

Parshas
MIKEITZ
Rosh Chodesh
6th Day Chanuka
5776

11-12 DEC 2015 / 30 Kislev 5776

EARLY SUMMER KABBOLAS SHABBOS: 5:30PM
CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 6:15PM
EVEY SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 6:15PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 6:15PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 7:28PM
SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 6:15PM

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LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 8:34AM
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 7:29PM

OVERVIEW

It is two years later. Pharaoh has a dream. He is unsatisfied with all attempts to interpret it. Pharaoh's wine chamberlain remembers that Yosef accurately interpreted his dream while in prison. Yosef is released from prison and brought before Pharaoh. He interprets that soon will begin seven years of abundance followed by seven years of severe famine. He tells Pharaoh to appoint a wise person to store grain in preparation for the famine. Pharaoh appoints him as viceroy to oversee the project. Pharaoh gives Yosef an Egyptian name, Tsafnat Panayach, and selects Osnat, Yosef's ex-master's daughter, as Yosef's wife. Egypt becomes the granary of the world. Yosef has two sons, Menashe and Ephraim. Yaakov sends his sons to Egypt to buy food. The brothers come before Yosef and bow to him. Yosef recognizes them but they do not recognize him. Mindful of his dreams, Yosef plays the part of an Egyptian overlord and acts harshly, accusing them of being spies. Yosef sells them food, but keeps Shimon hostage until they bring their brother Binyamin to him as proof of their honesty. Yosef commands his servants to replace the purchase-money in their sacks. On the return journey, they discover the money and their hearts sink. They return to Yaakov and retell everything. Yaakov refuses to let Binyamin go to Egypt, but when the famine grows unbearable, he accedes. Yehuda guarantees Binyamin's safety, and the brothers go to Egypt. Yosef welcomes the brothers lavishly as honored guests. When he sees Binyamin he rushes from the room and weeps. Yosef instructs his servants to replace the money in the sacks, and to put his goblet inside Binyamin's sack. When the goblet is discovered, Yosef demands Binyamin become his slave as punishment. Yehuda interposes and offers himself instead, but Yosef refuses



THE MANY INTO THE HANDS OF THE FEW

"At the end of two years, and behold Pharaoh dreamt that he was standing by the Nile" [Bereshis 41:1]. Pharaoh is very disturbed by a dream wherein seven lean cows eat seven fat cows. None of the wise men of Egypt can interpret the dream for him, and this troubles him even more.

Even if we assume that the Egyptian Pharaohs were much more superstitious than modern man, it seems rather odd that a head of state should get so upset about a crazy dream. What is so upsetting about seven lean cows swallowing seven fat cows? Rav Shimon Schwab (1908-1995) provides an insight into this question. Pharaoh's whole dominion, like that of any dictator, was based on the premise that the mighty will dominate the weak. "I have the troops. I have the force. Therefore I can impose my will, because no one





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BARMITZVAH

Mazel tov to **Yaakov Levin** on the occasion of his recent Barmitzva celebrated in Israel. Mazel tov to proud parents **Dr.Shlomo & Joanne Levin**.

WEDDING

Mazel tov to **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Auerbach** on the occasion of the upcoming wedding of their daughter **Chevi Auerbach to Rafi Stemmer** in Israel!

Mazel tov to **Rabbi Avraham Tzvi & Chana Schwartz** on the occasion of the upcoming wedding of their son **Yechezkel Baruch Schwartz** to **Sarah Esther Friedman** in Israel!

BROCHA V' HATZLOCHA!

The community wish a Tzeischem L'Shalom to

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who are leaving to learn in Yeshiva in Eretz Yisroel!
We wish them much Brocha & Hatlocha!

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH LIGHTING CHANUKA CANDLES

HIDUR MITZVAH (lighting late with olive oil)
VERSUS ZERIZUS (lighting on time with candles)

Shabbos afternoon at 5.40pm

CARLEBACH MINYAN

Please note that from & including **THIS Shabbos**
11 December the Carlebach Friday Night
Minyan will be taking a break till January.
Date to be announced.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Nina Chana Jawno
Daniel Elyahu Duek

Happy Birthday!

can do anything against me."

Pharaoh was so bothered by this dream because it portrayed a situation wherein the weak dominated the powerful. It was the seven lean cows that swallowed the seven fat cows. He understood that as not just a silly dream, but as a terrible omen from heaven. He saw this as a Divine message that his dominion was not secure despite his power. This message shook him to the core, for it undermined the premise of his whole monarchy.

Rab Schwab further points out that Parshas Miketz always coincides with Chanukah. This is a constant of the Jewish calendar. It is not just a coincidence. One of the major themes of Chanukah is the idea that "the mighty fell into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few", as we say in the Al HaNissim prayer.

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SUMMER VACATION SCHEDULE

Wed 16 Dec 2015 -> incl Sun 3 Jan 2015

Shacharis

Neitz
Minyan 2 6:15am daily
Minyan 3 7:00am Mon & Thurs & 7:10am other days
Minyan 4 8:00am daily

Mincha

Minyan 1 1:05pm
Minyan 2 6:30pm

Ma'ariv

Minyan 1 7:00pm
Minyan 2 9:30pm

Shabbos Schedule

**From Parshas Vayigash 18 Dec 2015 until
& including Parshas Shmos 2 Jan 2016**

Mincha 6:15pm

Followed by Kabbolas Shabbos

Schacharis Neitz and 8:15am

Mincha 6:30pm followed by Seudah Shlishis

YORTZEITS

- **Melany Port** for her late father
- **Ruth Rappoport** for her late father-in-law
- **Yoni Margalit** for his late mother

Please note that there will not be a newsletter from next Shabbos for the holiday period.

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