



Table Talk



Birthdays



Hadas	Cohen
Adina	Collins
Freya	
Millie	Collins
Adam	Goldstone
Jaymie	Isaacs
Daniella	Neumann
Jessica	Sivner
Nathan	Jacobs
Kayley	Kahan
Alexander	Zviker
Cassie	Fagelman
Harry	Landy
Liora	Bean
Gary	Fagen
Georgia	Fisher
Natasha	Jacobs
Henry	Nelson
Jennifer	Ellen-
Benjamin	Lewis
Edward	Caplan
Matthew	Demby
Jakob	Fisher
Gabrielle	Stanley

A Bite of Inspiration

Vayeira

The Pleasure of Giving

You are travelling in the desert with two friends. It's a boiling hot day. You see some tents in the distance, seemingly a Bedouin camp. Suddenly, running crazily towards you, a 99-year-old man appears. He dives at your feet, face in the sand, and implores, "Please my masters, if I have found favour in your eyes, do not pass by the tent of your humble slave. Stay a while. I will personally wash your feet and provide food. Sit in the shade of my tree - and afterwards you may go." Try to picture it for a minute: What would you think?

Most people would be concerned that this is some sort of psychopath who plans to chop them into little pieces and bury them under his floorboards. At the very least, there must be a catch, some-thing in it for him. After all, nobody in this world does something for nothing. Does

I doubt that many would take Abraham up on his offer. It says a great deal about the society in which we live, that when someone wants to do something for me if there was no gain for me if there was no gain for me. It's a terrible shame, though, that we should be the anomaly: a person who selflessly, or a society that is suspicious



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Abraham was the person in Jewish history who, above all else, exemplified *chesed* - kindness. It was not strange for Abraham to run to potential guests and beg them to partake of his generosity. He loved humanity and, above all else, his mission in life was to make people happy. There are few deeper pleasures than of giving to others, and Abraham knew that well. Every one of us enjoys giving much more than taking. Giving expands and satisfies us. Taking leaves us ultimately feeling empty. That's why parents usually get more pleasure from their children, than children do from their parents - even though the children 'receive' much more.

So why do we not give as much as we could? We are misled into believing that by giving, we somehow lose out. If I give to someone else, there is surely less for me. It's true, but only in the short term. In the long term, giving gives us back so much more than we gave. Abraham understood this and his life was about giving. We, as his spiritual heirs, have the same trait within us. Giving does make us happy. If we would keep reminding ourselves of this, we could find a lot more happiness.

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Side Dish

REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD

1942 November 3, LUBLIN (Poland)

After the closure of the Lipowa camp, the 1,500 Jewish-Russian POW's were ordered to march to Majdanek. The prisoners used their few arms to storm the

armory in Lublin, which

they captured at a cost of 400 prisoners. Using the arms they tried to reach the forests. In all, 800 escaped. Unfortunately the Polish underground refused to help them and many were killed or turned over to the Germans by the London based Polish government in exile Home Army.

Celebrating Success

Well Done to all our Net Ball teams who competed in very difficult conditions this week.

Wins for Years 7 & 10
Draw for year 8
Better luck next time to year 9



מזל טוב



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Student's Salad Book Review

TITLE: AN URGENT MESSAGE OF WONDER

AUTHOR: KAREN MCCOBIE

PUBLISHER: SCHOLASTIC

SUMMARY OF THE BOOK: The book is about a girl named Heather who suffers bad luck, as her birthday is on April fools day! She has two siblings- Jo-Jo her brother and Tallie her little sister. Her best friend Becca helps her when she needs it, and some times, tells her parents a little too much.

Heather thinks everyone in her family comes from planet perfect. Then dad drops a bombshell and her world turns upside-down...

Life becomes just a little bit mad-but is this topsy-turvy new family somewhere heather can fit.

COMMENTS: This book is so funny and exciting, I couldn't put it down: Hedva Engle. This novel is hilarious! I couldn't stop laughing when I read it: Hallel Aron.

By Hedva Engle and Hallel Aron

In Memory Of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach

Let me tell you a story. During the Yom Kippur War we were playing in Hadassah Hospital. When a soldier is wheeled in a wheelchair, you know that something, G-d forbid, is wrong with his feet. When a soldier walks in, you look at his hands. So, I see a soldier walk in, a Sephardic boy about eighteen years old. In his ordinary life he must have been a very simple boy! I see that nebech he has no hands. No arms. During the concert, I don't know why. I started talking about Avraham Avinu. Suddenly he stops me and says: "Did you ever see Avraham Avinu?" I say: "No, why do you ask?" So he says, "I'll tell you later in private." After the concert he told me he wanted me to know his story. During the war, he and his friend were in the middle of battle, and they had to retreat a little. He suddenly saw that his friend was shot. His friend couldn't move, but he was still alive. So this boy went back and picked him up, put him on his shoulders and ran with him

While he was running with his friend, he was shot himself. Both his arms were shot off. Do you know what he did? He said that even though he didn't have strength. He kept his friend on his shoulders. Baruch Hashem. He saved his friend's life. But now, he himself has no arms. He said to me: "I want you to know, Avraham Avinu sits on my bed every night, all night long." Avraham Avinu!

How did this simple boy get so much holiness? Imagine if I would learn Torah day and night. For two thousand years, I could not reach that level of holiness. I could not. That is Avraham Avinu's holiness.

Everybody asks, when G-d spoke to Avraham for the first time, why didn't He tell him to keep Shabbos, to keep kashrut? Why did He immediately tell him, "Lech lecha -Go thou from thy land, and from thy father's house?" G-d gave over to Avraham Avinu what this soldier knew - to leave everything behind you for G-d, for Israel, for somebody else. This awesome holiness comes from the deepest depths, from inside. This is what Avraham Avinu is all about.

Avraham Avinu saw everything until Mashiach. He saw this soldier also. He asked G-d, "How do I know that I shall inherit it...?" How can I inherit the holiness of this soldier? When Mashiach comes it will be revealed to us how holy our children are. You never know, sometimes you see somebody and you don't have the faintest idea of how holy they are inside. This is why our generation is so much in touch with the mystical part of the Torah, with the deepest secrets. This generation contains people who, from outside, look like nothing and yet, inside, they are completely holy.

Weekly Laugh

A local charity office realized that it had never received a donation from the town's most successful lawyer. A local volunteer calls to solicit his donation, saying "Our research shows that even though your annual income is over a million pounds, you do not give one penny to charity! Wouldn't you like to give back to your community?" The lawyer thinks for a moment and says: "First, did your research show that my mother is dying after a long, painful illness and has huge medical bills far beyond her ability to pay?" Embarrassed, the rep mumbles, "Uh, no." "Secondly, that my brother, a disabled veteran, is blind and confined to a wheelchair and is unable to support his wife and six children?" The stricken rep begins to stammer an apology but is cut off. "Thirdly, that my sister's husband died in a dreadful traffic accident", the lawyers voice rising in indignation, "leaving her penniless with a mortgage and three children?" The humiliated rep, completely beaten, says simply, "I had no idea." The lawyer then says "... and if I don't give any money to THEM, why should I give any to you?"