

Shabbat Announcements

PARSHAT VAYIGASH

Friday, December 26

Candle Lighting: 5:08 pm
Mincha: 5:05 pm

Shabbat, December 27

Shacharit: 9:00 am
Mincha: 4:55 pm
Shabbat ends after 6:16 pm

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is sponsored by **Jack and Sally Cotlar** in honor of the men and women of ZAKA

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by **Congregation Bnai Torah**

WEEKDAY CLASSES

- Weekly Classes Daf Yomi: Every morning at 6:15, 7:45 on Sundays.
- Mishna Class: Every morning after Shacharit.
- Nosh and Droshe: Sunday morning at 9:30
- Lunch & Learn: Meets Mondays at noon. Rabbi Hasten is teaching the book of Melachim.

SHABBAT CLASSES

- Shabbat Youth Groups: After Kedusha of Mussaf (Approximately 10:55). Preschool and Kindergarten meet in the playroom for parsha, davening and games with Navah and Simchah. 1st grade and up meets in the English Library for the new Mitzva Program.

- Halacha Class: between Mincha & Maariv, Sunday through Thursday. Rabbi Teitelbaum is teaching the laws of Bishul Akum.
- Business Halacha: Every Tuesday after Maariv.
- Tehillim for Women: Wednesday at 7:30pm in the library.
- Men's Mishmar: Meets on Thursday nights, at 8:00 pm. Learn with a chavrusa or join a class.
- Night Seder: Sunday through Thursday after Maariv.
- Parshat HaShavua: One hour before Mincha on Shabbat
- Seudah Shlishit Class: Rabbi Marks will be speaking.
- Indy Kollel Chill Zone

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"וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֲלֵיכֶם אֶنְיַי יוֹסֵף הַעֲדֹד אָבִי תִּזְאַבֵּן"

"And Yosef said to his brothers: I am Yosef. Is my father still alive?"

After the long back-and-forth between Yosef and his brothers, we finally reach the dramatic climax of the story. Yosef utters the two famous words, "Ani Yosef—I am Yosef" and everything changes. But let us rewind for a moment.

From the brothers' perspective, this entire ordeal must have been deeply confusing. First, the ruler of Egypt baselessly accuses them of being spies. Then he demands that they bring their youngest brother, the one person their father Yaakov explicitly warned them not to take. And when they finally do bring him, the ruler plants his goblet in Binyamin's sack and takes him hostage.

We cannot know exactly what was going through the minds of the brothers, but one can only imagine their bewilderment. All they wanted was food to survive the famine, yet somehow they found themselves trapped in an impossible situation, causing their father unbearable pain. What could Hashem possibly want from them?

And then, in an instant, Yosef says those two words.

Suddenly, everything falls into place. Years of memories come rushing back. Yosef's strange dreams. Their father's unending grief. The harsh ruler who seemed determined to torment them for no reason—yet showed an unusual interest in their youngest brother. It all begins to make sense.

Rav Yerucham Levovitz zt"l explains that this moment is a glimpse of what will happen in the future, with the coming of Moshiach. For thousands of years, the Jewish people have been asking one question: Why? Why is our history unlike that of any other nation? Why the seemingly endless suffering? Why do nations seek to harm us simply because of our faith? Why can we never seem to remain in one country without eventually being forced out?

In this world, we cannot fully understand. But the day will come when Hashem will proclaim to the entire world: "Ani Hashem—I am Hashem." And then, everything will begin to click and make sense. In that moment, clarity will replace confusion, and generations of exile and suffering will be understood as steps in a Divine process that was guiding us all along.

May that day come speedily in our time!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

~ Rabbi Yisroel Teitelbaum



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Thank you Jack Cotlar for the gorgeous pictures of this year's Community Chanukah Concert! They can be viewed here
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