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Zmaanim

הדלקת נרות	4:20pm
מנחה עש"ק	4:28pm
שקיעה	4:38pm
נביא שיעור	8:30am
שחרית	9:00am
סוף זמן ק"ש	8:35 / 9:11
דף יומי	3:30pm
מנחה	4:12pm
שקיעה	4:37pm
מעריב	5:27pm
Sunday מנחה	4:10pm

All times subject to change

Parsha Stats for וירא

Number Of Pesukim: 147
 Number Of Words: 2085
 Number Of Letters: 7862
 Number of מצוות: 0

"וישא עיניו וירא והנה שלשה אנשים נצבים עליו..."

Contributed by Yehuda Zelmanovitz

The Pasuk says "וישא עיניו וירא והנה שלשה אנשים נצבים עליו, וירא וירץ לקראתם" "And Avraham lifted up his eyes and behold three men were standing before him; he saw them and he ran towards them..."

Rashi says that the first מלאך came to bring the news of יצחק's future birth to שרה, the second one came to overturn סדום, and the third מלאך was sent to heal אנברה, since one מלאך is not sent to perform two missions. Further, Rashi says that רפאל, who healed אנברה, went from there to also save לוט.

From where does Rashi know that רפאל was the מלאך that saved לוט? Couldn't it have been one of the other מלאכים?

The מהרש"א (in his חדושי אגדות to מס' ברכות דף ד: to) says that Hashem gave מלאכים who perform שליחות of מדת הרחמים the ability to complete their task in a quicker fashion, "בפריחה אחת", with just one flap of their wings. However, those מלאכים who perform שליחות of מדת הדין require two flaps of their wings. There is a pause in-between to allow time for the person to do Teshuva. Furthermore, the מלאך המות can only complete his task after eight flaps of his wings, allowing for 7 pauses before any action is taken. However, the Gemarah says that בשעת המנפה the מלאך can complete his task with only one flap of his wings.

רפאל, who had come to heal אנברה, was obviously performing a task of מדת הרחמים and was therefore able to complete his task immediately with one quick flap of his wings. However, since Hashem already promised a child to אנברה in פ' לך לך, the מלאך that came to bring news of יצחק's birth (מיכאל) was not performing a שליחות of מדת הרחמים, rather his mission was one of מדת הדין, which we said takes two flaps of the wings. On the other hand, the מלאך that went to overturn סדום (גבריאל) was also able to perform his task with only one flap of his wings (just like רפאל), since destroying סדום would definitely be considered a שעת המנפה.

Therefore, we can say that the מלאך that saved לוט had to be the same מלאך that healed אנברה, because the מלאך that told שרה about יצחק's birth would have taken too long (2 flaps with a pause in middle) to fulfill his first mission (being that it was a שליחות of מדת הדין). There would not have been enough time to save לוט before the city was destroyed. As it was, רפאל had to tell לוט to quickly flee for his life (פסוק י"ז פרק י"מ) since there was no time to waste. His שליחות to save לוט took an equally short amount of time to complete as did the destruction of the city of סדום (פריחה אחת). That's how Rashi knows that the מלאך that saved לוט was actually רפאל.

KID'S KORNER

Kid's Challenge Question # 1

**What was the name
of לוט's wife?**



Kid's Challenge Question # 2

**How old was the איל that
קרנן אברהם brought as a
יצחק instead of קרבן?**



Kid's Challenge Question # 3

**Were do we see a רמז to
הא לחמא עניה in the
Parsha?**

See Rabbi Zucker after Davening
if you have any correct answers.



... והאלקים נסה את אברהם ויאמר עליו אברהם ויאמר הנני ...

Contributed by Yankie Schechter

The Pasuk says "Achar Hadvorim Hoaleh (after these words)".... and then Hakadosh Baruch Hu tells Avraham Avinu to Shecht Yitzchak.

The Gemarah in Sanhedrin 89b says "R' Yochanon says in the name of R' Yose Ben Zimra that the Pasuk means after these words that the Soton said about "Vayigdal Hayered Vayigomal". The Soton had said to Hakadosh Baruch Hu, "you gave Avraham a child when he was 100 years old, and what did Avraham do in return? After Yitzchak was "Vayigomal (weaned, or a Bris Mila) he made a big party but he didn't even bring a Korbon to thank you!" So Hashem responded to the Soton, "Avraham made this party for his son; now watch what happens. I will tell him to Shecht his son, and he will do it!" Right away Hashem tests Avraham with the Akeidas Yitzchak.

