

PARASHAT VAYIGASH • פ' ויגש

4th of Tevet 5771 • December 11, 2010 • Shabbat Begins: 3:54pm • Shabbat Ends: 5:01pm

**PARNESS HAYOM
 TEVET**

These Days of Learning have been dedicated to the memory of the following by members of their family.

21 Tevet

Stanley Yetnikoff in memory of Isaac Babad (Yitzchak ben Moshe Yisrael z'l)

21 Tevet

Aron Lieberman in memory of his father, Laizer Lieberman (Lazer ben Meir Kolominis z'l)

22 Tevet

Philip Cola in memory of his father, Lemel Cola (Asher Lemel ben Fishel HaKohen z'l)

23 Tevet

Aron Lieberman in memory of his mother, Raizel Lieberman (Raizel bat Aharon z'l)

27 Tevet

Avrum, Joseph & Louis Drazin memory of their father, Samuel Drazin Shmuel Shlomo ben Aharon, z'l)

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**ותחי רוח יעקב
 "And Yaakov's Spirit
 Was Revived"**

Yaakov had been grieving for the loss of his beloved son since the day he was informed that he had gone missing (37:34). Rashi comments that twenty-two years passed from the time Yosef left Yaakov for his fateful visit to his brothers, until Yaakov reunited with Yosef in Egypt. And when this reunion occurred, Yaakov Avinu was "revived," as the Torah says, ותחי רוח יעקב – "and Yaakov's spirit was revived" (45:27). Rashi explains, "The divine presence, which had departed from him, now rested upon him."

Throughout all the years when the family was without Yosef, not only was Yaakov in distress, but Yosef's brothers distanced themselves from one another and were filled with accusations and feelings of guilt over the crime they committed against him. When Yaakov learned that Yosef בני חי (45:26), which Rashi explains to mean, "I have abundant joy and glee, since my son Yosef is still alive."

After two thousand years of exile, *Am Yisrael* has, finally, been revived. We are returning home to our eternal homeland, and we are gradually realizing our destiny as גוי אחד בארץ ("a singular nation on earth").

The process of the ingathering of the exiles, of the coming together and renewal of our beloved nation in its homeland, is a gradual one which is fraught with difficulties and

complications. Indeed, the prophet Yechezkel beheld a vision of dry bones coming back to life gradually, step-by-step. However, we are already joyful, and we are in fact commanded to be joyful – "when Hashem restores the exiles of Zion, we are like in a dream; then our mouths will be filled with laughter, and our tongues with song."

Our generation requires considerable patience rooted in faith and humility. There are various streams and forces in our nation, each waging a fierce struggle for its position – similar to Yaakov's family, in which the brothers struggled against Yosef. But soon enough, the eyes of all the nations will be opened, and we will see the realization of the ancient blessing, נגילה ונשמחה בישועתך – "We shall exult and rejoice in Your salvation"!

Shabbat Shalom,

Rav Nadav Levin, KTM

Everyone on their way to...

FAMILY MELAVEH MALKA

Parent-Child Learning Program

Warm up to a full hour of learning, music, treats, prizes and fun.

This year's theme: Shabbat for Grades 1-6

MOTZEI SHABBAT VAYIGASH
 DECEMBER 11 @ 6pm

LAST SESSION OF THE SEASON!

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The Living Beit Midrash

A Vibrant Community Learns Together

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For more information on other learning opportunities,
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Mondays, 8:30-9pm
Sefer HaKuzari with Rav Ido Tauber

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
Shiur Parashat Hashavua with Rav Nadav Levin

Tuesdays, 9:15-10pm
Masechet Brachot with Rav Nadav Levin (HEBREW)

We hope to see you soon in the Kollel!

**WOMEN'S
BEIT MIDRASH**

with Rabbi Mark Fishman
Tuesday, December 7 & 14
Topic: "What if Joseph Hates Us?"

**9:30 am @Kollel Torah MiTzion
5700 Kellert Ave. Cote St. Luc**

Tehilim Group
completion of the entire
Book of Tehilim, and prayer
for those who are ill.
Tus. 10:30 am

A special time just for you!



KTM Bachurim's Corner by Tsvi Sheik

In this week's parasha we will read of Yosef's confession and revealing of his identity to his brothers. Among other things, Yosef validates his brothers with regard to their selling him as a slave. Yosef conveys to his brothers three different perspectives in assessing their act of selling him to Yishmaelite merchants.

The first perspective casts upon the brothers responsibility for what took place: "I am your brother Yosef, whom you sold to Egypt." Immediately thereafter, however, he adds that this event was ultimately for the best, and there is therefore no reason for them to feel distressed: "But now, do not feel dismayed...that you sold me here, for God sent me before you for the purpose of sustenance." Finally, Yosef goes so far as to even dissociate them entirely from the act of the sale: "It is not you who sold me here, but rather God." In this sense, it could even be said that they took part in a *mitzva* by selling Yosef!

Why does Yosef keep changing his words and his attitude toward what his brothers did to him?

It would seem that the Torah seeks to teach that the value of an action is measured according to one's intentions after performing the action. As long as a sinner has not repented, the act is attributed to him, along with all the guilt that is incurred. But after the sinner has repented – even if he performed *teshuvah* (repentance) purely out of fear of retribution – then he is able to see the favorable outcomes of the evil deed he committed: "for God sent me before you for the purpose of sustenance." And when he performs sincere repentance, *teshuvah* (repentance) out of feelings of love and devotion to God, then he can contemplate the overall process of Providence which transforms the misdeed into a source of merit.

Last week, we witnessed a horrific sight in Israel – an enormous fire that raged for over 77 hours before it was brought under control. The disaster exacted a heavy toll from our brethren in Zion. Forty-two people were burned alive, many dozens of people lost their homes, and, according to experts, it will take many decades to repair the ecological damage caused by the flames.

We, who believe in Divine Providence, know that there is nothing coincidental in the world. The fire must serve to awaken us to repent, to strengthen ourselves. And only true, genuine, wholehearted *teshuvah* (repentance) can bring about, please God, the reversal of these harsh decrees to sources of merit, blessing and goodness.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that our nation will know no more tragedies, and that Hashem will put in immediate end to all our sorrow and travails.



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