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Parshas Vayaishev

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Candlelighting: 4:41 pm

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Friday, November 26

7:00am Shacharis

4:41pm Candlelighting
4:45pm Mincha / Maariv

8:00pm Parsha Class
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Shabbos, November 27

8:45am Shacharis

4:05pm Laws of Chanukah
4:35pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos /
Maariv

Sunday, November 28

8:00am Shacharis
9:15am *Parsha Class*
(R. Nisenbaum)

10:00am "The 613 Mitzvos"
(R. Stoll)

Monday, November 29 CHANUKAH DAY 1

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *The Seven Prophetesses:
Yehudis & Chanukah*
(8/9) (R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, November 30 CHANUKAH DAY 2

7:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *Avos D'Rav Nosson*
(R. Stoll)

Wednesday, December 1 CHANUKAH DAY 3

7:00am Shacharis

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

Thursday, December 2 CHANUKAH DAY 4

8:00am Shacharis

8:00pm *The 12 Jewish Months*
(R. Stoll)
in person, Zoom & audio

10:15pm *Parsha Class*
(R. Nisenbaum)

Parsha: Vayaishev

The roots of all Jewish history can be traced to the story of our forefathers and their families. In the story of Joseph and his brothers the roots of the Egyptian exile and the ultimate Redemption can be seen.

Jacob favored his son Joseph more than his other sons. He taught him individually and made him a special colorful garment. This incurred the jealousy of his brothers. It was compounded further when Joseph related his prophetic dreams about his leadership to his brothers. Although the Talmud finds fault with Jacob's treatment of Joseph, his intentions were to prepare Joseph for the challenges he would have to endure before assuming leadership.

The brothers eventually conspired to kill Joseph, but then decided to sell him instead as a slave. They took Joseph's coat, dipped it in blood, and sent it to their father, implying that an animal had attacked him. Jacob could not be consoled. The brothers obviously acted improperly, yet their actions were also part of an orchestrated master plan to set the stage in Egypt for the family's eventual exile.

At the same time, Yehuda, the born leader of the brothers, and the one most affected by Joseph's

dreams, started his own family. His first son, Ehr, died and Yehuda had the widow, Tamar, marry his second son, Onan. Onan also died and Yehuda sent Tamar to her father's home. However, Tamar desired to have children through Yehuda's family, and in a strange turn of events she fooled Yehuda into living with her. Yehuda did not even realize that he had made her pregnant. When confronted with the realization of what he had done,

Yehuda publicly admitted to his actions, accepting full responsibility. Tamar bore twin boys, one of whom, Peretz, would be the forbearer of the Davidic, and ultimately the Messianic, dynasty.

Meanwhile, Joseph was taken to Egypt where he became a servant in the house of one of Pharaoh's officers, Potiphar. Joseph was very

handsome, and Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph to sin, but he would not consent to her advances, despite all her efforts. As a result, she slandered Joseph and he was sent to prison, where he remained for eleven years.

Jacob's efforts in preparing Joseph paid off. Regardless of all the difficult circumstances he found himself in, Joseph maintained a positive disposition. This virtue would be of great importance when Joseph would later assume a leadership role.

SAVE THE DATE!

JLC's 33rd anniversary community
Shabbos with scholar-in-residence
Rabbi Daniel Glatstein
will be December 17-18.
Honorees will be Dr. & Mrs.
Michael Harris. Details to follow.

Insights: Vayaishev

Yosef dreamed a dream...but his father kept the matter in mind. (Gen 37:5-11) When Rav Meir Shapiro was a young boy, the rebbe of the local cheder quickly realized that the boy had learned everything he could teach him. His father took the young Meir to the city's Rav who offered to teach Meir along with his two older sons. The arrangement worked out well, except for the fact that the seven-year-old child had nobody to play with. Once, while playing with the Rav's five-year-old daughter, the young Meir told the girl that he dreamed that someday he would influence the entire Jewish people to study Torah each day. The girl ridiculed the young boy, saying that he was not smarter than all the other rabbis. Years later, after Rav Meir Shapiro initiated the Daf Yomi, he once met up with the Rav's daughter who had become an important Rebbetzin. They recalled their conversation from years earlier and Rav Meir told her, "It's fortunate that I wasn't put off by your words. One should never make fun of a child's dreams."

Did You Know?

The Chanukah candles must be capable of burning until a half-hour after nightfall, even if they were lit earlier than nightfall. After a half-hour it is praiseworthy to allow them to burn longer, since people today still walk the streets at that time and will notice the candles burning. If the family will be leaving after the half-hour, and they are concerned of a risk of fire, they may extinguish the lights. If the candles had sufficient fuel to burn the allotted time, but they were extinguished within the half-hour, it is not required to re-ignite them, although it is proper to do so.

Thought for the Week: How deficient we are in grooming grooms!. (A Candle By Day)

New Book

R. Nisenbaum's new book of essays and anecdotes will soon be published. If anyone is interested in sponsorship, please contact him.

Mazel Tov

Rabbi & Mrs. Moshe Stoll upon the birth of a grandson

Sponsorship

This issue is sponsored in memory of Shirley Pasternak on the occasion of her yahrzeit

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