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Parshas Miketz

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Candlelighting: 4:43 pm

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Friday, December 23

4:43pm Candlelighting
4:45pm Mincha / Maariv
~~8:15pm Shiur @ R. Nisenbaum's~~

Shabbos, December 24

8:45am Shacharis
4:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /
Maariv

Sunday, December 25

9:15am Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)
10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, December 26

Tuesday, December 27

8:00pm Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, December 28

8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –
Tehillim (R. Stoll)

Thursday, December 29

10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Flashes of Torah

R. Nisenbaum's new book is
now available!
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CPR / First Aid

January 8th and 15th
Classes are free
but require registration.
For more information, contact
Gedaliah Corbett.

Weekday Minyanim

7:00am Shacharis (M-F)
8:00am Shacharis (Sun)
10:00pm Maariv (Sun-Th)

Class Connection

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Parsha: Miketz

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 recreate 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.

JLC Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 25th
at 6:30pm at JFX

For information and to make
reservations, contact Yossi
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Insights: Miketz

It was at the end of two years of days. (Gen 41:1)

The Midrash says that Yosef was imprisoned for an additional two years because he displayed a lack of faith by asking the butler to intercede on his behalf. There is a fine line between exerting the proper effort (hishtadlus) and showing a lack of faith. A young man once told Rav Shlomo Wolbe that he was hesitating whether or not he should make certain efforts, and he was not sure whether his reluctance stemmed from faith or from laziness. Rav Wolbe advised him that if he was in doubt, it was proof that it stemmed from laziness and not from faith.

Did You Know?

There are three possible situations where three Torah scrolls are read. One is when Rosh Chodesh Teves falls on Shabbos. In the first scroll the Torah portion is divided into six aliyyot instead of seven. The Rosh Chodesh reading is read from the second scroll. After the Rosh Chodesh reading the third scroll is placed next to the second and the half kaddish is recited. The Maftir for Chanukah is then read from the third scroll. The reason the Rosh Chodesh reading precedes that of Chanukah is because Rosh Chodesh is more common, and a more common mitzvah general precedes a less common one.

Thought for the Week: *One swallow does not a drinker make, but that's how it begins.*
(A Candle By Day)