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Miketz-Chanukah
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Candlelighting: 4:38 pm

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Parsha: Miketz-Chanukah

Friday, December 7

7:00 Shacharis

4:38 Candlelighting
4:40 Mincha / Maariv

No Parsha Shiur this week

Shabbos, December 8

8:45 Shacharis.
**Kiddush is sponsored
by the Raheer family**

**No Laws of Shabbos
class this week**

4:30 Mincha/
*Shalosh Seudos is
available for
sponsorship*

5:46 Maariv

Sunday, December 9

8:00 Shacharis

**7:30 HEBREW READING
CLASS**

10:00 Maariv

Monday, December 10

7:00 Shacharis

10:00 Maariv

Tuesday, December 11

7:00 Shacharis

8:00 Pirke Avos (Stoll)
10:00 Maariv

Wednesday, December 12

7:00 Shacharis

**8:00 The Prophets Still Speak
(Stoll)**
10:00 Maariv

Thursday, December 13

7:00 Shacharis

10:00 Maariv
10:15 Parsha Class

JLC Shabbaton

January 19th

w/ Rabbi Ron Eisenman

Thirteen years had passed since Joseph was abducted from his father's home. During that time he had been sold into slavery, was falsely accused of attacking his master's wife, and was then imprisoned. For all practical purposes Joseph seemed to have been forgotten. Yet, when the Divine Plan to fulfill Joseph's dreams of leadership began to be realized, it happened swiftly. In a matter of moments a relatively unknown prisoner rose to become the viceroy over Egypt.

Pharaoh dreamed two disturbing dreams that his advisors could not interpret satisfactorily. In one dream he saw seven lean and sickly cows swallow seven healthy cows. In the next dream he saw seven measly sheaves of grain swallow seven plump sheaves. Pharaoh understood that there was a message alluded to in the dreams, but he could not understand what it was.

The wine butler suddenly recalled how Joseph had successfully interpreted his own dream in prison, and mentioned this to Pharaoh. Joseph was hurried out of prison, cleaned up and dressed properly, and brought before Pharaoh. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream to mean that G-d was going to send seven years of bounty to Egypt, followed by seven years of terrible famine. He also recommended that Pharaoh appoint somebody to prepare Egypt for the years of hunger.

Pharaoh was very impressed with Joseph's wisdom, integrity and concern. He appointed Joseph as the viceroy of all Egypt. Joseph stored grain during the years of plenty to prepare the succeeding years. Pharaoh also gave Joseph Osnas, the daughter of his former master Potiphar, as a wife. She bore him two sons, Menashe and Ephraim.

Once the famine began, the whole country was at the mercy of Joseph. When the famine reached Canaan too, Jacob sent ten of his sons to Egypt to purchase food. Benjamin was not sent because Jacob was concerned lest he get hurt on the way. Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

Joseph decided to test his brothers to see if they truly regretted their earlier actions towards him before he would forgive them. He accused his brothers of spying and told them that they must bring their younger brother back with them to prove their innocence. Joseph then tried to re-create a situation by planting his silver goblet in Benjamin's sack to see how his brothers would treat their youngest brother Benjamin when he would fall in their disfavor. If they would show him the proper compassion, and show concern for their elderly father, Joseph figured that he would reveal himself to them and forgive them for what they had done to him.

Insights: Miketz

...that we saw his suffering when he pleaded with us but we did not listen ... (Gen 42:21) A student once came to pick up Rav Moshe Feinstein to deliver his lecture. He noticed the Rosh Yeshiva sitting with a woman and crying. The fellow signaled to the Rosh Yeshiva that it was time to go, but Rav Moshe did not pay attention. Eventually the woman left and Rav Moshe went with his student. The young man asked the Rosh Yeshiva what had happened. The Rosh Yeshiva explained, "The lady wanted to speak to me, and she started to cry. I'm not sure why, as she was too distraught to say what was wrong." "So why was the Rosh Yeshiva crying?" asked the student. "Rav Moshe looked surprised. "How is it possible to see a Jewish woman crying and not cry with her?"

Did You Know?

One may not dispose of mitzvah objects in a disgraceful manner. Leftover wicks and oil which were not used on Chanukah may be used for other purposes. The leftover wicks and oil from the menorah should not be thrown directly into the trash; rather they should first be wrapped up and then disposed. Some people put the leftover wicks and oil into a container and allow them to burn out by themselves. Others posit that since the wicks were used for one mitzvah they should be used for another as well, and they thus keep them until Pesach and burn them with the chametz.

Thought for the week: We should seek to enter heaven with monogrammed souls. (*A Candle by Day*)

The Art of Happiness

**8 part series Mondays
@ 8 with R. Nisenbaum
Beginning Dec 18th**

Sponsorship

**This issue is sponsored
by Rick & Myrna
Diamond on the
occasion of his
father's yahrzeit**

Mazel Tov

**Rabbi Ephraim &
Chanie Nisenbaum
upon the birth of a
granddaughter**

**Dr. David & Susan
Goldstein upon the
birth of a grandson**

Condolences

**Stuart & Chaya
(Jennifer) Mintz upon
the loss of her mother**