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## Shabbat Toldot

Sat. 29 - 30 Nov. 2019 - 2nd of Kislev, 5780 -

ב' בכסלו תש"פ

שבת פ' תולדות

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Baal Koreh <i>Yom Shabbat Kodesh</i>	Rabbi Asher Sebbag	(Page-124).
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**Thursday Arbit Recite Barech Alenu.** יום חמישי מתפילת ערבית, ברך עלינו.

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit. 15:30

Shabbat Candles. 15:41

Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 9:42). 08:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. \*

Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shelishit. (\*) (Sunset - 15:55). 15:20

Arbit Motzei Shabbat. 16:53

Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 7:30). 6:30

Mincha & Arbit. 15:30

Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a. 16:00

Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit. 15:30

Next Friday: Candles. **Shabbat. Vayeitzei** 15:37

**Toldot** 5780 (Genesis 25:19-28:9)

Nov 24, 2019 | by [Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig](#)

**GOOD MORNING!** Not surprisingly, this week has been a roller coaster of emotions. On the one hand, the passing of our beloved teacher, Rabbi Kalman Packouz of blessed memory, has been painful and difficult for all of us to properly process. On the other hand, there have been many inspiring and spiritually uplifting moments as well. Friends, students, colleagues, and his family have all been sharing their

favorite anecdotes from his storied life in eulogies and other reminiscences - stories that many of us had never heard before.

**So, as** the newly minted editor of the Shabbat Shalom Fax, I made an executive decision. From time to time, I will try and include an episode from the remarkable life of my beloved friend and thus he will continue to teach us how to be better people and come closer to the Almighty.

**During** the memorial service last week in Israel his oldest child,

Avraham, relayed the following story: Back in May of this year, Rabbi Packouz was scheduled to go on a long-planned cruise with a close friend. The day before he was supposed to leave, his oncologist told him that he wanted to see him in his office Monday morning. The good rabbi explained that he would be unavailable because of his upcoming trip. The doctor didn't mince words, "I highly recommend you cancel the cruise and come in to see me."

**Sure enough**, he canceled his travel plans and Monday morning appeared in his doctor's office. The oncologist gave him the dire news that his health was in mortal danger. In fact, he had already scheduled his first chemo treatment for the following day.

**On Tuesday**, his wife received a letter in the mail that essentially read, "As you know, I am away on a cruise this week, but I just wanted to tell you how much I love you and care for you and that even though I am far away, you are always on my mind and in my thoughts." Rabbi Packouz, in his unique and sensitive way, had arranged the prior week to have a letter delivered to his wife while he was on the cruise to express his love and appreciation of her.

**there is** an enormous lesson to be learned here. it's not just enough to consider how your loved ones are feeling at the moment, you have to look into the future and anticipate how they will feel down the road, and prepare yourself now to be there for them when they need you.

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**If you** would like to share a story or vignette relating to the remarkable life of Rabbi Kalman Packouz, please submit it to [shabbatshalomfax@gmail.com](mailto:shabbatshalomfax@gmail.com).



## TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

### **Toldot, Genesis 25:19 - 28:9**

**Rivka**, (Rebecca) gives birth to Esav (Esau) and Ya'akov (Jacob). Esav sells the birthright to Ya'akov for a bowl of lentil soup. Yitzchak (Isaac) sojourns in Gerar with Avimelech (Avimelech), king of the Philistines. Esav marries two Hittite women bringing great pain to his parents (because they weren't of the fold).

**Ya'akov** impersonates Esav on the counsel of his mother in order to receive the blessing for the oldest son from his blind father, Yitzchak. Esav, angry because of his brother's deception that caused him to lose the firstborn blessings,

plans to kill Ya'akov, so Ya'akov flees to his uncle Lavan (Laban) in Padan Aram -- on the advice of his parents. They also advise him to marry Lavan's daughter.

**Esav** understands that his Canaanite wives are displeasing to his parents, so he marries a third wife, Machlath, the daughter of Ishmael.

