



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYISHLACH: THE MOTHER OF ALL HISTORIES!



THE BOOK OF **BEREISHIT** INTRODUCES US TO MANY INTERESTING CHARACTERS INCLUDING OUR **AVOT** (FATHERS) AND **IMAHOT** (MOTHERS). **RACHEL IMENU** - **RACHEL** OUR MATRIACH MAKES HER FINAL APPEARANCE THIS WEEK.

JOIN US AS WE BRUSH UP ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF **RACHEL**.



Rachel teaches us the importance of being sensitive to the feelings of other people. At huge personal cost, **Rachel** prevented her sister's embarrassment in an act that would impact across the centuries.



Rachel demonstrates the courage of conviction when she chooses to make unpopular decisions to do the right thing.



From a young age, **Rachel** was a skilled shepherdess. The Torah tells us that she singlehandedly looked after her father **Lavan's** flock.



Rachel's Yahrzeit is observed on 11th Cheshvan.



Although all the rest of the **Avot** and **Imahot** are buried in **Chevron** in **Me'arat Hamachpelah**, **Rachel** is buried in **Bet Lechem**, in **Kever Rachel** - **Rachel's tomb**. The midrash tells us that **Yaakov** knew that in the future the Jewish people would pass this location on their way out of **Israel** into exile. He buried **Rachel** there so that there would be a place for them to stop and pray.

To this day, **Rachel's Tomb** has remained a special place for Jews to pray at times of trouble. **Rachel's** outstanding sensitivity continues to be an inspiration and support for us.

DID YOU KNOW: **Rachel's Tomb** as we know it today was renovated by Sir Moses Montefiore in 1841. When his wife Judith died, he built a replica of **Kever Rachel**. Both he and his wife are buried in the **Rachel's Tomb** replica in **Ramsgate**.