

# The Shul

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Toldot

December 3, 2016

## A Double Gift By [Yitschak Meir Kagan](#)

Isaac blesses his son Jacob: "...And may G-d give you of the dew of the heavens and of the fat of the earth..." The famed commentator Rashie explains the implication of the words "And may G-d give you": "The Al-mighty will give, and give again."

What was missing in G-d's initial giving, that could be perfected and completed by a second giving? Man is finite, limited; should he give even a magnificent and generous gift to another, it can still be improved upon by additional giving. But even the initial "gift" of the omnipotent and perfect Creator would be perfect. What could be added by "giving again"?

An analogy from the education of a pupil by his teacher might clarify the problem:

A teacher may reach two different levels of achievement with his pupil. He may successfully impart his knowledge to the pupil so that it is completely absorbed and becomes the pupil's own knowledge -- but the pupil may still not be able to creatively develop the line of thought further on his own. There is a second, higher level of instruction in which the teacher so perfectly guides the pupil, that he develops the ability to exercise his own intellectual creativity on the subject, and further extends and expands -- in his own unique contribution -- the knowledge received.

The Mishna records an example of these two levels among the pupils of Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakai. One of Rabbi Yochanan's pupils was Rabbi Eliezer ben Hurkanus and another was Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch. "If all the wise men of Israel (including Eliezer ben Aroch) were on one end of a scale and Eliezer ben Hurkanus on the other, he would outweigh them all," states the Mishna. But then it declares, "If all the wise men of Israel were on one end of a scale, even together with Eliezer ben Hurkanus, and Eliezer ben Aroch was on the other end, he would outweigh them all!"

Rabbi Eliezer ben Hurkanus was like "... a cemented well that loses not even a drop." His reception and absorption of wisdom was superior even to that of Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch. But Rabbi Eliezer ben Aroch was "...as a well-spring gushing with ever-increasing force," indicating an ability to expand, add and innovate. His creative genius was greater than that of Eliezer ben Hurkanus.

The implication of G-d's "double blessing" that Isaac imparted to Jacob is now clear: not only would the Divine blessing itself be full and perfect, but it would also have the additional effect of enabling Jacob to extend and expand the blessing himself.

*(Source: [http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article\\_cdo/aid/329679/jewish/A-Double-Gift.htm](http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/329679/jewish/A-Double-Gift.htm))*



**Kiddush** this week is being sponsored by Michael and Terry Frank and Mrs. Sally Friedman and Family, in observance of the yahrzeit of Terry's father, Victor Friedman (Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel) Z"L



### Father/Son Learning

Weekly Father/Son learning Friday nights with chulent from O'Fishel. Time: 7:45 - 8:15, followed by a story. If anyone has any questions, please see Rabbi Eli Itzkowitz

## DAVENING SCHEDULE

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| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 2</b> | <b>2 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....7:00 a.m.<br>Candles .....4:25 p.m.<br>Mincha .....4:25 p.m.  |
| <b>Shabbat</b>   | <b>December 3</b> | <b>3 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....9:00 a.m.<br>Sof Z'man Kriat Shema .....9:31 a.m.<br>Gemara Shiur .....3:15 p.m.<br>Mincha & Seuda Shilishit ..4:15 p.m.<br>Maariv .....5:27 p.m. |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>December 4</b> | <b>4 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....8:00 a.m.<br>Mincha/Maariv .....4:25 p.m.   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>December 5</b> | <b>5 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....6:50 a.m.<br>Maariv .....8:15 p.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>December 6</b> | <b>6 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....7:00 a.m.<br>Maariv .....8:15 p.m.  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>December 7</b> | <b>7 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....7:00 a.m.<br>Maariv .....8:15 p.m.  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>December 8</b> | <b>8 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....6:50 a.m.<br>Maariv .....8:15 p.m.  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>December 9</b> | <b>9 Kislev</b> | Shacharit .....7:00 a.m.<br>Candles .....4:25 p.m.<br>Mincha .....4:25 p.m.  |

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We wish Mazel Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Shmuel Tarshish** on the engagement of their daughter **Miriam to Ozzie Marizan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aiton Marizan**, of Baltimore. We wish both of you much mazel, simcha and a long life together. **Everyone is invited to the Vort this Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Tarshish home at 6504 Shelrick Place (near Hal Circle)



We wish Mazel Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Yehuda and Bracha Buchwalter** on the marriage of their daughter **Elisheva to Shmuel Sholom HaLevi Greenberg** this past Thursday! We wish the new Chosson and Kallah much Mazel, Simcha, and a long life together.



### Shalosh Seudos

**Yehudah and Bracha Buchwalter** are sponsoring Shalosh Seudah this week in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Elisheva, to Shmuel Sholom Halevi Greenberg .



### Yahzeits this Week:

**Friday, 12/2/2016 Kislev 2, 5777**

Aaron Margolies Mother

Shoshana Bat Moshe Halevi

**Saturday, 12/3/2016 Kislev 3, 5777**

Terry Frank Father

Victor Friedman (Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel)

**Saturday, 12/3/2016 Kislev 3, 5777**

Sally Friedman Husband

Victor Friedman (Avigdor Shaul ben Paltiel)

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Become a Big Brother or Big Sister and recognize the power you have to change the life of a child or teen. The time commitment is limited, but the rewards are immeasurable. JCS has girls and boys waiting to make a connection that could last a lifetime. For more information, please contact Mrs. Bracha Goetz at Jewish Community Services: [410-843-7453](tel:410-843-7453) or [bgoetz@jcsbaltimore.org](mailto:bgoetz@jcsbaltimore.org).