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Parsha Vayaishev
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Candlelighting: 4:39 pm

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Friday, December 8

4:39pm Candlelighting
4:40pm Mincha / Maariv
Parsha Shiur
@ R. Nisenbaum

Shabbos, December 9

8:45am Shacharis
*Kiddush is sponsored by
the Shyken family.*
Laws of Shabbos
4:30pm Mincha
5:45pm Maariv

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

6:45pm JLC Chanukah party at
JFX. Dairy dinner will be
served. Call for
reservations.
8:00pm The Wisdom of Koheles -
(R. Nisenbaum)

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

10:15pm Parsha Class
(R. Nisenbaum)

Weekday Minyanim

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

Class Connection

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R. Stoll:
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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 forerunner 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.

JLC Chanukah Party

6:45pm Monday at JFX
Dairy dinner will be served
Call for pricing & reservations

Condolences

Uri Gofman upon the loss of
his brother

Mazel Tov

Leibel & Alla Preyger upon the
marriage of their granddaughter

Insights: Chanukah

Rav Shmuel Ahron Yudelevich served as chazzan for the High Holidays in the Brisker Rav's shul. The Brisker Rav wanted to pay Rav Shmuel, but he refused to accept any money. The Rav would wait until Chanukah and then send Rav Shmuel money as Chanukah gelt which he felt he could not refuse as it was an established custom. One year the Brisker Rav's messenger came to Rav Shmuel's house but he was not home. When Rav Shmuel heard that he had missed the messenger he quickly ran to the Brisker Rav's house to receive the money to avoid troubling the Brisker Rav mentioned to others how impressed he was with Rav Shmuel's character. Although he was uncomfortable accepting the money, he did ignore his own discomfort to prevent bothering another person.

Did You Know?

One should first light the shamash, the candle used to kindle the other candles, recite all the blessings and then begin kindling the Chanukah candles. If one of the wicks does not catch, or if the flame was extinguished right after lighting, it should be fixed or replaced and no new blessing is required. There are different customs regarding the singing of *Haneiros halalu* and the other Chanukah hymns. Some sing them immediately after the first candle has been lit, while kindling the other candles. Others begin singing after all the candles have been lit.

Thought for the Week: Second to belief in G-d is belief in death; both receive only lip service.
(A Candle By Day)