

MOTHER RACHEL STILL CARES

A young Israeli, who grew up in a religious family but veered of the path and gave up his religion, mixed with the wrong crowd and got involved in all sorts of shady behavior.

But he reached a point where he was in a difficult, unpleasant position. On the one hand he couldn't find his way back to his community, either because he was too embarrassed or he felt they wouldn't accept him again, and the new crowd didn't really accept him because he didn't have the same background as they had and he didn't really resonate with some of their behavior.

As a result, he slipped into a terrible depression and eventually reached a point of becoming suicidal. His decided his only option was to find a tall building and jump off the top, ending it all.

When he arrived on the top of the particular building he had selected, it 'happened' there were some papers flitting about in the wind, and one of them landed right in front of him, within hand's reach.

Out of curiosity he picked it up and took a look. It was an announcement -- the paper said "Today, is the 11th of [the Jewish month of] Cheshvan, the yahrzeit of Rachel Immenu, (our matriarch Rachel). Therefore, buses will be available all day, going to and from the tomb in Beit Lechem for anyone who wishes to go pray there" - followed by a detailed schedule.

For some incomprehensible reason, that spoke to him. Maybe his childhood memories flared up and he decided that this would be his last attempt at putting his life back together. Instead of jumping, G-d forbid, he found a bus and went to the kever (burial place) of Rachel.

On that date the surrounding structure is always absolutely packed.

There is a mechitsa (separating barrier) between the men and the women. He made his way towards the men's side of the tomb and started to cry that he was in a very desperate place. His prayer was: "Dear G-d, I don't think that anyone cares about me. My family has rejected me because of my choices; my new friends have rejected me because I don't really fit in with them. In truth, all I want is to know is that somebody cares about me."

He got so emotional that he actually passed out. A big commotion ensued. Finally, he was taken outside and revived.

When he came to, there was a woman standing over him. It turned out it was his own mother! She was sobbing and weeping to see her son who she hadn't seen for many years, laying on the ground at Kever Rachel!

When he was able to compose himself somewhat, he said to his mother, "You have to understand what happened here. I pushed my way firmly to be next to the tomb itself, put both hands on it, and cried out to HaShem. I said, 'G-d Al-mighty, please show me a sign that there is anybody at all in the world who still cares about me!'

"Within seconds, I heard from the other side of the mechitsa a woman's voice crying out and saying 'Please! would You bring back my son.' And then she pronounced my name and mother's name! That was so overwhelming that I passed out"

The reunion was the beginning of his rehabilitation and his return to a healthy lifestyle. Mother Rachel still cares!



SHAVUON WEEKLY NEWS

October 24, 2026/13 Cheshvan 5787

SHABBOS LECH LECHA

*Our 87th
Anniversary Year*

Rabbi Emeritus
Manfred Gans z"l

Rabbi

Yossi Mendelson

President Emeritus
Herbert Jaffe z"l

President
Yehoshua Perl

Please join us following services for
Shabbos Kiddush in the Kent Auditorium

WE WELCOME OUR CONGRESSMEMBER GRACE MENG

*We welcome our friends from
Havurat Yisrael, Queens Jewish Center,
and Young Israel of Forest Hills*

**Election Day is
Tuesday, November 3rd**

*Why do soulmates exist, and how do you find yours?
What actually happens to your soul when you sleep?*

**Six Wednesdays starting October 28th
7:30-9 PM**

with Rabbi Mendelson at Machane Chodosh
MachaneChodosh.org/JLI

**KABBALAH AND HIDDEN
ARCHITECTURE OF YOU**

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MACHANE CHODOSH**
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SHABBOS LECH LECHA

Friday, October 23

Candle lighting	5:45 PM
Mincha-Kabbolas Shabbos	5:55 PM

Shabbos, October 24

Shacharis	9:00 AM
Shul Children's Program.....	9:00 AM
Children's Program with Morah.....	10:00 AM
Moshiach: Just the Facts	4:20 PM
Mincha-Shalosh Seudos	5:20 PM
Shabbos Ends	6:43 PM

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Shacharis

Sunday.....	8:00 AM
Monday & Thursday	7:05 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....	7:15 AM
Mincha/Maariv October 25 - October 29.....	5:45 PM

SCHEDULE OF TORAH CLASSES

Moshiach: Just the Facts!.....1 hr prior to Mincha, Shabbos

SHABBOS VAYEIRA

Friday, October 30

Candle lighting	5:36 PM
Mincha-Kabbolas Shabbos	5:45 PM

Shabbos, October 31

Shacharis	9:00 AM
Shul Children's Program.....	9:00 AM
Children's Program with Morah.....	10:00 AM
Moshiach: Just the Facts	4:15 PM
Mincha-Shalosh seudos	5:15 PM
Shabbos Ends	6:35 PM

Standard Time - Sunday, November 1st
Move clock back 1 hour

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL THEMED PAINT PARTY

Sunday, October 25th, 2:00 PM

\$20 per person. RSVP to Iris Goldberg. All are welcome.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wednesday, October 28th, 11:15 AM

Parsha with Rebbetzin Mushky 11:30 AM, lunch 12 PM. \$5

JLI - KABBALAH AND THE HIDDEN ARCHITECTURE OF YOU

Wednesday, Oct 28th, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Join Rabbi Mendelson for this course on Souls, Reincarnation and more. Class 1 - "Echoes of Your Soul in Everyday Life" Men and women are welcome. Register at MachaneChodosh.org/JLI

KRISTALLNACHT

Monday, November 9th, 7:30 PM

Join us in commemorating the 88th anniversary of Kristallnacht with our guest speaker, Rabbi Yankel Lipskier, Director of Chabad at Adelphi University. All are welcome!

SHABBAT DINNER - AMERICAN FALL THEME

Friday, November 13th following services

Early bird pricing (\$40) until Tuesday, November 3rd.

Full price is \$45, children age 6-12 are half price, under 6 are free.

Reservations can be made until Tuesday, November 10th. Invite your friends!

RSVP at MachaneChodosh.org/Shabbat

ROSH CHODESH SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 17th, 7:45 PM- Celebrating Rebbetzin Mushky's birthday

"Generating a Universe: Living Between the Times"

All women are invited to join the Rosh Chodesh Society Circle. \$54/member.

Join in at MachaneChodosh.org/RCS

NOTICE

Lagman Lounge, located at 101-05 Queens Blvd. is no longer under the kosher supervision of the Vaad Harabonim of Queens (VHQ).

IN OUR SHUL

Our first "Read it in Hebrew" class attracted 15 people to learn to read Hebrew. This class is so important to be able to connect to the prayers in their original form and to learn about the mystical aspects of each of the Alef Bet. If you would still like to join, you are welcome to. Please register at MachaneChodosh.org/Read.

Mazal tov to Nissan & Susan Aulov on the marriage of their son Yonah to Michelle/Adina Gendin. Mazal tov to the extended Aulov and Hardoon families.

The second week of Talmud Torah classes met this past Sunday, with close to 20 children ages 3 and up. The children were divided into their classes and got to know each other. They also played Alef Bet games, decorated a Challah cover and more. The program meets Sundays 9:15 am with breakfast, davening, Alef Bet, engaging activities about the Jewish holidays and customs, snack and more.

If you know a child who may benefit from this program, please send their parents to MachaneChodosh.org/TT

Thank you to this week's security screeners/friendly greeters for helping to keep our shul safe.