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*Candle Lighting 4:15pm * Shekiah 4:33pm * Shir Hashirim 4:10pm followed by Mincha Friday Night
Shaharit Shabbat 8:15am * Mincha Shabbat 3:55pm * Shabbat Ends 5:15pm & Rabbenu Tam 5:45pm
Time for Talit 6:23am * Seasonal Hour 55:00 * Alot Hashahar 6:12am * Netz Hachama 7:18am
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In last week's Parasha Yosef had two dreams, and in this week's Parasha Pharaoh also had 2 dreams. There are two differences: Pharaoh's dreams came true rather quickly, while Yosef's dreams took twenty-two years to come true. The reason for this difference is because of the second difference: while the wicked first enjoy reward and then experience suffering, like Pharaoh's dreams, where he first experienced years of plenty and then years of hunger, the righteous first experience suffering and only then experience reward, as Yosef was first sold as a slave and only twenty-two years later stood before his brothers while they bowed. The hint to this is in Yosef's dreams, as the first dream was about stalks of wheat, signifying the lower, earthly, while the second dream was about the heaven and stars, signifying greatness and success. The Gemara says, in the future as well, the wicked will look at the Yetzer Hara, thinking it is terribly powerful but will realize it is small and could have been conquered with a little effort, but instead they chose pleasure and will then be suffering, while the righteous are going to look at their Yetzer Hara that they

continuously fought against with suffering and see that it had grown to be a mountain while they constantly fought against it, and will ultimately be at peace with greatness due to their success. May Hashem watch over us, Amen.

Insights on the Parasha

1 – Yosef's brothers did not recognize him, as they bowed before the viceroy of Egypt, but he recognized them. Why didn't he tell them right away? The *Kedushat Levi* explains: when one succeeds over another, it can be painful for the one who has to realize the success when he thought much less of the other. Had the brothers realized Yosef's success when they arrived, ready to bow to the ground, in full respect of the powerful viceroy before them, the pain and suffering of the realization would have been very great. Yosef therefore waited in order to find the right moment before telling them the truth. Yosef was righteous. Others would have enjoyed the opportunity to stick it in their faces, in the most satisfying way, at the expense of the ones who thought much less of him, and would have taken advantage of the sweet revenge

regardless of their feelings. Yosef however, did the opposite! He waited until the time was best to tell them so that he could minimize their pain and shame.

History in Brief

100 years after the Hurban, 170AD. One time, as R' Shimon was traveling to Tiberias, he met Eliyahu Hanavi who told him that in heaven they had a question regarding a Pasuk, and Hashem told them to go ask Bar Yohai to explain. The Pasuk spoke of Hashem eating, but of course Hashem does not eat or drink. R' Shimon explained that the Torah speaks in the way that man can best understand so that man can connect better to Hashem, despite the fact that the concept does not apply to Hashem. Once, while R' Shimon made a party for the Hachamim, he became very happy. They asked him why he was so happy, and he explained because a holy soul came down from heaven and entered his son Elazar. A fire then surrounded the house, and the Hachamim left out of fear and stood outside. R' Yossi Bar R' Shimon Ben Lakunia passed by and asked what was happening, and they explained that R' Elazar was being crowned with holiness from heaven. R' Yossi entered and proposed to R' Shimon that his daughter should be married to R' Elazar. They agreed, and they were married in great happiness.

Health and Recovery

The Ben Ish Hai explains that sleep is most beneficial for the body, mind, and soul during the first half of the night, much more effective than sleep during the second half of the night. This has even been proven medically. Unfortunately, people today

would much rather go to sleep later than earlier, enjoying the evening rather than waking up earlier in the morning refreshed and energized. Alas, many think that 11:00pm is an opportunity to potentially catch up on the day's remaining workload. The Chafetz Chaim would go to the Yeshiva at a late hour of the evening and tell the Talmidim to go to sleep, having mercy on their health and wellbeing, especially the weaker students. In many ways, taking proper care of the physical can be more important than spiritual service, since without the physical you cannot perform the spiritual. For example, when a father once told the Chafetz Chaim that his son wakes up very early every morning in order to learn before Shaharit prayers, the Chafetz Chaim told him to dissuade his son from continuing to do so. Why? Because the benefit is limited. With the proper amount of sleep, one can live longer, healthier, and spend many years learning Torah. It isn't worth it to waste the body away early without taking the proper care now – it is so much more worth it to retain one's strength for years to come by responsibly sleeping on time and the correct number of hours, for then he will ultimately learn many more hours of Torah with greater quality.

