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25 KISLEV 5784 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

SHABBOS ENDS: 5:14 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHABBOS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - EREV SHABBOS

MINCHA/MAARIV...... 4:15 PM

SATURDAY - SHABBOS DAY

MAARIV......5:14 PM

KIDS PROGRAM

.....10:30 AM

CLASSES

CHASSIDUS......8:45 AM TORAH CLASS.....4:35 PM

PLEASE SAY PRAYERS

Please say Tehillim/Psalms for the safety and liberation of our brothers and sisters in captivity; for the healing of our wounded; and in sacred memory of those brutally torn from us.

Chapters 20, 22, 69, 122, 150, 81-90

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SHACHRIS

SUNDAY..... SHACHRIS......9:00 AM
MON-FRI....CHASSIDUS....5:50 AM
SHACHRIS......6:15 AM
MINCHA SUN-THU.......1:45 PM
MAARIV SUN-THU...........9:15 PM

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Anshei Lubavitch extends its gratitude to our dedicated Ba'al Korei, R' Yossi Nigri.

Special thanks to the security team led by Yury Zimavilin who help keep us secure while we daven.

Yasher koach to the kiddush volunteers, Marnin Rand, Mordechai Hirschkorn and Serge Zenou who work tirelessly to bring us a wholesome kiddush each week!

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SUNDAY

THE WORLD OF KABBALAH - JLI
OCT. 29 - DEC 10...... 7:30-9:00 PM
MONDAY
TORAH STUDIES.........7:30-8:30 PM
TUESDAY
TALMUD STUDY.........8:15-9:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
BEIS MIDRASH..........8:15-9:15 PM
THURSDAY
TEHILLIM STUDY.........8:45-9:15 AM
FIVE-MINUTE KOLLEL - FOLLOWS

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SHABBOS, DEC 9, 2023

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

EARLIEST TALLIS	6:07 AM
ATEST MORNING SHEMA	9:26 AM
EARLIEST MINCHA (GEDOLA)	12:13 PM
PLAG HAMINCHA	3:34 PM
EARLIEST EVENING SHEMA	5:00 PM

PARSHAH INA NUTSHELL

PARSHAS VAYEISHEV

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. G-d blesses everything he 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.



Enlightening Wisdom From the CHASSIDIC MASTERS

Powerful Insights From the Rebbe

Compiled by Mordechai Rubin

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 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 selfdevelopment and deal with the pressing problem at hand.

To Be Selfless

In Parshat 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 thrown into framed and 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." 💠



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Shabbat Chanukah

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

This haftorah is read on Shabbat Chanukah as it contains a vision of the golden Temple Menorah.

This prophecy was communicated by Zechariah shortly before the building of the Second Temple. The haftorah opens with a vivid depiction of the joy that will prevail when G-d will return to Jerusalem: "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for, behold! I will come and dwell in your midst, says the L-rd."

The prophet then describes a scene in the Heavenly Court: Satan was seeking to incriminate Joshua, the first High Priest to serve in the Second Temple, because of the "soiled garments" (i.e. sins) he was wearing. G-d himself defends the High Priest: "And the Lord said to Satan: The Lord shall rebuke you, O Satan; the Lord who chose Jerusalem shall rebuke you. Is [Joshua] not a brand plucked from fire?" I.e., how dare Satan prosecute an individual who endured the hardships of exile? "And He raised His voice and said to those standing before him,

saying, 'Take the filthy garments off him.' And He said to him, 'See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I have clad you with clean garments."

G-d then proceeds to outline the rewards awaiting Joshua if he and his descendants follow G-d's ways. The ultimate reward is, "Behold! I will bring My servant, the Shoot," an allusion to Moshiach, the Shoot of David.

Zechariah then describes a vision of a golden seven-branched Menorah. An angel interprets the meaning of this vision: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel [descendent of King David, one of the protagonists in the building of the Second Temple], 'Not by military force and not by physical strength, but by My spirit,' says the Lord of Hosts." Meaning that Zerubbabel's descendent, Moshiach, will have no difficulty in his task, it will be as simple as lighting a menorah.



WISDOM FROM OUR SAGES

Pesukim (sentences) from this week's Torah portion of Vayeishev, along with stimulating commentary.

Jacob settled . . . (Genesis 37:1)

Jacob desired to settle in tranquility, but there pounced upon him the agony of Joseph. For when the righteous wish to settle in tranquility, G-d says: "Is it not enough for the righteous what is prepared for them in the world to come, that they ask also for a tranquil life in this world?" (Rashi)

So he sent him out of the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem (Genesis 37:14)

A place predestined for evil: in Shechem Dinah was violated; in Shechem Joseph was sold by his brothers; and in Shechem the kingdom of the House of David was divided (I Kings 12:1).

(Talmud, Sanhedrin 102a)

They took Joseph's coat, slaughtered a kid goat, and dipped the coat in the blood (Genesis 37:31)

G-d pays back man measure for measure . . . even the righteous He pays back measure for measure. Jacob deceived his father with goatskins (cf. Genesis 27:16), and his sons deceived him with the blood of a goat . . . Likewise, Judah, who deceived his father with the blood of a goat, was deceived by Tamar with a "kid goat."

(Midrash; Rashi)

Joseph was of beautiful form and beautiful appearance (Genesis 39:6)

When he saw himself in a position of rulership, he began to eat and drink and curl his hair. Said G-d: "Your father is in mourning, and you curl your hair! I shall incite the bear against you." Immediately, "His master's wife laid her eyes upon Joseph . . . "

(Rashi)

He refused. And he said to his master's wife: '. .. How then can I do this areat wickedness. and sin against G-d?" (Genesis 39:8-9)

Said Joseph to her: "I am afraid of the Holy One, blessed be He," Said she: "But He is not here."... She drove him from room to room and from chamber to chamber, until she brought him to her bed. Above it was engraved an idol, which she covered with a sheet. Said Joseph to her: "You have covered its face . . . how much more then should you fear Him of whom it is written (Zechariah 4:10), "The eyes of the L-rd, that run to and fro through the whole earth"!

(Midrash Rabbah) 💠

To our Anshei Lubavitch Family:

Arnie Mazurek and Family would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all of the phone calls, comforting meals, emotional support, and generous donations in memory of my Mother, Mother-In-Law, Grandmother and Great Grandmother that you have provided to help us through such a difficult time. May Gertrud Mazurek's memory be for a blessing to all of us. Thank you.

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