



Parshat Bereishis—Tishrei 27, 5779—October 5, 2018

# YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

## Dvar Torah: Shmueli Berdugo

### Shabbos Times

Pre-game Farbrengen	6:05 pm
Mincha & Maariv	6:15 pm
Candle Lighting	6:17 pm
Sunset	6:35 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Rabbi's Class	5:35 pm
Mincha	6:05 pm
Maariv	7:16 pm
Shabbos Ends	7:25 pm

The מדרש רבה brings that when אדם finished naming all the animals אדם asked אדם to name himself. אדם said that he should be named אדם because he was created מן האדמה (from the dirt). The מהרל asks a seemingly obvious question on this מדרש, why is being created “from the dirt” a defining quality of אדם, one that is appropriate to differentiate humankind from all other creatures? All the animals were created from dirt, like the chumash says, (2:19) “And Hashem formed out of the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the sky”.

In פרשת וירא when אברהם is praying to save Sodom he says “אנכי עפר ואפר” (I don’t deserve to ask anything

from you Hashem because I am “dust and ash”). The מהרל explains that dust/dirt is a substance that has no past, it is the initial creation from which everything else was formed. But dirt does have potential. Plants can grow from the nutrients found in the dirt, and from that an entire ecosystem can be born. Ashes on the other hand have a past. They may once have been a table, a chair, or a library, but now they are useless. They have no future. אברהם was admitting his utter worthlessness relative to Hashem. He has no past deeds of worth like “dirt” and no potential like “ash”.

When אדם said that he should be named אדם because he was created “from the dirt”, he was trying to emphasize that unlike animals which have innate qualities that make them worthwhile, humanity is like dirt in that their entire worth stems from the potential of what they can create and bring to the world.

**Refuah Sheleimah:** Our friend and neighbor, **Beatrice Stobezki**, unfortunately broke her arm on the first day of Yom Tov. It would be immensely helpful to the family if meals could be provided over the course of next week. Please click the link in the email to sign up to prepare a meal. Wishing Beatrice a refuah sheleimah. Tizku L'mitzvos!

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### Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	6:10 pm
Mincha & Maariv (Fri)	6:05 pm
Nightfall/Shma after	7:13 pm
Kollel Maariv	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos— Men (Mon)	8:30 pm
Parsha Shiur—Women (Wed)	8:30 pm