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December 15 - 21, 2018
7 Tevet - 13 Tevet 5779
Parshat Vayigash

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Friday, December 14

Candle Lighting
3:53pm

Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:00pm

Earliest Shema Friday night
5:02pm

Latest Shema Shabbat morning
9:38 am



IN APPRECIATION

Dr. Bruce Mazer
for leading services

Bobby Shaul
for leining

R'Yedidya Noiman
for delivering the D'var Torah

Allan Schneiderman
for overseeing the Bowling tournament

**Marshal Chazan - Lavigne,
Diana Levine & Shamai Breitstein,
Corinne Chazan, Dana Guttman
and Gloria Taub**
for helping with the Latke festival

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Sarah Rossdetscher Z"L*

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Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 15 7 Tevet	December 16 8 Tevet	December 17 9 Tevet	December 18 10 Tevet	December 19 11 Tevet	December 20 12 Tevet	December 21 13 Tevet
6:28 am Earliest Talit	6:28 am Earliest Talit	6:29 am Earliest Talit	6:30 am Earliest Talit Asara B'Tevet 6:05 am Fast Begins	6:30 am Earliest Talit	6:31 am Earliest Talit	6:31am Earliest Talit
8:00 am Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:10 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:25 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary D'var Torah R'Yedidya Noiman, Rosh Kollel KTM	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheiel Glustein Daf Yomi
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	7:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
10:00 am Youth Groups						
10:00 am Women's Lounge						
3:20 pm Hilchot Tefillah Rabbi Michael Wolff		1:00 pm Knitting Class				3:55 pm Candle Lighting
3:50 pm Mincha Seudat Sblisbit	4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	3:45 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:00 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:00 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat
4:52 pm Maariv		7:00 pm Duplicate Bridge	4:47 pm Fast ends	8:00 pm Shiur Rabbi Gimple		
5:02 pm Shabbat ends						

VAYIGASH

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HERTZ P. 169 HAFTARAH P. 178~ STONE P. 250 HAFTARAH P. 1144

This week's parsha, Vayigash, deals primarily with Joseph revealing his true identity to his brothers and the subsequent descent of Jacob and his whole family to Egypt. Joseph sends his brothers, laden with food and goods, to inform Jacob that he is still alive and that Hashem has placed him over the whole Egypt. Wagons are sent for Yaakov to transport the entire family to Egypt.

When Jacob and his family, now known openly to be Ivrim (Hebrews), settle in Egypt, Joseph is aware of the potential for trouble. As a minority without support systems, they could be exploited; in times of trouble, they could become scapegoats. They must demonstrate that they will be good citizens; but should they excel in business, warfare and politics, or should they call less attention to themselves, and just blend in?

Joseph is thoroughly familiar with Egyptian society and the Pharaonic court. He wants to protect his family - foreigners in the dominant world-culture - from an assault on their identity, something that he had to endure. He, therefore, adopts the strategy of downplaying their accomplishments: The Torah states: "And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household: 'I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and I will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household who are from the land of Canaan have come to me; and the men are shepherds, for men of livestock have they been, and they have brought their flocks and their cattle and all that is theirs.' And it will be, when Pharaoh will summon you, and say, 'What is your occupation?' You shall say, 'Men of livestock have your servants been, from our youth until now, both we and our forefathers,' so that you will live in the land of Goshen; because every shepherd is an abomination of Egypt'" (46:31-34).

Haemek Davar (R. Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin, 1817-1893) explains that Joseph is trying to preserve his family's sanctity through segregation. By "keeping a low profile," living apart as lowly shepherds in Goshen, they will not be a threat. They also can be overlooked and thereby remain untainted by Egypt, and less influenced by Egyptian idolatry.

Joseph here imitates his father Jacob's self-effacing tone in dealing with Esau: "And I have acquired an ox and a donkey, sheep and a servant and a maid-servant, and I have sent to tell my lord, that I might find favor in your eyes"(Bereishit 32:6).

Joseph's strategy will prove to be of limited effectiveness, because the next Pharaohs will view the Hebrews' lowliness as repulsive, their very isolation as threatening, and will enslave and oppress them. But, for Joseph's generation, it works

Prepared by Devorah Abenheim

Annual Toy Drive

The office is collecting toys for Sun Youth.
Last day to donate is Tuesday, December 18
If anyone has any items to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Navi Class

Friday nights at 7:15 pm
at the home of Raizie and Rabbi Boruch Perton, 5623 Melling Ave.

Taught by Rabbi Perton.

NO CLASS on December 14

December 21 will be sponsored by
Henriette & Marcel Korner
in memory of his parents
Dora & David Korner Z"L

A \$36 sponsorship per class may be made to commemorate a yahrtzeit, a life cycle event, etc.

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, January 20

SAVE THE DATE!

Year End Donations

As we near the end of the fiscal 2018 year, we would like to remind you that all payments received prior to Dec. 31st, will be acknowledged as a 2018 payment. Should you be mailing a cheque, the envelope must be postmarked no later than Monday, Dec. 24.