



## This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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## Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

The month of Kislev in the Chabad world is considered a most joyous month, starting from the first day of the month, when we celebrate the Rebbes recovery from a heart attack in 1977.

This week we commemorated two dates, the 9th and the 10th of Kislev. The 9th is the birthday as well as the yahrzeit of Rabbi Dovber, the second Chabad Rebbe, known as the Mittlerer Rebbe. The 10th is the anniversary of his release from prison in 1826, after being imprisoned on trumped up charges in Czarist Russia.

Sadly, a day before being able to commemorate the first anniversary of his liberation, on his birthday, he passed away. Needless to say, the expected celebration of the anniversary did not go as planned, but his followers still believed that the Rebbe would have wanted them to celebrate. So with tears in their eyes, following their Rebbes funeral, they celebrated the day.

Today, nearly 200 years later, we find ourselves in a somewhat similar predicament. We continue to lament the fact the Rebbe of our generation is no longer physically with us, while at the same time we celebrate everything the Rebbe stood for and promoted.

Chabad continues to grow around the world in unprecedented numbers, ensuring that the Rebbes legacy will forever remain alive, until the coming of Moshiach, when we will be reunited.

Shabbat Shalom,

Rabbi Wilansky



## Nissim Black Live Chanukah Concert!



Join us for a grand Chanukah Concert featuring Nissim Black!

Hear Nissim's fascinating story about his journey from gangster in Seattle to Hassid in Israel, and enjoy an incredible Chanukah-themed concert!

Wednesday, December 16, at 8:00 PM.

[Click here](#) to fill out the sign-up form, and you will receive the zoom link.



# JLI: One Week Left!



A new six-session course by the  
Rohr Jewish Learning Institute

## *Secrets of the Bible*

ICONIC STORIES, MYSTICAL MEANINGS,  
AND THEIR LESSONS FOR LIFE

Sign up for a thought-provoking experience, sure to deepen your understanding of Judaism and enrich your life!

**Virtual option:** 6 Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning December 6

**In-person with masks and social distancing:** 6 Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, beginning December 8.

To learn more about this course and to register, [click here](#). For more information, email [rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com).

**Not sure about signing up for the full course? Try the first class for free!**



# Have YOU Registered For The Greatest Menorah Parade?

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**

**FIRST ANNUAL CAR TOP MENORAH PARADE**

**START**  
Chabad of Maine  
11 Pomeroy St. - 4:30 p.m.  
POLICE ESCORT

**END**  
City Hall  
389 Congress St.  
Portland

**GRAND MENORAH LIGHTING AT CITY HALL 5:15 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

No charge to participate - sponsor & keep your own car Menorah for \$100  
No affiliation necessary - open to the entire Jewish community  
Sign up by December 1st to secure your spot and car menorah for the parade at [CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE](http://CHABADOFMAINE.COM/PARADE)

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

- LIGHTING OF MAINE'S LARGEST MENORAH
- WORDS FROM OUR MAYOR
- LIVE MUSIC WITH THE MAINE MESHUGOYIM
- JUGGLING SHOW • HOT LATKES & DOUGHNUTS
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For more info email [RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM](mailto:RABBI@CHABADOFMAINE.COM)

Sign up today to reserve a car top Menorah and join our grand Parade!

[www.chabadofmaine.com/parade](http://www.chabadofmaine.com/parade)

For more information, email [rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com).



# Family Menorah Hop!

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# FAMILY MENORAH HOP



Front Lawn of Your Home

Enjoy music, hot latkes & donuts, dreidels & gelt, crafts and The Chanukah Big Book!

**SUNDAY DEC 13 -  
THURSDAY, DEC 17**

Select your time and date!

[Calendly.com/menorahhop/chanukah](https://calendly.com/menorahhop/chanukah)  
to book your time slot

For more info email [rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com)

Remember how fun the Sukkah Hop was? Coming your way- the Menorah Hop!

[Click here](#) to reserve a slot!

Email [rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:rabbilevi@chabadofmaine.com) for more information.



## Sufganiya Monkey Challah!

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*Make*  
**SUEGANIYA  
MONKEY  
CHALLAH**  
*on Zoom*

*Jelly Donut  
Pull-apart Challah*

**FRIDAY, DEC 4  
10:00 AM**

**ORDER INGREDIENTS IN A  
BAG! & RSVP FOR ZOOM  
LINK:  
[HINDY@CHABADOFMAINE.COM](mailto:HINDY@CHABADOFMAINE.COM)**

Join Hindy on Zoom for a Sufganiya Monkey Challah Making!

Friday, December 4, at 10:00 am.

Email [hindy@chabadofmaine.com](mailto:hindy@chabadofmaine.com) to RSVP and to order ingredients in a bag.



**Torah Studies: Define  
Providence**

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December 1

## DEFINE PROVIDENCE

*Whose Body Is It, Anyway?*

Granted G-d runs the world. But to what extent? If He oversees cataclysmic world-changing events, does He also dictate the direction and speed of each gust of wind? When we find ourselves caught in the motions of the daily grind, this lesson will offer us a spiritual boost.

Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly Torah Studies class.

**Tuesday, December 1st, 9:30-10:30 am.**

[chabadofmaine.com/zoom](http://chabadofmaine.com/zoom)



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PARSHAH

## The Answer Is No. Would You Like to Know Now or Later?

If Jacob saw that Leah was the one with the blessing of children, why did that not command more of his attention?

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VIDEO

## A Brother Betrayed

The story of Yosef and his brothers is one of the first great dramas in recorded history. An innocent familial rivalry that blossomed into heartbreaking jealousy, bitter betrayal and a string of miscalculations that became a tale of repentance, reunion and redemption. Join us as we navigate, unpack and learn from the Torah's longest story with the guidance of the Talmud, the Midrash and great Jewish mystics.

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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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