



OVERVIEW

Yaakov settles in the land of Canaan. His favorite son, Yosef, brings him critical reports about his brothers. Yaakov makes Yosef a fine tunic of multi-colored woolen strips. Yosef exacerbates his brothers' hatred by recounting prophetic dreams of sheaves of wheat bowing to his sheaf, and of the sun, moon and stars bowing to him, signifying that all his family will appoint him king. The brothers indict Yosef and resolve to execute him. When Yosef comes to Shechem, the brothers relent and decide, at Reuven's instigation, to throw him into a pit instead. Reuven's intent was to save Yosef. Yehuda persuades the brothers to take Yosef out of the pit and sell him to a caravan of passing Ishmaelites. Reuven returns to find the pit empty and rends his clothes. The brothers soak Yosef's tunic in goat's blood and show it to Yaakov, who assumes that Yosef has been devoured by a wild beast. Yaakov is inconsolable. Meanwhile, in Egypt, Yosef has been sold to Potiphar, Pharaoh's Chamberlain of the Butchers. In the Parsha's sub-plot, Yehuda's son Er dies as punishment for preventing his wife Tamar from becoming pregnant. Onan, Yehuda's second son, then weds Tamar by levirate marriage. He too is punished in similar circumstances. When Yehuda's wife dies, Tamar resolves to have children through Yehuda, as this union will found the Davidic line culminating in the Mashiach. Meanwhile, Yosef rises to power in the house of his Egyptian master. His exceptional beauty attracts the unwanted advances of his master's wife. Enraged by his rejection, she accuses Yosef of attempting to seduce her, and he is imprisoned. In prison, Yosef successfully predicts the outcome of the dream of Pharaoh's wine steward, who is reinstated, and the dream of Pharaoh's baker, who is hanged. In spite of his promise, the wine steward forgets to help Yosef, and Yosef languishes in prison.



SOMETIMES IT IS BETTER NOT TO SAY "PLEASE"

At the end of the parsha, Yosef is in prison. He interprets the dream of one of Pharaoh's advisers. He asks this advisor for a favor: (V'asisa nah imadi chessed) "When you will be released from prison, please intercede with Pharaoh to have me released as well." Rashi says regarding the words "V'Asisa nah...." that the word "nah" indicates a request (please).

This seems strange. Someone who is already up to Parshas VaYeshev should already know that the meaning of the word "Nah" is "please." Why is Rashi telling us this again? Rashi already mentioned it in connection with "Kach nah es bincha" (Please take your son) [Bereshis 22:2]. And Rashi says it earlier in this parsha in connection with Tamar "Haker nah" (Please recognize...) [Bereshis 38:25]

The Shemen haTov answers, based on Chazal's criticism of Yosef for — based on his spiritual level -- putting too much faith in the Wine Butler (Sar haMashkim): by mentioning twice the expression "remember me (to Pharaoh)" Yosef had to spend two more years in prison.

Rav Chaim Soloveitchik once met Rav Shimon Shkop and asked, "If Yosef would have only mentioned 'remember me' once to the Sar HaMashkim, how many additional years would he have had to spend in prison?" Rav Shimon responded that since Chazal say that he had to spend two years in prison for mentioning it twice, most likely he would have had to spend one year if he had mentioned it once. Rav Chaim said "No. For mentioning it once, there would have been no punishment at all." Mentioning it once would have been legitimate "hishtadlus" [making appropriate effort to take care of oneself]. Saying it twice shows a lack of faith in G-d by overdoing the hishtadlus. That lack of faith encompasses both of Yosef's requests and such both are deserving of punishment.

Similarly, the Shemen haTov says that the addition of the word "nah" (pretty please) indicates that Yosef was becoming too reliant on the Sar HaMashkim and having too much faith in the Sar HaMashkim's ability to save him and not having enough faith in the Almighty's ability to save him. This is why Rashi once again emphasizes the meaning of the word Nah in this pasuk. It was an unnecessary request.

OHR CHODOSH KIDDUSH



This week's Ohr Chodosh Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Evan & Lara Noik** in honour of the recent birth of **Ora**. Mazeltov to proud grandparents **Harold & Milly Noik** and **Brad & Beverly Tapnack**

ENGAGEMENT



Mazeltov to **Yoni Diner & Batya Sklaar** on the announcement of their engagement. Mazeltov to proud parents **Evan & Sheila Sklaar** and **Errol & Jenny Diner**. IY"H there will be a **L'Chaim** from 8pm this Sunday 6 December at Waverley Shul

WEDDING



Mazeltov to **Daniel & Chen Saus** on the occasion of their recent wedding. Mazeltov to proud parents **Haim & Cheryl Smadja** and **Mark & Natasha Saus** from Sydney

UNVEILING

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The unveiling for the late **Hilda Fishman** mother of **Evan & Rael Fishman** will take place this Sunday 6 December at 10.00am at West Park Cemetery. We wish the family a long life!

V'SAYN TAL UMATAR

Please note that from **MAARIV THIS Motzei Shabbos 5 December** we start to include "V'Sayn Tal Umatar" in the Shemoneh Esrei

CHANUKAH DAVENING

Mincha 1.05pm & 6.30pm
Followed by candle lighting
Maariv 7.00pm

Shabbos Parshas Miketz 11/12 Dec

Mincha 1.05pm
5.00pm
6.15pm followed by
candle lighting &
Kabolos Shabbos

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Sarit Freeman

Happy Birthday!

MAIN SHUL KIDDUSH



This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored by **Susan Blieden** in honour of the 3rd Yortzeit of her late mother **Lola Klugman, Shaina Lieba Bat Hinda Maira**. May the learning at the Kiddush be an aliya for her neshama

BABY BOY



Mazeltov to **R'Yosef & Rachael Diamond** on the birth of a baby boy. Mazeltov to proud grandparents **Harold & Denese Perelman** and **Rabbi David & Ruth Diamond**. The **Shalom Zocher** will IY"H take place at 18 Carron Rd from 9.00pm

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

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH

LIGHTING CHANUKA CANDLES

WHERE NO ONE WILL SEE THEM
& OTHER PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

Shabbos afternoon at 5.35pm

YORTZEITS

- **Susan Blieden** for her late mother
- **Rochelle Swaine** for her late parents
- **Anne Levitt** for her late father