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## **Dvar Torah**

*based on Love Your Neighbor  
by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin*

**The Torah** states:

"And Yitzhak called Ya'akov, and blessed him, and commanded him saying, 'You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan'" (Genesis 28:1).

**What is** the connection between Yitzhak blessing his son and then admonishing him?

**The Chofetz Chaim**, Rabbi Yisroel Meir Kagan, a great rabbi of the last generation, commented that we learn from here the most effective manner in which to reproach someone. Show that you truly care about his welfare; he will more readily listen to your reprimand.

**Often people** who mean well give reproof in a harsh manner or by yelling -- particularly if the recipient is one's own child. Every person wants to do the right thing. If we can focus on our love for the other person, our desire to genuinely help and our knowledge that the other person wants to be good, then we can speak softly and give admonition that will be heard.



In loving memory of  
Rabbi Kalman Packouz  
Kalman Moshe ben  
Reuven Avigdor  
1950-2019  
*Shabbat Shalom,*  
Rabbi Yitzchak Zweig



Rabbi Asher Sebbag with our president Ghassan Cohen, the committee and all members of Ohel David Eastern Synagogue were extremely saddened and sorry to learn of the recent passing of Rabbi **Kalman** Packouz who, over a great number of years, in his weekly association with the synagogue, always reminded us gently not only of our need to recognise our individual characteristics, but also always to remember our heritage. We send our condolences to his wife, Shoshana and all his family, and wish them a long life.

**Hot Kiddush:** sponsored by Mrs Hannah Cohen and her son Dr Stephen Cohen ד"ר סטיבן קוהן, in memory of her late husband Ezekiel Judah Cohen ז"ל. together with Richard & Anat Hannuna and Family in celebration of Alon's Bar Mitzvah.

**Seuda Shelishit:** sponsored by Solly Yona, his Sister and his Brother, in memory of their late father **Frayem** Ben Shaul Yona ז"ל.

**Shabbat morning November 30<sup>th</sup>:** a mass Kadish and Hashkaba will be recited in Sephardi synagogues across the world, in memory of all Jews of Arab Lands who were left behind and buried in home countries. The creation of this annual event, now in its second iteration, came at the behest of Sami Sourani, a Montreal Iraqi Jew, with tremendous knowledge of the history of Jews in Arab lands, and in particular of Iraqi Jewish cemeteries.

**Security Alert:** Please be very vigilant when you leave the Synagogue. Do not stand in groups and chat, go home without gathering on the main road. Be safe and alert.

**Kolel every Sunday:** We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE" TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

03 Kislev Mr Solly Yona	19 Kislev Mr Adel Darwish
04 Kislev Dr. Steven Cohen	20 Kislev Mr Moses Jacob
04 Kislev Mrs Hannah Cohen	20 Kislev Mr Isaac Cohen
06 Kislev Mr Tony Silver	25 Kislev Mr Moses Jacob
12 Kislev Mr Benny Benaiah	27 Kislev Miss Nancy Dwek
14 Kislev Dr Maurice Gubbay	28 Kislev Mr Azouri Attar
14 Kislev Mr Nadhim Mouallim	28 Kislev Mr Mayer Attar
17 Kislev Mrs Helen Georgy	

Quote of the Week

Life is what man makes of it, no matter of what it is made.



The 13<sup>th</sup> Global **Siyum HaShas** סיום הש"ס  
of  
**Daf Yomi** 2020  
On Thursday - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
The 13<sup>th</sup> of Tevet 5780  
at Ohel David Eastern Synagogue at 7.00pm

The President, the committee, and our Rabbi A. Sebbag Shlita  
Of Ohel David eastern synagogue,  
invite you to celebrate  
The **Siyum Hashas** 2020.  
We will celebrate with 'Seudat Mitzvah'  
At the price of £15 per person.

To reserve a place ,Please call Kelly Saltoun on 07836389058  
**The list will be closed on 18 of December 2019**