The Ben Ish Chai in Ben Yehoyada asks two questions:

1) The Gemarah says that the Soton saw that Avraham made a party but didn't bring a Korbon. So he came to Hashem and told on him. Yitzchak was very young when this party happened (there's a Machlokes on the exact age, but everyone agrees he was young). Yitzchak, however was 37 at the time of the Akeida. Why did the Soton wait until Yitzchak was 37 years old to come to Hashem to complain about what occurred many years earlier?

2) Hashem said to the Soton, 'even though Avraham is making a party for his son, he would still Shecht his son for me'. However, why *didn't* Avraham Avinu actually bring a Korbon?

The Ben Ish Chai answers, Avraham Avinu had passed all of his Nisyonos (tests). He was doing everything right in Hashem's eyes. The Soton knew that if Hashem asked him to Shecht his son, he would surely do it. The Soton was taking a big risk. He realized that if this test was passed, it would be a very powerful weapon in the hands of Klal Yisroel forever and ever. He figured that if Avraham gets tested when Yitzchak is young, Avraham will pass easily since Yitzchak would not object or question what his father was doing. Therefore, he figured that he would wait until Yitzchak got a little older (37) when Yitzchak might not let Avraham Avinu harm him. What the Soton didn't expect was that Yitzchak would also going into do it "B'lev Sholeim", willingly and without any objection.

Avraham Avinu had asked Hashem for a child to be Kulo L'Hashem. (Just like by Chana when she gave over her son Shmuel, it was Kulo L'Hashem). Normally, a person brings a Korbon to Hashem when he wants to thank Hashem for something that he received. Avraham, however, didn't want to bring a Korbon since it would appear that he wanted Yitzchak *for himself* and not to be Kulo L'Hashem.

We can explain the Gemarah as follows: The Soton said "Avraham made a party but didn't bring a Korbon". Hashem responded by saying the reason that he didn't bring a Korbon was because Avraham gave his son Yitzchak over to Hashem. In order to prove that as far as Avraham was concerned Yitzchak was not considered his, Hashem said that he will tell Avraham to Shecht him and you'll see that he will listen to and follow every detail and will not ask any questions since Yitzchak belonged to Hashem, and not Avraham.

This fits beautifully with the Pshat of the Chasam Sofer who asks, why is the test of the Akeida considered to have been such a great test? Avraham Avinu had been listening to everything Hashem had told him. He made him rich, saved him from Pharaoh, Avimelech, gave him a son when he was 100 years old and his wife was 90 years old... Avraham Avinu certainly knew that Hashem is in control of this world. If Hashem wanted Yitzchak to die, he could have killed him in any way that he wanted to. What would Avraham be accomplishing by not listening?

The Chasam Sofer answers, the test was not to see if Avraham would listen. Avraham could have thought "Hashem, whatever you say I will do, *but* I have a question. You told me "Ki Byitzchok Yikara L'cha Zora". That the generations after Yitzchak are going to be called my children, so why do you want me to Shecht him? Avraham passed the test since he didn't even ask this seemingly logical question. We can now add, that according to the Ben Ish Chai's Pshat that we said earlier, Avraham didn't ask this question because Yitzchak was not even his own.

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Interesting facts about the life of Avraham Avinu

אברהם's father was--->		תרח	
אברהם had 3 wives--->	{שרה}	[הגר]	(קטורה)
Children from each wife--->	{יצחק}	[ישמעאל]	(שוה, ישבק, מדין, מדין, יקשן, זמרן)

אברהם was born 1948 years after the creation of the world.

At the age of 48 the **דור הפלגה** occurred.

At the age of 50 אברהם went to נח and heard all about the **מבול**.

At the age of 70 אברהם fought the 4 Kings, and Hashem made a **ברית** with him.

At the age of 75 אברהם went to **בנען**, and then to **מצרים**.

At the age of 86 his son **ישמעאל** was born.

At the age of 99 אברהם had his own **ברית מילה**.

At the age of 100 his son **יצחק** was born.

At the age of 125 אברהם left Plishtim and went to Chevron.

At the age of 135 his father **תרח** died.

At the age of 137 the **עקידת יצחק** takes place, and then **שרה** dies.

