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Year: 6 _____ תשע"_____ יום _____ Hebrew Date

Calendar information for שבת and next week (מברכין החדש, special שבת, תענית, יום טוב) :

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| <p align="center">Summary of the פְּרָשָׁה, by עליות</p> <p>כהן שרה died in קרית ארבע הוא חברון at the age of 127. אברהם bought המכפלה from עפרון for 400 silver shekels.</p> <p>לוי אברהם sent his servant, אליעזר, to find a wife for יצחק . יצחק buried שרה in המכפלה .</p> <p>שלישי אליעזר went with ten camels and arrived at "ארם נהרים אל-עיר נחור". He stopped at a well, in the evening, when the women were coming out to draw water. He asked ה' for a sign - he would ask a woman for water, and the one who would give not only him but also his camels would be the right one for יצחק . רבקה came out and passed this test. אליעזר gave her a golden nose ring and two arm bracelets. He asked who she was and whether there was room in her father's house for him to spend the night. She introduced herself as the daughter of בתואל, and said she had food for the animals and room for lodging.</p> <p>רביעי רבקה ran to tell her family about what had happened. לבן ran out to אליעזר and invited him back to their home. אליעזר entered their house, unmuzzled his camels (<i>"רש"י reminds us that אברהם's livestock were always muzzled when they were away from home to stop them grazing in other people's fields.</i>), fed his camels and washed his feet and those of the men with him. Then he told his hosts who he was, why he had come, the test he had set and how רבקה had passed it.</p> | <p align="center">בְּרֵאשִׁית נח לֶדֶד-לֶדֶד וַיְרֵא חיי שרה תּוֹלְדוֹת וַיֵּצֵא וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיֵּשֶׁב מִקֶּץ וַיִּגַּשׁ וַיְחִי</p> |
| <p>חמישי אליעזר gave objects of silver and gold, and garments, to רבקה . He gave delicious fruits to her brother and mother. אליעזר and the men with him ate, drank and spent the night there. In the morning אליעזר asked to be sent back to his master. They did not want רבקה to go, but when he pressured them they asked רבקה what she wanted and she was happy to go. רבקה, her sister and nurse, אליעזר and his men left.</p> <p>יצחק went out into the field to pray before nightfall. He raised his eyes and saw camels coming. רבקה saw him and asked who he was. When אליעזר told her it was his master, רבקה covered herself with her veil. אליעזר told יצחק everything he had done. יצחק married רבקה and he loved her (because of her good deeds - Ramban).</p> <p>ששי אברהם married again, taking a wife called קטורה . The תורה lists their children and grandchildren. אברהם gave all he had to יצחק , while he gave gifts to the children of his other wives then sent them away from יצחק . אברהם lived to 175. He died. יצחק and ישמעאל buried him in המכפלה .</p> <p>שביעי The תורה lists the children of ישמעאל . ישמעאל lived to the age of 137.</p> | |
| <p align="center">Pirkei Avos</p> <p>שמעון הצדיק was among the survivors of the Great Assembly. He used to say: The world depends on three things - on תורה study, on the service [of ה'], and on kind deeds.</p> | <p align="center">פרקי אבות</p> <p>שמעון הצדיק היה משיירי כנסת הגדולה. הוא היה אומר, על שלשה דברים העולם עומד, על התורה ועל העבודה ועל גמילות חסדים:</p> |

דְּבַר תּוֹרָה : חַיִּי שָׂרָה

“Let it be that the maiden to whom I shall say, ‘Please tip over your jug so I may drink,’ and who replies, ‘Drink, and I will even water your camels,’ her will You have chosen for Your servant, for Yitzchok; and may I know through her that You have done kindness with my master.” (24:14)

Rashi explains: “She is fit for him since she will be charitable and will therefore be worthy of entering into the house of Avrohom.”

Rabbi Shlomo Wolbe z”l writes: What we learn from Eliezer’s request and from Rashi’s explanation is that the measure of chessed is the quantity in which it is done. Precisely because Rivkoh not only fulfilled Eliezer’s request but went beyond it, she proved that she was worthy of entering Avrohom’s household. Many people say, “*I am willing to do chessed, but only up to a point.*” The ideal practice of chessed, however, knows no limits.

The story is told of a rabbi [some say it was Rabbi Yitzchok Elchonon Spektor z”l of 19th century Kovno, Lithuania] who was asked by a congregant: “May I use milk for the Four Cups at the Seder since I have no money for wine?” “No!” answered the rabbi, and he gave the questioner a large sum of money to buy provisions for the holiday.

“Why did you give him such a large donation?” other congregants asked the rabbi. “Wine does not cost that much!”

“Because,” replied the rabbi, “if the questioner intended to use milk for the Four Cups, it shows that he is lacking not only wine, but also meat.” That, says R’ Wolbe, is chessed – recognizing how great others’ needs are and then giving them the amount of help they need.

In truth, if we really recognized others’ needs, we could perform unlimited chessed. How so? Because chessed is performed not only with one’s money and other physical things. **Smiling**, saying a **kind word**, and **giving encouragement** are all forms of chessed. There is no limit to the “small” acts of kindness that we could perform if we would only recognize that others need our kindness. (AleI Shur Vol. I, p. 93)

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What examples can you give of חֶסֶד we can do when we recognise other people’s needs?

שָׁבַת שְׁלוֹמִים!

My child discussed the sedra: well / very well / excellently (please circle) Signed: _____