



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Nov. 12 4:00 pm

Torah Portion: Vayeitzei

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

When our patriarch Jacob worked for his father-in-law Laban, Laban compensated him with sheep. Jacob applied a unique breeding technique that caused his sheep to give birth to lambs with specific shades and splotches. Each time Laban changed Jacobs compensation to a different style of sheep, Jacob managed to create sheep with that exact design.

Kabbalah teaches that Jacobs work to create sheep of specific styles accomplished the same spiritual feats as we do today with the mitzvah of tefillin. Since the commandment of tefillin was not yet given to Jacob and his family, all that mattered at that point in time was the spirituality of the matter, not the physical fulfillment of G-ds commandment.

But today, after the Torah was given to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinaialong with the ability to fuse the physical world and the spiritual inner workings of the universeevery time we do a mitzvah we make the world a holier place. With each mitzvah, we reveal just a bit more G-dliness in the world, with the ultimate goal of the complete revelation, with the coming of Moshiach. May it be speedily in our times!

Shabbat Shalom,



Shabbat Children's Program & Birthday Kiddush



Hey kids! Join us this week for a special Shabbat children's program, at 11:15 am.



Special Kiddush this week in honor of our Chazan's birthday, Judge Paul Aranson. Join us for Davening and Kiddush! Kiddush begins at 12:30 pm.



Have You Reserved Your Car Menorah Yet?

LET THERE BE LIGHT

SECOND ANNUAL CAR TOP MENORAH PARADE

START
The JCA
1342 Congress St.
Portland
POLICE ESCORT

END
City Hall
389 Congress St.
Portland

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

No charge to participate - sponsor & keep your own car Menorah for \$100
No affiliation necessary - open to the entire Jewish community

Sign up by November 24th to secure your spot and car menorah for the parade at CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- LIGHTING OF MAINE'S LARGEST MENORAH
- WORDS FROM OUR MAYOR KATE SNYDER
- LIVE MUSIC WITH THE MAINE MESHUGGYIM
- JUGGLING SHOW • HOT LATKES & DOUGHNUTS
- DREIDELS • KIDS' CRAFTS
- CHOCOLATE GELT DROP • DOUGHNUT MAKING

For more info email! RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM

Sign up TODAY to reserve a car Menorah and participate in the 2nd annual Menorah Parade, followed by the grand City Hall Menorah Lighting!

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Jewish Heritage Night at the Maine Mariners!

2ND ANNUAL JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT WITH THE MAINE MARINERS

SUNDAY, DEC. 5 AT THE CROSS INSURANCE ARENA

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

First 50 tickets bought will receive a free JHN t-shirt!

2:00pm

Pre game Chanukah party with Beacon the Puffin

3:00pm

The Game Starts

CHANUKAH FUN FAN EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE GAME!

MENORAH LIGHTING ON THE ICE AT THE END OF THE FIRST PERIOD



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The first 50 tickets bought will receive a free Jewish Heritage Night t-shirt, so don't delay and sign up today!



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WHEN SUCCESS BREEDS HUMILITY

What causes people to be magnanimous?
 What's the right way to handle success?
 When the first Chabad Rebbe bested his opponents
 and achieved legitimacy for the new Chassidic
 movement, he wrote a letter to his followers, which
 set their priorities straight.



Sunday, 11/14, 1:00 pm



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JEWISH INSIGHTS

A TASTE OF THE REBBE'S TEACHINGS

PARSHAT VAVETZE

Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly Jewish Insights class! Sunday,
 11/14, 1:00 pm.

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Service Times

Thursday

7:00 am

Friday night

4:00 pm

Shabbat day

10:30 am



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Dont Get Stuck Like an Elephant!

When someone tells you, You cant, dont listen to them. Be like Jacob and say, Who said? Watch mel will!

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Vayeitzei

Jacob leaves his hometown of **Beersheba** and journeys to **Charan**. On the way, he encounters **the place** and sleeps there, dreaming of a **ladder** connecting heaven and earth, with **angels** climbing and descending on it; Gd appears and promises that the land upon which he lies will be given to his descendants. In the morning, Jacob raises the **stone** on which he laid his head as an altar and monument, pledging that it will be made the **house of Gd**.

In Haran, Jacob stays with and works for his uncle **Laban**, tending Laban's sheep. Laban agrees to give him his younger daughter, **Rachel** whom Jacob loves in marriage, in return for seven years labor. But on the wedding night, Laban gives him his elder daughter, **Leah**, instead a deception Jacob discovers only in the morning. Jacob marries Rachel, too, **a week later**, after agreeing to work another seven years for Laban.

Leah gives birth to six sons **Reuben**, **Simeon**, **Levi**, **Judah**, **Issachar** and **Zebulun** and a daughter, **Dinah**, while Rachel remains barren. Rachel gives Jacob her handmaid, **Bilhah**, as a wife to bear children in her stead, and two more sons, Dan and Naphtali, are born. Leah does the same with her handmaid, **Zilpah**, who gives birth to Gad and Asher. Finally, Rachel's prayers are answered and she gives birth to **Joseph**.

Jacob has now been in Charan for fourteen years, and wishes to return home. But Laban persuades him to remain, now offering him **sheep** in return for his labor. Jacob prospers, despite Laban's repeated attempts to swindle him. After six years, Jacob leaves Charan in stealth, fearing that Laban would prevent him from

leaving with the family and property for which he labored. Laban pursues Jacob, but is warned by Gd in a dream not to harm him. Laban and Jacob make a pact on **Mount Gal-Ed**, attested to by a pile of stones, and Jacob proceeds to the **Holy Land**, where he is met by **angels**.



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