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Parshas Miketz

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Candlelighting: 4:45 pm

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Friday, December 27

4:45pm Candlelighting
4:50pm Mincha / Maariv

8:30pm Shiur @ R. Nisenbaum

Shabbos, December 28

8:45am Shacharis
Kiddush is available for sponsorship.

4:15pm Laws of Shabbos
4:40pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos
5:54pm Maariv

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 30

~~8:00pm~~ **Pathways to Prayer** –
resumes January 6th

Tuesday, December 31

8:00pm Tanna d'vei Eliyahu
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, January 1

8:00am Shacharis, Breakfast & Shiur
8:00pm Nach Still Speaks –
Tehillim (R. Stoll)

Thursday, January 2

8:00pm Sefer HaChinuch: R. Stoll
10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Torah Podcast

Listen to Rabbi Nisenbaum's "Torah Podcast" at Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeartRadio, and more, or download at www.maverickpodcasting.com

New episodes twice a week!

Weekday Minyanim

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

Class Connection

R. Nisenbaum:
425-436-6200 #352171

"The Torah Podcast" weekly
at all podcast locations

R. Stoll:
Zoom: 876-619-3551
Audio: 669-900-9128

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 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.

Mazel Tov

Gary & Liat Shyken upon the wedding of their daughter

Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Stoll upon the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson

JLC Chanukah Party

December 30th 6:45pm at JFX.
Dairy dinner will be served.
Call for reservations.

Issue Sponsorship

By Naomi Stein on the occasion of her mother's yahrzeit, Chana bas Shalom Zushe & Luba

Insights: Chanukah

There is a somewhat of a mitzvah to increase feasting ... (Rema 670:2) Rav Berel Soloveichik once came to the Beis Yisroel of Ger to complain that the students in his yeshiva were making too much noise with their nightly Chanukah celebrations. The Rebbe apologized but said, "Nu! The Rema rulers that there is a small mitzvah to feast on Chanukah too!" Rav Berel shook his head and said, "For a small mitzvah, that is not an excuse." The Rebbe countered with a smile, "By my followers a small sin is considered as severe as a great sin, and consequently, a small mitzvah is as important as a great mitzvah!"

Did You Know?

A person must light Chanukah candles in his own home. If one is a guest at a friend's home for the evening, he should first light at home before leaving, or else light later after he returns home. Preferably, one should remain home for the first half hour the candles are lit. If he will be sleeping at the friend's home, he need not light at home, but should either light himself at the friend's home, or else give the friend some money to become a partner in his lighting. If one is staying at a hotel, if possible, the candles should be lit in the hotel. If that is not possible, or if one will be in transit through the night, he should have his wife, or appoint someone else, to light for him at his home.

Thought for the Week: G When the truth is made palatable, it is not the truth that is accepted, but the palatability. (A Candle By Day)