

# J.L.C. Connections

The Jewish Learning Connection's Weekly Newsletter



Parshas Vayigash  
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Candlelighting: 4:47 pm

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## Friday, December 30

4:47pm Candlelighting  
4:50pm Mincha / Maariv  
8:20pm Shiur @ R. Nisenbaum's

## Shabbos, December 31

8:45am Shacharis  
Kiddush is sponsored by Yehoshua Gelfand on receiving Chasan Bereshis.  
4:10pm Laws of Shabbos  
4:40pm Mincha / Shalosh Seudos / Maariv

## Sunday, January 1

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

## Monday, January 2

8:00am Shacharis (holiday sched)  
8:00pm Q & A (R. Nisenbaum)

## Tuesday, January 3 Asara B'Teves

4:40pm Mincha / Maariv  
8:00pm Pirkei d'Rebbi Elazar (R. Stoll)

## Wednesday, January 4

8:00pm Nach Si'l Speaks – Tehillim (R. Stoll)

## Thursday, January 5

10:15pm Parsha Class (R. Nisenbaum)

### CPR / First Aid

January 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
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

**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: Vayigash

Joseph, as the viceroy of Egypt, had set his brothers up in a situation where their youngest brother Benjamin would have to remain in Egypt, as a slave to Pharaoh. Yehuda stood before Joseph and begged him to have mercy on their elderly father who could not bear the loss of another son. He spoke to him respectfully yet firmly, offering to serve the viceroy in Benjamin's place.

When Joseph saw his brothers' concern for Benjamin and Jacob he realized they had repented since the days when they had tormented him without regard for their father's feelings. He no longer had any reason to hide his identity from his brothers. He ordered all the Egyptians out of the room, to spare his brothers the shame, and then revealed his identity to them.

The brothers were so dumbfounded they could not say a word. All the pieces of the mystery of their Egyptian experience now came together. They were ashamed of their earlier treatment of Joseph. Joseph, however, consoled them, telling them that although their intentions had not been proper, G-d had used the incident as a means of putting Joseph into the position of being a benefactor to his family. Joseph sent his

brothers back to Canaan with wagons to bring their father and families down to Egypt, where they would be protected from the famine. Thus would begin the exile foretold earlier to Abraham.

When Jacob heard that not only was Joseph still alive, but that he had also been able to maintain his level of righteousness in the palace of Pharaoh, his spirits were revived. He immediately made plans to travel to Egypt to see Joseph before he would die.

Jacob and his family came to Egypt, where Pharaoh cordially greeted them. They settled in Goshen, a suburb of Egypt, where they would be able to live apart from the surrounding Egyptian culture.

The Torah relates that as the famine became worse and the Egyptian resources were depleted, Joseph took all the Egyptians' land for Pharaoh, in exchange for food. He resettled the whole nation in different areas. This was done in order to make his brothers feel more comfortable. They would not feel like strangers if everyone else had also been relocated. He also extended an exemption to the priests. This would serve as a precedent for the exemption of the Levites once the Jewish slavery in exile began.

### Mazel Tov

to Sharon Rosner upon her engagement

### Issue Sponsorship

By Naomi Stein on the occasion of her mother's yahrzeit, Chana bas Shalom Zushi, 8 Teves

## Insights: Vayigash

*...they told him over all the words of Yosef... (Gen 45:27)*

A broken-hearted man came to Rav Simcha Bunim of Ger. "Rebbe," he cried, "I made a serious mistake and sinned. What can I do to rectify my deeds?" The Gerrer Rebbe told him, "I was always bothered by a question. When Yaakov came to Egypt and met his beloved son Yosef after a twenty-two-year separation, how is it possible that he did not even ask what had transpired during that entire period? Why didn't Yaakov ask how Yosef had gotten to Egypt? It seems that sometimes it is not worthwhile discussing the past...What happened until now already happened. The important thing to focus on is what will happen from now on!"

## Did You Know?

The tenth of Teves is a fast day, commemorating a few events: 1. the siege on Jerusalem during the first Temple, 2. the passing of Ezra and Nechemia, the leaders who built the second Temple, and 3. the Egyptian King Ptolemy forced the rabbis to translate the Torah into Greek (Septuagint), during the second Temple period. This was tragic since the other nations would now misinterpret the Torah, as they did not have the Oral tradition. Eating and drinking are prohibited from morning to night. One may eat before dawn (72 minutes before sunrise), however a stipulation for such should be made the previous night before retiring. Drinking before dawn is permitted without any stipulation.

*Thought for the Week: Our constant question vis a vis this world should be "What's in me for it?" (A Candle By Day)*