

Va'era ו'ארא

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Israeli City of the Week: Hadera

Hadera is a city in north Israel which wasn't around during the times of the Chmash, Navi, and Gemarah. Hadera wasn't started until 1891. Jews from a place called Lithuania came all the way from their homeland and started this community as a place to live happily. In the beginning it wasn't so easy, almost half of the first people living in Hadera died of disease. Today in Hadera almost 80,000 people live there. Hadera is well known for its paper mill and train station. It also has a large forest and park.

Shabbat Shalom



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MITZVAH OF THE WEEK:
Birkat Hamazon: Hashem told the Jewish people that after we eat a major meal we should thank Hashem for the wonderful food that he gave us. We call this mitzvah bentching. Today, we say birkat hamazon, bentch, whenever we eat bread.

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What happens to a first born donkey that isn't redeemed?

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Rabbi Chaim Shmuelewitz was a great Talmid Chacham who was born on Rosh Hashana in Kovno, Lithuania, in 1902. His grandfather was the Alter of Novhardok, another great Talmid Chacham. Rabbi Shmuelewitz was a Rosh Yeshiva of the Mirrer Yeshiva when it was in Shanghai, China and in Yerushalayim. He taught, guided, and inspired thousands of disciples throughout his lifetime, by word and deed, with legendary diligence and intensity in Torah study.

Dvar Torah for Kids:

Shabbat Shalom!

In this week's sedra we continue to read about Bnei Yisrael who were slaves to the Egyptians. Moshe comes to Paroah and asks him to free the Jewish people. Paroah refuses and throws Moshe out of his palace. Hashem wanted to teach Paroah a lesson so Hashem sent plagues. This week, after ten plagues, Paroah finally tells the Jewish people they have to leave Egypt. Instead of Moshe begging Paroah for Bnei Yisrael's freedom, Paroah begs Moshe to leave Egypt. There are many times we try to accomplish something and fail. We learn from Moshe that if you keep trying to do something, even if at first you fail, sooner or later, you'll be successful. You just need to keep trying!

Did You Know?

That there are 613 mitzvot in the Torah. 248 mitzvot are things we have to do and 365 things not to do.

We have to make Kiddush twice, once on Friday night & once on Shabbat, the same mitzvah says we have to make havdallah after Shabbat. We read the torah on Mondays, Thursdays and twice on Shabbat, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

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