At the age of 160 אברהם's grandson **יעקב** was born.

At the age of 175 אברהם died - That was 2123 years after the creation of the world.

When אברהם died, Shem & Ever (נח's son & great great grandson) were still alive. They even saw **יעקב**!

The Ten נסיונות of אברהם

Can you fill in the blanks?

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| 1. Thrown into the אש האש . | 6. The dream at the ברית . |
| 2. מארצך _____ | 7. The ברית of אברהם. |
| 3. Hunger in _____ ארץ . | 8. _____ taking שרה . |
| 4. פרעה taking his wife שרה . | 9. Chasing away _____ & _____. |
| 5. War of the _____ kings. | 10. The story of יצחק . |

הלכות ברכת המזון שלחן ערוך & משנה ברורה ס" קפ"ב

623. A cup of wine from which someone drank (even a small amount) is called a "**כוס פגום**" and is invalid (L'chatchila) to be used for **הבדלה** or **קידוש**, **ברכת המזון**. One can still drink from the wine however, after making a Bracha of Ha'Gofen.

624. A cup of wine only becomes invalidated and is called **כוס פגום** if a person drank directly from the cup. It is not invalidated if some wine was poured out into another cup, or if a Jew stuck a finger in and tasted the wine off the finger.

625. A **כוס פגום** can be restored by pouring a little bit of wine or other liquid into the **כוס** itself and then pouring the entire contents of the **כוס** back into the wine bottle. The bottle must contain more wine than the amount being poured back in from the (**כוס**). The wine in the bottle is now valid again for use for **ברכת המזון**, **קידוש** or **הבדלה**.

626. When fixing a **כוס פגום** by pouring wine or other liquid into the **כוס**, one must be careful to use only wine or liquid which itself is not "Pogum", i.e. it has not been drunk from directly from a cup or bottle. Otherwise, it will not have the ability to correct the invalidity of the wine in the **כוס פגום**.

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Kashrus Korner

Subway Restaurant

Issue: Effective November 11 2008, Subway Restaurant, at 28 Water Street, NY, NY, is no longer under the OU.

Jelly Belly Classic Candies

Brand: Jelly Belly Candy Company - Fairfield, CA

Product: "Classic Candies" assortment (15.1 oz)

Issue: This product contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel but the dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging is being revised.

White Rose Canned Chopped Spinach

Brand: White Rose Food - Carteret, NJ

Product: Canned Chopped Spinach

Issue: This product bears an unauthorized OU symbol and is not certified kosher by the Orthodox Union. Corrective action is being taken. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

Found Online...

Kosher Home, Sweet Home Part II (Webcast Video)

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 2pm EST

Description: A live question and answer webcast addressing your questions about maintaining a kosher kitchen, featuring OU Kashruth's internationally-renowned Poskim, Rabbi Yisroel Belsky and Rabbi Hershel Schachter. Practical issues in the Kosher kitchen and numerous relevant topics will be discussed.

The OU invites and encourages you to send in questions!

Before the Webcast: R' Eliyahu Safran, safrane@ou.org

During the Webcast: R' Eliyahu Ferrell, ferrelle@ou.org

Tune in at:

<http://www.ou.org/index.php?URL=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ou.org%2Fouradio%2Fwebcast>

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Community News and Events

Mazel Tov to Chaim & Devorah Szanzer on the birth of their baby boy, and on his Bris, IY"H taking place Friday morning!

Mazel Tov to Shlomie & Raizy Weinreb upon the birth of their daughter Faigy!

Shlomie & Raizy invite everyone (men & women) to attend a Kiddush this week after Davening in Shul.

Sheera & Meir Shalom Hershkowitz will be a giving Kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter Kayla at Cong. Nachlas Yehoshua, Monestrech (At the Corner of Ave. M and East 27th Street)

Mazel Tov to Shea and Rayle Rubenstein upon the birth of their baby daughter!

The **מוצאי שבת** Avos u'Bonim Learning Program got off to a great start a few weeks ago. We have more fathers and sons coming to learn than we have ever had before! This week's program will IY"H be sponsored by Yumi Gross.

Join us each **מוצאי שבת** at 6:30pm for learning, prizes and pizza! Members of the shul and friends from the neighborhood are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

If anyone would like to sponsor a week (\$200) please contact Chaim Szanzer at chaimszanzer@gmail.com

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