

Shabbos Parshas Toldos 5786

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 21

- » Mincha/Kabalas Shabbos/Maariv 5:05 PM
- » Candles 5:04 PM
- » Sunset 5:22 PM

SHABBOS DAY, NOVEMBER 22

- » **Shacharis followed by Kiddush 8:00 AM**
- » 15-min Pirkei Avos Shiur for Women and Kedushas Levi Chabura for Men following Kiddush
- » **Chassidus in the Parsha** with Rabbi Yaakov Rich in shul 4:00-4:45 PM
- » Women & Children S"Y at Rich Home 5:00 - 6:15 PM
- » Mincha 4:50 PM
- » Sunset 5:22 PM
- » Maariv 6:05 PM
- » Shabbos Ends (50 min) 6:13 PM
- » Rabbeinu Tam (72 min) 6:35 PM

A WISE MAN WOULD SAY: "IT IS EASIER TO RISE FROM DEFEAT THAN TO RISE FROM IGNORANCE."

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Men

- » Daniel Ze'ev ben Miriam (Brother of Josh Rothstein)

Women

- » Layah Leilech bas Shulamis (Friend of Shira Martin)
- » Devorah bas Heni (Friend of Aviva Bass)
- » Shoshana Gittel bas Chaya Leah (Sister of Naomi Goldberg)

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

- » Kiddush sponsored by the members of the GKC.

CTC SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM/TEFILLAH (Week of Nov 23, 2025)

- » Gemara Zevachim, Mon - Fri, 6:00-6:30 AM
- » **Shacharis, 6:30 AM**
- » Amud HaYomi Sanhedrin: Sunday - Friday, 12 -1 PM, On Zoom with Rabbi Yaakov Rich. Email Rabbi Rich for the link.
- » Shemone Perakim 7:30 PM
- » Maariv 8:00 PM
- » Mishnayos Shabbos (Sun-Thur) 8:15 PM

TIDBITS

Parashas Toldos • November 22nd • 2 Kislev 5786

The first opportunity for Kiddush Levana is Sunday night, November 23rd. The final opportunity is early Friday morning, December 5th at 12:39 AM Eastern Time.

Chanukah begins Sunday night, December 14th.

Shabbos Chanukah is Shabbos Parshas Miketz, December 20th. TOLDOS: Yitzchak and Rivkah pray for children • Rivkah is expecting a child, expe-

riences pain, receives word of twin children • Birth of Eisav, followed by Yaakov • Eisav sells his firstborn rights for lentil soup • Hashem commands Yitzchak not to leave Eretz Yisrael • Yitzchak settles in Gerar • Fearful for his life, Yitzchak claims Rivkah is his sister • Avimelech becomes aware of their true relationship and assures their protection • Yitzchak prospers and the envious Avimelech sends him away • Avimelech's men claim Yitzchak's wells • Avimelech comes to make a treaty • Yitzchak's men find water at Be'er Sheva • Eisav marries at the age of forty • Yitzchak wishes to bless his son, Eisav • Rivkah commands Yaakov to intercept the blessings • Eisav is bitterly disappointed and vows to kill Yaakov • Rivkah sends Yaakov to stay with her brother Lavan • Yitzchak exhorts Eisav not to marry a Canaanite woman • Eisav marries Yishmael's daughter in addition to his other wives

Haftarah: Despite Eisav being the firstborn, it was divinely ordained for Yaakov to be granted the bechorah and to merit the twelve Shevatim and to build the nation. The nevuah of Malachi (1:1-2:7) speaks of the love of Hashem for Yaakov and His hatred for Edom, the descendants of Eisav. Yet even with His love for our forefathers, each Jew individually must strive to be deserving of inheriting Hashem's endearment. Parashas Toldos: 106 Pesukim • No mitzvos listed

"Yitzchak pleaded with Hashem [for a child] opposite his wife... Hashem accepted his prayers, and his wife Rivkah conceived" (Bereishis 25:21)

Rashi quotes the Midrash that notes that although they both davened earnestly for a child, it was Yitzchak's tefillos, not Rivkah's, that effected salvation, as Yaakov was the son of a Tzaddik and Rivkah was the daughter of Besuel, a wicked man. One may question that if it was Yitzchak's tefillos that accomplished a yeshuah and not those of Rivkah, why does the Torah even mention that Rivkah prayed at all? Similarly, we find that the Torah describes that Hagar davened for Yishmael who was deathly ill in the desert. However, the Torah says that Hashem heard "kol hana'ar", that it was Yishmael's prayers that were accepted. So why does the Torah tell us about Hagar's tefillos?

Rav Yitzchak Feigelstock zt"l answers that we can derive from here that certainly Rivkah's prayers played a role in securing their salvation. However, ultimately, it was Yitzchak who secured salvation from Hashem. Hagar's prayers were vital as well, yet ultimately it was the ill person, Yishmael himself, whose cries accomplished the salvation. Rav Yitzchak zt"l explains that every tefillah is received by Hashem and there is no such thing as a prayer going to waste. Although we may not notice the effectiveness, each and every tefillah brings about a measure of good and salvation.

Halachos of Chanukah: Menorah - What to Light?

It is preferable to use olive oil. Other than the shamash, one should use either oil or candles, but not a mix of both. There should be enough oil in the cup at the time of lighting for the Menorah to burn for at least a half hour after nightfall (tzeis hakochavim). If, inadvertently, any of the candles go out before tzeis, it is not necessary to relight them, so long as the original lighting was done from shekiah and onward. However, it is praiseworthy to re-light them (without a berachah). Unlike Neiros Shabbos, most Poskim say one cannot use an electric Menorah, even under extenuating circumstances.