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## Parshas Vayeishev in a Nutshell (Genesis 37:1–40:23)

Jacob settles in Hebron with his twelve sons. His favorite is seventeen-year-old Joseph, whose brothers are jealous of the preferential treatment he receives from his father, such as a precious many-colored coat that Jacob makes for Joseph. Joseph relates to his brothers two of his dreams which foretell that he is destined to rule over them, increasing their envy and hatred towards him.

Simeon and Levi plot to kill him, but Reuben suggests that they throw him into a pit instead, intending to come back later and save him. While Joseph is in the pit, Judah has him sold to a band of passing Ishmaelites. The brothers dip Joseph's special coat in the blood of a goat and show it to their father, leading him to believe that his most beloved son was devoured by a wild beast.

Judah marries and has three children. The eldest, Er, dies young and childless, and his wife, Tamar, is given in levirate marriage to the second son, Onan. Onan sins by spilling his seed, and he too meets an early death. Judah is reluctant to have his third son marry her. Determined to have a child from Judah's family, Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute and seduces Judah himself. Judah hears that his daughter-in-law has become pregnant and orders her executed for harlotry, but when Tamar produces some personal effects he left with her as a pledge for payment, he publicly admits that he is the father. Tamar gives birth to twin sons, Peretz (an ancestor of King David) and Zerach.

Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, the minister in charge of Pharaoh's slaughterhouses.

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G-d blesses everything Joseph does, and soon he is made overseer of all his master's property. Potiphar's wife desires the handsome and charismatic lad; when Joseph rejects her advances, she tells her husband that the Hebrew slave tried to force himself on her, and has him thrown into prison. Joseph gains the trust and admiration of his jailers, who appoint him to a position of authority in the prison administration.

In prison, Joseph meets Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker, both incarcerated for offending their royal master. Both have disturbing dreams, which Joseph interprets; in three days, he tells them, the butler will be released and the baker hanged. Joseph asks the butler to intercede on his behalf with Pharaoh. Joseph's predictions are fulfilled, but the butler forgets all about Joseph and does nothing for him. ❖

## תהלים

*Tehillim - Psalms*

**Join us this Shabbos morning  
December 17 at 8:00 AM for  
Shabbos Mevorchim Tehillim.**

**This week's Tehillim reading is  
dedicated to a refuah sh'laima  
for Menachem Mendel Sholom  
ben Leah Raizel**

## Halachic Zmanim

**Shabbos, Dec 17, 2022  
Eastern Standard Time**

Earliest Tallis.....6:13 AM  
Latest Morning Shema .....9:31 AM  
Earliest Mincha (Gedola) 12:17 PM  
Plag Hamincha..... 3:36 PM  
Earliest Evening Shema .... 5:01 PM

## Anshei Lubavitch Congregation

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Rabbi Avrohom and Rivky Bergstein

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Rabbi Eli and Ruty Steinhauser

## Shabbos Schedule

### Erev Shabbos – Dec 16 / Kislev 22

Candle Lighting.....4:12 pm

Mincha .....4:10 pm

### Shabbos Day – Dec 17 / Kislev 23

Tehillim Reading.....8:00 am

Shacharis .....9:30 am\*

Torah Reading .....10:30 am

Kiddush.....12:00 pm

Mincha .....4:00 pm

Farbrengen.....4:15 pm

Rabbi's Drasha .....4:35 pm

Shabbos Ends .....5:16 pm

*\*Latest morning Shema is now 9:31 AM. Be sure to recite the Shema at or before that time (even if at home).*

## Weekday Schedule (not on a holiday):

### Minyan

Shacharis (Mon-Fri) .....6:15 am

Shacharis (Sunday) ..... 9:00 am

Mincha (Sun-Thurs).....1:45 pm

Maariv (Sun-Thurs) .....9:15 pm

## Bulletin

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# Chassidic Masters

## Powerful Insights From the Rebbe

*Based on the teachings  
of the Lubavitcher Rebbe  
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### The Inner Truth

In the Torah portion of Vayeishev, Joseph tells his brothers about his dreams, the gist of which is that in the future, he would rule over them. The fulfillment of Joseph's dreams came about when hunger forced Ya'akov and his sons to descend to Egypt, where Joseph served as viceroy. Their descent served as the precursor to the Egyptian exile, the source of all subsequent exiles.

Although the Jewish people are exiled from their land as a result of their iniquities, the underlying purpose of exile is to propel the nation to a level far superior to that attained prior to exile. Thus, at the time of the final Redemption, the Jewish people will be on an even loftier level than they were while the Beis HaMikdash existed.

When one ponders the state of our world, each day spiritually darker than the one before, one might despair of ever having the strength to illuminate the world with the light of Torah and mitzvos. But all spiritual descents, states of darkness and concealment, etc., are only external manifestations. The inner truth is quite different. ❖

### Focus

This week's Parshah mentions the selling of Joseph into slavery by his brothers.

When discussing this puzzling narrative, our Sages note that Reuven — the oldest of Jacob's sons — had originally protested against selling Joseph and after discovering that he had been sold, bemoaned the pain that this would cause their father Jacob.

So where was Reuven when Joseph was being sold? Some explain that he was involved in fasting and repentance in solitude. He had seriously offended his father's honor previously, and from time to time would go off to lament the gravity of his offense. While he was away trying to atone for his deeds, his brothers sold Joseph.

