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December 21 - 27, 2019
23 Kislev - 29 Kislev 5780
Parshat Vayeshev

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Friday, December 20

Candle Lighting
3:54 pm

Mincha and
Kabbalat Shabbat
4:00 pm

Earliest Friday
Shema
5:04 pm

Latest Shema
Shabbat AM
9:42 am

MAZAL TOV

**Rena & Yehuda Kops
Moshe Chaimovitch**
on the Bar Mitzvah
of their grandson

Shammai
great-grandson of
**Rabbi Sidney Eisig
Rebbetzin Shirley Kops**
son of

Leeba & Arez Chaimovitch
brother of
**Hillel, Yisroel Tzvi,
Nosson, Chaim and Shalom**

Phyllis & Jack Leinwand
on their 55th anniversary

Keren & Ilan Saul
on their 15th anniversary

SPONOR A DAY IN THE LIFE

December 22
Drs. Barbara & Bruce Mazer
wishing Happy Birthday to
Shlomo Yehuda Mazer

CONDOLENCES

Janice & Allan Fainman
on the passing
of his sister
Rhona Fainman Z"L

Joel Brumer
on the passing
of his dear friend
Rhona Fainman Z"L

SHABBAT KIDDUSH

Joy & Zvi Farkas
in observance of the first yahrtzeit
of her mother
Roslyn Bier Z"L
who kept the Chanukah spirit
lit all year

Ellen & Larry Kogut
in memory of his father
Eisig (Yitzchak Zvi ben Meir) Kogut Z"L

SEUDAT SHLISHIT

Joy & Moti Yunger
in memory of her mother
Chaya bat Shlomo Zalman (Masher) Z"L

BULLETIN SPONSORS

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Elan Wasserman
Nice to see the good' ol' gang
again. May all your latkes be
light and crispy

Shabbat	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 21 23 Kislev	December 22 24 Kislev	December 23 25 Kislev	December 24 26 Kislev	December 25 27 Kislev	December 26 28 Kislev	December 27 29 Kislev
Molad: Tevet December 26 8:02 PM and 8 chalakim		Chanukah	Chanukah	Chanukah Office Closed	Chanukah Office Closed	Chanukah
8:00 am Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	6:15 am Shacharit	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi
8:45 am Sefardi Minyan Chapel	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	Yecheil Glustein Daf Yomi	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit
9:00 am Shacharit Main Sanctuary D'var Torah Rabbi Yamin Benarroch	8:45 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit	8:00 am Shacharit			
9:00 am Shacharit Smiley Auditorium						
9:30 am Youth Minyan						
10:00 am Youth Groups						3:59 pm Candle Lighting
3:15 pm Mishneh Brurah - Laws of Shabbat Rabbi Michael Wolff	4:05 pm Mincha/Ma'ariv	4:05 pm Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat				
3:45 pm Mincha Sendah Shlshit	7:40 pm Parshat Hashavua Shiur Yehuda Kops	7:45 pm Shiur Gmara Shabbat		8:00 pm Shiur with Rabbi Gimple		
4:54 pm Maariv						
5:04 pm Shabbat ends						

ONEG SHABBAT



Friday, December 20
at 7:30 pm
at **Laura & Elliott Silverman** 's home
5651 Smart

Friday ,January 3
at **Thea & Stanley Yetnikoff**'s home

Everyone Welcome

**In appreciation to the
volunteers who helped out
at last week's
Pre – Chanukah
Shabbat Dinner**

Charles Benedek
Shelley Benhaim
Shammai Breitstein
Esther Csillag
Dana Guttman
Myrna Halickman

Pearl Hazan
Mary Joy Kroo
Rikee Madoff
Eva Mamane
Margaret Ronis
Rena Small



*The clergy, officers,
board of directors and staff
wish everyone
a Happy Chanukah!*

**Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances
the Sunday, December 22nd afternoon
Chanukah Program is cancelled.**

**Please note that there will only be one Shacharit minyan
from December 25 - January 5 inclusive
Monday to Friday Shacharit - 8:00 am.
Shabbat Shacharit - 9:00 am.
Sunday Shacharit - 8:45 am.**

VAYESHEV

DECEMBER 21, 2019 • 23 KISLEV 5780

HERTZ P. 141 HAFTARAH P. 152 ~~ STONE P. 198 HAFTARAH P. 1142

In this week's parshah, we see the consequences of jealousy. Joseph's brothers' could no longer endure the favoritism that their father displayed towards their younger brother, and plotted to get rid of him in some way. Joseph was thrown into a pit, and later sold to merchants as a slave.

Fully aware that they would have some explaining to do to their father Jacob when they returned without Joseph, the brothers "dipped the coat (Joseph's coat that was a gift from Jacob) in its (a goat's) blood" (Genesis 37:31). There are a few questions that need to be answered: 1) Why did the brother's fabricate an elaborate charade about what transpired with Joseph, and 2) What made Jacob think that Joseph had been devoured by a wild beast? And why did Jacob, speaking about the beast, say both has devoured him and has torn him apart? Besides, the order of what happened should have been reversed!

The Alshekh answers these questions and explains as follows: The brothers had debated amongst themselves how to present Joseph's absence. Had they claimed never to have seen him, their father would organize search parties, questioning all caravans in the region. He would find out about the Ishmaelites who had traveled to Egypt. If they would say that Joseph had been found dead, Jacob would demand to see his grave. If they would say that they had HEARD about an accident that had befallen him, they would be telling an outright lie. For these reasons, they felt it best to let Jacob form his own opinion on the basis of the faked evidence. Had they presented Joseph's coat in an undamaged condition, Jacob would have reasoned that Joseph had taken it off, and would have searched for him, thinking him still alive. The brothers could now imply that Joseph's fate was due to his having slandered them.

Jacob knew for certain that it was Joseph's coat. Being unaware of any character weakness in Joseph except his tale bearing, he persuaded himself that Joseph had been punished in this cruel manner for his weakness. In the Torah, the warning not to listen to false information is preceded by the line throw it to the dogs in the book of Exodus. Shemot Rabba 31 points out that one who spreads false information deserves to be thrown to the dogs. Upon reflection, Jacob did not think that Joseph had been eaten alive; this seeing that he was made in the image of God and this having been reflected in his face even after having informed on his brothers. Therefore he assumed tarof, toraf – he had first been ripped apart by a free agent, i.e. a human being. Afterwards, an animal had devoured his remains. This is why he repeated tarof toraf, i.e. he had been torn twice. He considered it possible that one of his sons had harmed Joseph. Jacob tore his clothing and wore sackcloth because he felt that if his interpretation of what happened was true, he himself was partly to blame. This, due to the fact that he had listened to Joseph's tale bearing WITHOUT PROTESTING IT, although he had not believed the stories. When the brothers saw the depth of Jacob's grief, they did not even attempt to offer words of condolence until a long time had elapsed. The Torah states that Jacob "mourned for his son for many years". This was because of his exceptionally close bond that existed between the soul of Jacob and the soul of Joseph. He refused to accept consolation because of what he thought had been his own part in causing the tragedy. On the contrary, he felt that he himself was eventually going to die because of his complicity in Joseph's fate. For all these considerations, our sages read v.35, his father wept for him, as referring to Isaac, who was aware that Joseph was still alive but dared not reveal it to his son, seeing that God had not seen fit to reveal it to him (Bereishit Rabba 84).

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