



Dvar Torah by RABBI SUMMERS: WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

During the confrontation between Yaakov and Esav, Yaakov presents his family to his brother. But one person is missing, Yaakov's daughter Deena. Chazal tells us that Yaakov was afraid that Esav would see her and want to marry her therefore he hid her in a box. Yaakov was later punished for this. There are different opinions as to what was Yaakov's offense.

A classic approach is the power a good wife could have on a person. The greatest people of the generation, Yitzchok and Rochel, could not change Esav but a good wife, such as Deena, could have changed even the evil Esav.

Another opinion is put forward by the Alter of Slabodka zt"l. Sure a wife has a powerful effect on a husband, but we are talking about Esav and, as mentioned, even the greatest people could not change him. We are all also aware of the strong concern that a father has for a child, especially a father for a daughter, so again what did Yaakov do wrong in protecting his daughter from falling prey to Esav?

The Alter zt"l answers, yes Yaakov did NOT do anything wrong in hiding Deena in the box; after all he was protecting his daughter. However while he was knocking the nails in the box he should have felt badly that he HAD to do this to his brother.

This is a powerful lesson for us, many times we cannot do something, a chesed or maybe even a mitzvah under certain circumstances, but do we feel badly that we can do not it or, deep down in our heart, are we relieved that we got out of it. Sometimes we observe something happening to someone - there is nothing I can do about it, but still how do you FEEL about it. This is the lesson of "Deena in the box". Not only must we be careful about our actions and speech but our feeling are also felt and "conveyed" to others, and therefore the Torah demands that we be careful with them as well.

Announcements

Early Mincha Time: Please make an effort to come to Mincha while it is extra early.

Motzei Shabbos Learning: This week is sponsored by the Prenalger family. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please see either R Summers or R Geiger.

R' Orlofsky, SIR: Rabbi Dovid Orlofsky will be out Scholar in Residence **next shabbos**, Parshas Vayeishev, December 8/9. If you would like to sponsor any part of the weekend, please see either Rabbi Summers, Rabbi Geiger, or Danny Krombach.

Chanukah kids party: Sunday Dec. 17 sponsored by Semper a Energy. Thank you Margie Pines!

Thank You: To Alan Silverstein and his crew for changing the light bulbs in the social hall among other things this past week.

Early Sof Zman Krias Shema: Please remember to say krias shema if you plan on

going to the 8:45 am minyan, as we don't make it before the zman.

Shiurim

Shabbos:

8:00 am In-depth sefer Yehoshua Shiur by MARK MAGID

11:30 am Rotating topic shiur by MARK MAGID

Sundays:

8:35-9:35 am Gemora Makos shiur by RABBI NACHMAN MORGAN

Wednesdays:

11:00 am Haftorah shiur for women by MRS. HOLLANDER

Zmanim for the Week

	Shachris	Mincha/ Maariv	עלות השחר	משיכיר	הנץ החמה	סדק"ש גרי"א	סד"ת גרי"א	מנחה גדולה	שקיעה
Sun 12/03	6:45/7:30 am	4:30 pm	5:24	5:50	6:43	9:13	10:03	12:14	4:44
Mon 12/04	5:45/6:30 am	4:30 pm	5:24	5:50	6:44	9:14	10:04	12:14	4:44
Tue 12/05	5:45/6:45 am	4:30 pm	5:25	5:51	6:45	9:14	10:04	12:14	4:44
Wed 12/06	5:45/6:45 am	4:30 pm	5:26	5:52	6:45	9:15	10:05	12:15	4:44
Thu 12/07	5:45/6:30 am	4:30 pm	5:27	5:53	6:46	9:16	10:06	12:15	4:44
Fri 12/08	5:45/6:45 am	4:30 pm	5:27	5:53	6:47	9:16	10:06	12:16	4:44

Start saying ואתן טל ומטר at Maariv

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