## Parsha Vayechi

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# Young Israel of Cherry Hill

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### Shabbos

Pre-Game Farbrengen: Candle Lighting: 4:25pm 4:30pm Mincha: Shacharis: 8:30am Jr Minyan - R' Binyomin Stone 9:45am **Shabbos Groups:** 9:45am Mincha: 4:15pm Maariv: 5:26pm Shabbos ends: 5:35pm Father & Son Learning at FTI: 7:00pm

#### Next Week

Shacharis (Sunday - Monday): 8:30am Shacharis (Tuesday – Friday): 6:45am Mishneh Berura after Shacharis Mincha at Kollel: 1:45pm Mincha & Maariv: 4:25pm Arvei Pesachim (Mondav): 8:30pm Maariv at Kollel: 9:15pm

## Coming Up...

- Rabbi Ungar lecture 01/01
- YI Board Meeting 01/07
- Challah Bake 01/11
- Rabbi Sacks at Kohelet 01/16

### Seforim Reminder

If you've borrowed any seforim from the shul, please return them when vou're done.



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4:15pm The medrash relates, "Reuven, Shimon, and Levi accepted the rebuke of their father, Yaakov, thus meriting to have their lineage enumerated together with Moshe Rabbeinu (Shemos 6:14)." Chazal praise and extol these three particular members of the illustrious 12 tribes of Israel, as they were able to withstand the challenge to heed Yaakov's reprimanding, that takes place in this week's parsha. Rabbi Henach Leibowitz (z"l) asks a question on this. It is hard to fathom the challenge and subsequent praise/reward that is ascribed here. Yaakov Avinu was the man who embodied the quality of truth more than any other person in the history of the World. He offered constructive criticism to his beloved children, as parting words on his deathbed, to set them on the proper path to serve Hashem. He identified areas where they needed to grow and develop to perfect themselves for the continuation and perfection of Klal Yisroel. Wouldn't these spiritual giants be ready to hear and accept their subtle, virtually imperceptible flaws for the purpose of perfecting themselves? Wouldn't one expect them to be able to open-heartedly heed the rebuke of their dear, revered, spiritual leader and Rebbe? Evidently, a total acceptance of criticism requires a herculean effort, even for Torah giants, and certainly for us. The human condition is such that resistance can lodge itself in between what we recognize and know to be true. They deserved the accolades and reward of having their lineage listed with Moshe due to the inherent struggle and challenge of overcoming this test fully. May we be able to open our hearts to constructive criticisms from our role models and leaders, to use as a catalyst (and not a deterrent) in our paths toward spiritual perfection. By Sam Paris

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Sponsorships

Kiddush sponsored by Joyce Heyman in memory of her mother, Yocheved Rivka bas Yitzchok Meir, whose yahrtzeit is today and in honor of her son Benyamin who is turning 30 todaý.

Seudas Shlishi sponsored by Duke McCarthy. All praise, glory and honor to Hashem in Heaven. And all mercy, help and forgiveness from Hashem as we head into this worldly new year, And for peace and prosperity in Jerusalem and Young Israel Congregation. Please Amen.

Sponsorship opportunities:

- Kiddush: \$120
- Seudas Shlishi: \$85
- Yartzeit Board: \$250 Eitz Chaim: \$120

### Membership

\$1,525 Regular Family \$775 Single / Retired Family / Young Family (under 30 years) \$400 Young Single (under 30) \$500 First year at YI—Family \$250 First year at YI—Single \$500 Associate Membership For more info, contact Shmuel at Samuel.Gluck@gmail.com

**SCrip** - Purchase on Yi's website or by contacting Joyce at JJoseph5@aol.com

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Silly Humor

A man went fundraising to a wealthy Jewish man. As he spoke to the man, his voice breaking with emotion, "I'd like to draw your attention to the terrible plight of a poor family in this neighborhood. The father is dead, the mother is too sick to work, and the nine children are starving. They are about to be evicted unless someone pays their \$10,000 in outstanding rent." 'Terrible!" exclaimed the man. "May I ask who you are?" The man wiped his eyes with his handkerchief and sobbed, "I'm their landlord.'

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