Rishon LeSion:

R' Yaakov Shaul Elyashar 1817-1906

After R' Yaakov returned to Jerusalem with nothing, not even the shirt on his back because the thieves had stolen that too, he was informed that the Rabbanim were discussing what to do about a situation that was developing in Egypt. The Jewish community there had decided not to support or donate money towards those

who traveled from Jerusalem to Egypt in order to collect money. They wanted to only give to the greatest Sages who came to visit, nobody less. It was decided that R' Yaakov would be the one to travel to Egypt to try to change their minds. When he arrived there, he stayed in the home of a wealthy man who R' Yaakov recognized as a kind-hearted generous and righteous person who feared heaven. R' Yaakov organized a gathering and spoke to the people, convincing them to change their minds, to accept those who came to them for help even if they were not great Hachamim, and he brought forth change in the matter. Their faces revealed that they had switched their way of thinking through his words, and from then on they accepted all who came from Jerusalem, and helped them with happiness.

Mussar: Holiness of the Eyes

Our eyes are from the most important limbs within our bodies. One must sanctify his eyes and retain their holiness. One must be very cautious when he walks in the street, and should look away if he is tempted to glance at things that will desecrate his spiritual eyes. Women who dress immodestly are considered from the army of the evil Bilam. Bilam had advised King Balak to send the daughters of Moav to entice Bnei Yisrael immodestly and cause them to sin. That scheme for impurity and that source of unholy enticement exists still today. *“Do not turn after your hearts and eyes”*, *Yeshaya Hanavi* addresses the issues concerning immodesty being performed in public and explains that ministering angels who descend to this world in order to perform certain tasks, upon seeing women not dressed properly,

begin to cry out and scream to Hashem, requesting that He immediately punish those women for leading men to sin because of them! Therefore, all should ask Hashem for mercy, especially when leaving the house, kiss the Mezuzah and pray that He saves you from the constant dangers that threaten men. If you pray with tears over this matter, you are on the level of ministering angels! One who glances at these women in the street is damaging and dirtying his soul with wounds and stains which are extreme, and are very hard to remove. Fear Hashem and guard your eyes. May Hashem watch over us, Amen. (*Rav Nachman*)

Story

Yosef continued to use the automobile that his mother purchased for him to transport passengers to and from the city, for a respectable fee. The wagon drivers now went to the Rabbi to complain that Yosef was transporting passengers during Shabbat, and was desecrating the holy day! How could such a terrible thing be allowed to happen in their city! The Rabbi understood that they were partial to the situation, as Yosef's success meant that they were less successful, and therefore decided he would need to speak with others who were not directly involved in the business to find out the most accurate information without any bias, to be sure that he can decide correctly regarding Yosef.

Laws

1 – Olives are harvested in three ways: 1 – pulling the olives off by hand while climbing atop the tree. 2 – Shaking the tree while the olives fall to the ground beneath the tree. A machine can be used to pound

the ground under the tree. 3 – Pounding the branches with a long stick, causing a downpour of olives.

2 – Do not remove an Avocado pit from water during Shabbat when it has already taken root as this is considered harvesting.

3 – One cannot remove a fish from water during Shabbat as this is considered harvesting.

4 – A fruit that became detached during Shabbat due to wind or other natural force may not even be moved during Shabbat.

5 – A fruit attached to the tree during Shabbat may not be smelled, out of concern that one will then remove it from the tree.

6 – Herbs and flowers that are attached may be smelled since it is normal to smell them without removing them. A fruit, however, cannot be smelled during Shabbat while it is attached.

7 – One cannot make use of a tree, out of concern that he will then remove a branch. However, if there's a rope attached to the tree, he may use the rope, or other peripherals attached to the tree, but not the actual tree itself.

8 – One cannot lean heavily on a tree, and can only lean lightly if the tree will not budge from the weight.

9 – One cannot hang something on the branches, i.e. clothes to dry.

10 – Clothing hung on a tree from before Shabbat cannot be removed during Shabbat.

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