

# The Shul

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VaYishlach

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**Rabbi Levy Wineberg שליט"א** is an author, scholar and shliach to Johannesburg, South Africa since 1983 will be joining us for **Shabbat Parshat VaYishlach**. During his tenure as Rosh Yeshiva, Rosh Kollel and as head of the Machon LeHoraah (Semicha), which he founded, he has educated and inspired two generations of students of Talmud, Halacha, and Chasidic studies. Famous for his ability to explain complex subjects in simple terms, Rabbi Wineberg has a gift for illustrating abstract ideas with a pungent story and a pithy aphorism. By pioneering innovative projects that brought Torah to an English-speaking audience through the media and in print, he has infused thousands, since the 1970s, with an enthusiastic love for Torah and its modern day relevance.



## Dust Particles

You're sitting on your favorite chair, admiring the sun streaming through the window. Suddenly you notice those shimmering particles gracefully dancing in the sunlight.

It's easy to spot the dust that seems to collect just moments after the furniture has been cleaned, but in the air it's only noticeable once in a while, when the light streaming in from outside hits the dust particles at just the right angle. Nevertheless, those dust particles are always there.

Every single detail of our lives is directed by Divine Providence. "The feet of man are directed by G-d," the Torah teaches. Chasidic philosophy explains that nothing, absolutely nothing in this world happens by chance or coincidence; every event, great or small, has G-d's fingerprint on it.

Often, like the ever-present, but infrequently sighted, dust particles, we do not notice this Divine involvement in our personal lives and the world around us.

Sometimes, once in a while, we see the Divine workings and apprehend G-d's involvement in even the most minute part of our lives. At those moments, it's as if a stream of sunlight is shining on the glimmering specks at just the right angle to reveal them to us.

It happens when we least expect it and it might seem so trivial that we don't even notice it for what it truly is - Divine Providence: You're running an errand for a friend (and you're running late, as well) and a car pulls out of a parking space - in the area where you can never find a space - just as you approach.

Someone who moved and whose phone number changed calls you just as you were about to give up finding the scrap of paper on which you wrote the new phone number ...

You're driving in the car, as thirsty as anything, but without anything (to drink). Suddenly you remember that a bottle of Seltzer had rolled out of the shopping bag under the seat and you hadn't bothered to retrieve it when you unloaded the rest of the groceries ...

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The pile of leaves your children just raked together make the perfect soft-landing for a neighbor's toddler who squiggles out of his stroller - head first.

These "coincidences" are hardly coincidental. They are all Divine acts of G-d's intervention and involvement in our lives, even in the seemingly inconsequential.

Like the particles of dust, they are always there. Like the particles of dust, they often seem unimportant. But they are a constant reminder of G-d's presence in our lives, if we are willing to "let the sun shine" on them and if we are willing to recognize their true source.

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

### What Is Yud-Tes Kislev?

The 19<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Kislev is celebrated as the "Rosh Hashanah of Chassidism." It was on this date, in the year 1798, that the founder of Chabad Chassidism, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi (1745-1812), was freed from his imprisonment in czarist Russia. More than a personal liberation, this was a watershed event in the history of Chassidism, heralding a new era in the revelation of the "inner soul" of Torah.

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

#### Community Information of Interest

**December 7: Two Parties and a State: Israel and the Jewish People 1980-1983. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz.** *Vietnam in the Middle-East: Israel and Lebanon - Part I.* This lecture will begin at 8:00 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

#### 'The Rav's Friday Night Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men'

will take place **this** Friday night (VaYishlach, December 13)

at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Eli Atias**, 2401 Hal Circle.

The Rav will be joined by the world renowned educator, lecturer and author, **Harav Levy Wineberg** of Johannesburg, South Africa, who will discuss Yud-Tes Kislev.

Kol Hanaarim- Father and Son Learning - every Friday evening during the winter at 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. in The Shul. Chulent and other refreshments are served. Each session is "topped off" at the end with a fascinating story. For any questions, please see Rabbi Itzkowitz.

As the days get shorter, and it is dark both on the way to Shul in the morning and going home after Ma'ariv; please wear reflective clothing, bands, belts, vests, etc. when walking to and from Shul.



#### Yahrzeits The Next Three Weeks:

Yossi Statman

16 Kislev - Friday night / Shabbat

for mother

Baila Perel bas Dov Ber

#### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

##### Friday, 12/13 - 15 Kislev

Shacharit - 7:00 a.m.

Candles - 4:25 p.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv - 4:25 p.m.

##### Shabbat, 12/14 - 16 Kislev

Shacharit - 9:00 a.m.

Sof Z'man Kriat Shema - 9:33 a.m.

Beitzah Gemora Shiur - 3:45 p.m.

Minchah & Seudah Shilishit - 4:15 p.m.

Ma'ariv - 5:27 p.m.

##### Sunday, 12/15 - 17 Kislev

Shacharit - 8:00 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv - 4:30 p.m.

##### Monday, 12/16 - 18 Kislev

Shacharit - 6:50 a.m.

Ma'ariv - 8:15 p.m.

##### Tuesday, 12/17 - 19 Kislev

Shacharit - 7:00 a.m.

Ma'ariv - 8:15 p.m.

##### Wednesday, 12/18 - 20 Kislev

Shacharit - 7:00 a.m.

Ma'ariv - 8:15 p.m.

##### Thursday, 12/19 - 21 Kislev

Shacharit - 6:50 a.m.

Ma'ariv - 8:15 p.m.

##### Friday, 12/20 - 22 Kislev

Shacharit - 7:00 a.m.

Candles - 4:28 p.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv - 4:25 p.m.