

Bais Yaacov Bnos Malka Newsletter

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Parshas Chayei Sarah

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Parshas Vayera concludes with the birth of Rivka Imenu, and *Parshas Chayei Sarah* begins with the death of Sarah Imenu. The *mefarshim* note that this juxtaposition reflects a *yesod* in how *Hashem* runs the world. "וַזָּרַח הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וּבָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ", "The sun rises and the sun sets" (*Koheles* 1:5) – before the "sun sets" and a *gadol hador* dies, *Hashem* works it out that the "sun rises" and a future *gadol* is born. The Torah tells us about Rivka's birth before Sarah's death to tell us that *Hashem* had already prepared the next generation.

Hashem runs the world and has a plan for world history. History is going to get where it's supposed to get; *Moshiach* is going to come. Our job is to make the right decisions along the way, that we're on the right side of history.

Rav Soloveitchik ztz"l emphasized that we should avoid a "messiah complex." Some people, in their desire to change the world and make it a better place, decide to cut corners when it comes to *Halacha*. They alter Torah *hashkafa* to make it more palatable, thinking they are saving the world. But our job is not to save the world; leave that to *Hashem*! Our job is to serve *Hashem*, do *mitzvos*, observe *Halacha*, and learn and spread Torah. Although certain circumstances might call for relying on minority opinions, and one might certainly choose to emphasize one Torah approach over another in the *kiruv* process, violating *Halacha* or changing Torah *hashkafa* is not *tikun olam*; it is *harissas ha'olam*.

This "messiah complex" is often found among older people, who want to make sure they have left their stamp on the world. They want to make sure they have left a major impact, so they make up a new *hashkafa*!

The more we focus on the fact that *Hashem* has a plan and is in control, the less likely we are to have this "messiah complex."

Have a wonderful and peaceful Shabbos!
Chana Ginsburg

This Dvar Torah has been adapted from the sefarim of Rav B. Ginsburg.



Kita Vav continued to impress with their ever-creative English presentations. The girls created their own stores, and described their locations, merchandise, advertising capacities and client base.



Thank you to 'The Circle' magazine for allowing us to copy pages of their magazine to use for class activities and learning. The deadline to subscribe and receive one month free as Israeli citizens is ending!

Thank you to Gila Arnold for sharing her literary work so that the girls can learn from a professional!



Kita Gimmel has shown amazing flexibility in these ever-changing times, as they adjusted smoothly to their new classroom.



Mayor Aliza Bloch popped in to check on our youngest Bnos Malka girls!



Kita Gimmel Kebatz prepared Challahs for soldiers in the South with love!



Kitot Alef and Bet, BYBM Peninei Chen
Sattelite location.



This Motzai Shabbos, 28 of Cheshvan, marks the second Yahrzeit of Avi Mori Yitzchak Akiva Ben Ahron, Grandfather of Temima and Avigayil Platt. A lover of Torah and Eretz Yisrael, masterful Baal Tefillah and Baal Chessed, venerated doctor and loving husband, father and grandfather. Yehei Zichro Baruch