on the engagement of their son, Brad, to Brachy Davis.

**Glicka Creeger** on the Bar Mitzvah of her great-grandson, Moshe Natan Broder, son of Dr. Hillel and Eva Broder.

**CONDOLENCES:**

**Steven Goloskov** on the passing of his beloved father, Nathan Sander Goloskov z'l.

**Shiva Information:**

Thursday-Sunday (Shiva at 9 Bridle Court, Reisterstown, MD 21136)

Friday: Shacharis 7:30am

Sunday: Shacharis 9:00am and Mincha/Maariv 4:40pm

The family requests no visitors after 9pm.

Monday-Wednesday (Shiva at 7301 Park Heights Avenue, #202, Baltimore, MD 21208 - Ingram Manor)

Monday & Tuesday: Shacharis 7:00am and Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm

Wednesday: Shacharis 7:00am.

The family requests no visitors after 10pm at the Park Heights address.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Elie Berman, Itzik Bluestein, Isaac Brum, Shoshy Daniel, Dovid Ehrenfeld, Avron Elbaum, Jill Fishbein, Shevy Friedman, Yonit R. Goldberg, Zev Griner, Arie Hizkiya, Chad Kaplan, Cliff Katz, Menachem Kovacs, Aliza Kozlovsky, Dovid Kozlovsky, Avigayil Pollack, Eli Raczkowski, Joelle Raczkowski, Yaakov Reches, Noach Rubin, Ellyn Samuelson, Lillian Soloweszyk, Carmeil Strum, Yona Zalesch

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**SPONSORSHIPS:**

**TALMUD TORAH:**

**Samuel & Malka Esterson** in memory of their parents and in commemoration of their yahrzeits:

Yitzchak Laib ben Aharon HaKohen, Ludwig Stiefel z'l, Sarah Rachel bas Baruch Avraham, Sarah Stiefel z'l, and Hinda bas Henech Efraim, Hinda Esterson z'l.

In honor of the Rav for all he does for our kehilla and community.

**WEEK OF LEARNING:**

**Paul & Kathy Pollack** in honor of the birth of a grandson to Rabbi Henech Morris, Rosh Kollel of the Columbus Community Kollel, and his wife Chaya, born to Isaac & Esther Morris of Baltimore.

**Michoel & Sarah Lipman and Family** in honor of Phillip Sanfield's Siyum HaShas. May Phillip and his wife, Judy, merit to make many more Siyumim and continue to inspire us all with their Torah and Maasim Tovim. Mazel Tov!

**DAY OF LEARNING:**

**Alan Kelman** in memory of Yeshaya Yosef ben Yoel z'l, Mr. Alexander David, Shaindy Kelman's father.

**Hilary Jacobson-Kent** in honor of Hilary's father, Tzvi Hersh ben Hanoach z'l.

**DAF YOMI:**

**Ira & Miriam Grossman** in celebration of Ira's completion of a Shas cycle with Rabbi Silber with the conclusion of Tractate Rosh Hashana. Ira started with Tractate Taanis at SOTC seven and a half years ago, when they first moved to Baltimore.

**SEMICHAS CHAVER:**

**Dovid and Esther Resnick** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Dovid's father, Boruch Shimon ben Yehuda Leib z'l.

**CHASSIDUS CHABURA:**

**Barry & Rena Dubin** Yasher Koach to Rabbi Silber for starting up the Chassidus Chabura!

**TEHILLIM SHIUR:**

**Pini & Chani Lerner** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Chani's father, Chaim Shlomo ben Dovid Shneur z'l.

**Shani Topper & Family** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Shani's father, Josh Gutman, Yehoshua ben Yitzchok z'l.

**SPONSORSHIPS (cont'd):**

**SHABBOS DRASHA:**

**Sheldon & Fran Rosen** in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, the 60th anniversary of Sheldon's Bar Mitzvah, and the upcoming 60th yahrzeit of Fran's mother, Yehudit bas Simcha Binyamin z'l.

**Jacob & Julie Blumenfeld** in commemoration of Julie's paternal grandfather's first yahrzeit, זל ראוון הלוי זל, יעקב זאב בן ר' אריה לייב זל, and her maternal grandfather's yahrzeit, זל זכריה בן ר' אריה לייב זל.

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**MOTZEI SHABBOS LEARNING:**

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**Tzvi & Shevy Friedman** l'zecher nishmas their children's grandfather, Yehoshua Yaakov ben Shalom z'l.

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**Ryan & Nisa Phelps** with thanks to the Rabbi for his inspiring Torah message and to the raffle man.

**Justin & Rebecca Myrowitz** in honor of all the kids attending Motzei Shabbos learning.

**DONATIONS:**

**Lawrence Suffness** in loving memory of his sister, Frances Bilmes Suffness z'l, Fruma Chaya bas Naomi.

**Yossi & Amian Kelemer** in memory of Nathan Goloskov z'l.

**Daniel Edelman** with gratitude for the Daf Yomi shiur.

**Judith Willner & Emma Exler** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Frances D. Willner z'l.

**Lillian Mayer and Toba & Howie Rudow** in memory of Lillians beloved husband, Isodor Mayer z'l.

**Morton & Rosalie Rapoport** in memory of Rosalie's brother, Bernard Greenberg, Berel ben Dovid z'l.

**SOTC UPDATES:**

**OFFICE CLOSED OVER THANKSGIVING:**

Please note that the SOTC office will be closed next Thursday and Friday. Emails will be monitored for time sensitive matters. All bulletin submissions should please be in by Wednesday at 10:00a.

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AND CANDLEMAKING WORKSHOP  
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