This narrative gives us a clear perspective on how a person should order his priorities. Because Reuven was crying over his sins, Joseph was sold into slavery. By mourning the past instead of acting to correct the present, Reuven allowed his brother to be taken to Egypt.

Certainly, a person must be concerned with his own spiritual development and he must seek to correct his personal failures. But this concern should never stand in the way of steps that are immediately necessary to help his fellow man. When a person realizes that someone else is in danger — whether physically or spiritually — he should temporarily put aside his striving for self-development and deal with the pressing problem at hand. ❖

### To be Selfless

In Parshas Vayeishev, we learn how, out of jealousy, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery, how he served as a servant in the home of Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's courtiers

and how he was framed and thrown into prison.

While Joseph was in prison, Pharaoh became enraged with two of his courtiers, the butler and the baker, and threw them into the same cell. Joseph did not share his misery with them. Instead, he did everything he could to lift their spirits.

Too often, we get caught up with ourselves and our problems, real or imagined worrying about the problems we face. Even when our problems are genuine, heaven forbid, we must not allow them to take over our lives.

What gave Joseph the ability to focus on others rather than on himself, was his awareness and his trust that everything that happened to him came from G-d. Later on when his father passed away and his brothers feared that he would take revenge for their selling him into slavery, he told them: "Although you meant to do me harm, G-d intended it for the good." ❖

### Yud-Tes Kislev Farbregen

Motzei Shabbos

December 16

8 pm at the Shul

Guest Speaker

Dinner Will Be Served



## From Our Sages – Vayeishev

***These are the generations of Jacob: Joseph was seventeen years old . . . (Genesis 37:2)***

*Should not have the verse said, “These are the generations of Jacob: Reuben, etc.”? Why Joseph?*

*Because everything that happened to Jacob happened to Joseph. As Jacob was born circumcised, so was Joseph born circumcised. As Jacob’s mother was infertile, so was Joseph’s mother infertile. As Jacob’s mother had difficulty in childbirth, so did Joseph’s mother have difficulty in childbirth. As Jacob’s mother bore two sons, so did Joseph’s mother bear two sons. As Jacob was hated by his brother, so was Joseph hated by his brothers. As Jacob’s brother sought to kill him, so did Joseph’s brothers seek to kill him.*

*Jacob was a shepherd, and Joseph was a shepherd. Jacob was persecuted, and Joseph was persecuted. Jacob was blessed with ten blessings, and Joseph was blessed with ten blessings. Jacob was exiled from the Holy Land, and Joseph was exiled from the Land. Jacob took a wife outside the Land, and Joseph took a wife outside the Land. Jacob fathered children outside the Land, and Joseph fathered children outside the Land. Jacob was escorted by angels, and Joseph was escorted by angels. Jacob was made great through a dream, and Joseph was made great through a dream. The house of Jacob’s father-in-law was blessed on his account, and the house of Joseph’s father-in-law was blessed on his account. Jacob went down to Egypt, and Joseph went down to Egypt. Jacob ended the famine, and Joseph ended the famine. Jacob adjured [his children], and Joseph adjured [his brothers]. Jacob charged [his children], and Joseph charged [his brothers]. Jacob died in Egypt, and Joseph died in Egypt. Jacob was embalmed, and Joseph was embalmed. The bones of Jacob were brought up [from Egypt to the Holy Land], and the bones of Joseph were brought up [from Egypt to the Holy Land] . . .*

*Jacob fathered tribes, and Joseph fathered tribes. Jacob was lost to his father for 22 years, and Joseph was lost to his father for 22 years. Jacob was indentured on account of a woman, and Joseph was imprisoned on account of a woman. Jacob supported Joseph for 17 years, and Joseph supported Jacob for 17 years . . .*

*(Midrash Rabbah, Zohar, et al)*

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**The Paterson Shul (temporarily in the Social Hall level) will hold a  
Pre-Chanukah Shabbat Minyan  
on**

**SAT., DEC.17: PARSHAT VAYESHEV AT 9A.M.**

The Paterson Shul @Seniors Tower of Paterson located at 510 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street/Paterson.

This is a very important time to help make the Minyan.  
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## Haftorah for Parshas Vayeishev in a nutshell

Amos 2:6-3:8

This week's haftorah contains an allusion to the sale of Joseph by his brothers, an incident discussed in this week's Torah reading.

Amos opens with a rebuke to the Jewish People. G-d had been patient with them notwithstanding their transgression of the three cardinal sins — sexual impropriety, idolatry and murder. Their fourth sin, however, crossed the line — the mistreatment of the innocent, widows, orphans and the poor.

G-d reminds the Jewish people how He lovingly took them out of Egypt and led them through the desert for forty years and settled them in the Holy Land. There, He bestowed the gift of prophecy on some and inspired others to become Nazirites. Yet the Jewish people did not respond appropriately, giving wine to the Nazirites and instructing the prophets not to prophesy. Amos then goes on to describe G-d's punishment for the errant behavior: "And the stout-hearted among the mighty shall flee naked on that day, says the L-rd."

The haftorah ends with an admonition from G-d, one that also recalls His eternal love for His people: "Hearken to this word which the Lord spoke about you, O children of Israel, concerning the entire nation that I brought up from the land of Egypt. 'Only you did I love above all the families of the earth; therefore, I will visit upon you all your iniquities...'" As opposed to other nations to whom G-d does not pay close attention, G-d's love for His nation causes Him to punish them for their misdeeds, to cleanse them and prod them back onto the path of the just. ❖

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