



# Table Talk



## Birthdays



Danit	Tzioni
Jason	Serember
Osher	Landes
Naomi	Mercer
Rosie	Mercer
Abbie	Benjamin
Sophia	Ellis
Emma	Loofe
Ben	Sluckis
Nathan	Wei- denbaum
Danya	Sarussil

## A Bite of Inspiration

### Parashat Vayeitzei

Lavan agreed to marry off Rachel to Yaakov in exchange for Yaakov labour, but had nothing of the such in mind. Yaakov knew that Lavan might try to trick him, so he gave Rachel some secret codes to identify her under the "chuppah" (bridal canopy). However, when Rachel learned of Lavan's plan, she revealed these codes to Leah. She felt that she couldn't let her sister, who was older, be embarrassed under the chuppah. So Rachel, who had waited seven long years to marry Yaakov, delayed her chance for happiness simply because she didn't want to see her sister embarrassed. This act of selflessness is a lesson to us all. (Megillah 13). Reb Nechunya Ben Hakanoh was asked by his disciples to what he attributed his longevity. He responded "I have never disgrace". (Berachos 43) A story is told mon about "Lechem Haponim" (the Holy Temple, every Shabbos) and how to perform this mitzvah today. The ser-congregant, a poor man, who decided finest flour he could find to bake two Aron HaKodesh (Ark) each Erev Shabbos, saw and took them home for Shabbos.



gained honour from a colleague's of a Rabbi who delivered a ser-breads which were offered in the unfortunate we are to not be able mon left a deep impression on a that he would use the purest and challahs and leave them on the bos. The shammos of the shul and smelled the delicious challahs

When the poor man came later and noticed the loaves missing, he assumed that Hashem had accepted them, and he was overjoyed. When the Rabbi learned was happening, he scolded the poor man for being naive enough to think that Hashem would accept his challahs. The poor man left ashamed. Soon afterwards, a message came for the Rabbi from Rabbi Yitzchak Luria telling him to make out a will since he was destined to die within the next few days. The Rabbi rushed to Rabbi Yitzchak to find out what he had done to deserve this sudden fate. Rabbi Yitzchak responded that nothing since the days of the Holy Temple had caused Hashem such joy than the challahs baked with such sincerity by the poor man. By shaming the poor man, the Rabbi had sealed his fate. Embarrassing another is a most grievous fault; If we kill someone he dies only once, but if we embarrass him he dies many times over. (Midrash Eliyahu 42).

## Weekly Laugh

There were three men on a hill with their watches.

The first man threw his watch down the hill and it broke.

The second man threw his watch down the hill and it broke.

The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it.

The other two men were puzzled and asked the third man how he did it.

The third man said, "Easy. My watch is 5 minutes slow!"

### Remember the days of old.....

1874 November 27, - 1952 CHAIM WEIZMANN (Belarus-England-Eretz Israel)

Statesman and scientist. [Herzl](#) inspired him, but their many clashes led him to pursue his scientific career with [Zionism](#) as a sideline. In 1905 he moved to England where he made many useful contacts. These enabled him to take part in negotiations for the [Balfour Declaration](#). Weizmann later became the head of the [World Zionist Organization](#) and was appointed the first president of Israel in 1948. Towards the end of his career he was no longer trusted and was considered to be too pro-British. He was sent on the eve of Independence to negotiate with Truman on the subject of partition.



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## Winter Exams 2009

Dear Parents,

As the winter exam period is approaching I would like to introduce you to the resource that is the school's web site.

I am in the process of encouraging colleagues in all departments to upload revision materials and exam information so that you are kept informed of what is expected from your child.

Additionally each student will have the opportunity to download materials at home to ease the revision process.

**שבת**

**שלום**

## Student's Salad

### **Students in Year 9 remember Mrs Sarah O'Flaherty Davis**

Ms O'Flaherty Davies is a woman to love and remember she was there for us. I love you miss

Even though she has passed away, we still think of her as the person we love, trust to keep our secrets and enjoy our humorous moments with her. I love you miss

She wasn't just a teacher she was our friend, she cared for us, and loved us. We all remember the first day we met her, and from that day forward we loved her and still do forever. I love you miss

She is a beautiful person, on the inside and on the out. I respect you, I miss you. I love you miss.

You can describe love in many ways but she had such a huge way of showing it. Whenever we were around her she brightened up our day. I love you miss

Even though she didn't have the chance to be a mother for a long time, we're sure she would have been an amazing mum. She was an inspiration to us all, we will never forget her. I love you miss

Our thoughts go out to her husband, baby, family and friends. We will all miss her dearly. Words can't describe how much she has helped us. I love you miss.

Personally I feel that she has helped me so much throughout the past year. She was my mentor and if I had any problems I could always go speak to her. I love you miss.

I could never imagine that year without her. She made such an influence and all the special moments we shared together as a form we will always remember. I love you miss.

I wasn't in her form for as long as anyone else, but despite that, I love her, she was incredible. As well as my friends, Ms O'Flaherty was a big part of my welcome into the school. I love you miss.

As many people know, I was not very well behaved last year. This year I have improved so much and this is all down to her. Thank you miss, you changed me into a better person. I love you miss.

I love her as much as I love my own mum, she helped me and my parents to be happy. I love you miss.

Miss, you were a great teacher, the best form tutor I've ever had, not many boys would like to admit this but I love you. You were a laugh and a friend. I love you miss.

You were so helpful for me miss, you helped me through my emotional times. You were amazing, incredible and a beautiful person. I love you miss.

People say first impressions are everything, but you listened to me and gave me a chance to prove who I really am. I love you miss.

You laughed at our jokes, you gave me confidence and you inspired us all. You were an amazing woman, a woman to remember! I love you miss.