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## Stone Soup

"What you put in the pot is what you'll get out." This oft repeated adage makes a pretty strong statement and it can be applied to nearly every aspect of our lives, especially our interpersonal relationships.

How so?

In the darkest, most cobwebby recesses of your memory, do you recall the story of "Stone Soup?" It's a tale of international renown and it perfectly illustrates the above mentioned statement. In short: Two weary, hungry travelers stop in a town where no one will give them a meal. No problem. They'll make a hearty pot of stone soup, right in the village square. "Could we please borrow a big pot from someone?" they inquire. "We'll fetch the water, collect the wood, gather the choicest stones, and share our unique soup with all of you."

A big pot appears. The water boils, the stones are added and the "chefs," now being watched by all the townspeople, taste the broth. "Delicious," they exclaim. "But oh, wouldn't it be even better with an onion added for flavor," they comment to each other. An onion is promptly pulled out of a peasant's apron pocket and added to the unusual soup.

This scene repeats itself with carrots, potatoes, turnips, salt, and even a few bones and a bit of meat. When everyone is invited to join in and taste the soup, they murmur their amazement that such delicious fare was created from mere stones!

"Fools," we say about the townspeople. For even as children we knew that what you put in the pot is what you get out.

How often do we take the time to think about what we've added to the various pots in our lives to assure us they'll be delicious and satisfying. Concerning relationships-with friends, relatives and co-workers-it's obvious that we won't get anything out of a relationship if we don't put in time, energy, caring.

In truth, laws of logic insist that we put more into the pot than we expect to get out to account for evaporation, "tasting," and sneaky nibblers. If you're hoping to cook up a good relationship, you have to watch it carefully lest it evaporate into nothing, "taste" it once in a while to make sure it's just right, and add a little bit of this and that, maybe even something new once in a while to spice it up.

There's another "pot" in our lives that is often, unfortunately, put on the back-burner. What can we hope to gain from Judaism, how do we expect it to be nourishing for us, our children, and future generations if all we are willing to toss in are a few choice stones? The nourishing aspects of Judaism go far beyond kugels, matza ball soup, and latkes. Our beautiful, rich religion, which has stood the test of time for thousands of years, can sustain us in ways many of us never imagined possible. But, what you put into the pot is what you'll get out.

In a few weeks, during Chanuka, we'll be singing Maoz Tzur - Rock of Ages. G-d, the Rock of Ages, the choicest of "stones" has given us the water - for water is symbolic of Torah. He has placed within each Jew the spark of a holy soul which can be fanned into a blazing flame. It is up to us to add the rest of the ingredients to make a delicious, hearty, and unique soup.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

## When You've Got It, Don't Flaunt It

"You shouldn't whine about getting a 99 on the final instead of a 100 in front of students who got 50's and 60's."

"Let them study harder, and besides, who tells them to be jealous."

"And Rochel saw that she was not having any children... And Rochel envied her sister (who had a few children)." (Biraishis 30:1) Of course, jealousy is not good (right now, I will just say, see the Messillas Yeshorim / The Path of the Just or the Orchos Tzaddikim /The Way of the Righteous for ideas of how to not feel jealousy), but it IS a "normal" human trait. Therefore, we should always be sensitive to others' feelings and not cause them to feel jealous. (I'm not saying to earn less money or have lower grades or not to try having wonderful children, but not everything must be flaunted.)

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Always try making others feel good !!

(by Rabbi Chaim Flom from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))

## Today in Jewish History — Birth & Passing of R. Dovber of Lubavitch (1773; 1827)

**9 Kislev** is both the birthday and day of passing of Rabbi DovBer of Lubavitch (1773; 1827), son of and successor to the founder of Chabad Chassidism, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi. Rabbi DovBer was known for his unique style of "broadening rivers" – his teachings were the intellectual rivers to his father's wellspring, lending breadth and depth to the principles set down by Rabbi Schneur Zalman.

**10 Kislev** – Liberation of R. DovBer (1826). In 1826, Rabbi DovBer of Lubavitch (see calendar entry for yesterday, Kislev 9) was arrested on charges that his teachings threatened the imperial authority of the Czar, but was subsequently exonerated. The date of his release, Kislev 10, is celebrated amongst Chabad Chassidim as a "festival of liberation." Tachnun (confession of sins) is omitted from the day's prayers, farbrengens are held, and Rabbi DovBer's teachings are studied.

(from [www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org))

We happily wish Mazel Tov to  
**Mr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Leslie Silverberg and Family**  
on the **Birth of a Grandson**,  
born to their children Jenny and Avraham Weinschneider.

Mazel Tov also to the grandparents Bassy and Elliot Weinschneider  
of Chicago and to great-grandmother Dorothy Hettleman.



We wish Mazel Tov to **Yitachak Jakobi** on  
his upcoming marriage to  
**Frannie Schmerling.**

We wish both of you much mazel, simcha and a long life together.  
May they build a Bayis Ne'eman b'Yisrael!

### Yahrzeits This Week:

Jeffrey London	11 Kislev - Wednesday night/Thursday	for father	Yaakov ben Yoseph
Lawrence London	11 Kislev - Wednesday night/Thursday	for father	Yaakov ben Yoseph

### Davening and Shiurim Schedule

#### Friday 11/20 — 8 Kislev

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
Candles — 4:30 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.

#### Shabbat, 11/21 — 9 Kislev

Shacharit — 8:40 a.m.  
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:24 a.m.  
Berachot Gemara Shiur — 3:20  
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 4:20 p.m.  
Ma'ariv — 5:31 p.m.

#### Sunday, 11/22 — 10 Kislev

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Shulchan Aruch Shiur — 8:45 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:25 p.m.

#### Monday, 11/23 — 11 Kislev

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

#### Tuesday, 11/24 — 12 Kislev

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 11/25 — 13 Kislev

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.

#### Thursday, 11/26 — 14 Kislev

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 8:45 a.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:50 p.m.  
Tanya Shiur — 9:00 p.m.

#### Friday, 11/27 — 15 Kislev

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Parshat HaShavua Shiur — 7:45 a.m.  
Candles — 4:26 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.