



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine


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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This week's Torah portion describes the moment Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers, after many years of separation.

Although Joseph immediately recognized his brothers when they came to him in Egypt, they did not realize it was him, and he took his time letting them know.

The main reason he didn't reveal himself immediately, was because he wanted to be sure that they had changed their ways and regretted what they had done to him. Once he ensured that not only were they remorseful, but that they were committed to loving one another in absolute harmony despite potential differences, at that moment he chose to make the family whole again.

As we pray for the ultimate redemption, we are reminded that this will occur when there is true love and unity among the worldwide Jewish family. Love your fellow Jew as yourself, and that will bring Moshiach now!

Shabbat shalom,

Rabbi Wilansky



Featured Event

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A TASTE OF THE REBBE'S TEACHINGS

Vayechi



Sibling Rivalry

Joseph brings his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to be blessed by Jacob before his demise. Jacob surprises them by putting his right hand on Ephraim, the younger son, and his left hand on Manasseh, the older one. Joseph jumps in to correct the mistake. But what exactly bothered him? What was so wrong about Jacob's choice?

A lesson about education, sibling rivalry, and honoring parents.



SUNDAY, 12,12



11:00 AM



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Upcoming Events

Shabbat Service

Shabbat, Dec. 11, 2021 - 10:45 am

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 - 9:00 am

Shabbat Service

Shabbat, Dec. 18, 2021 - 10:45 am

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 - 9:00 am

Shabbat Service

Shabbat, Dec. 25, 2021 - 10:45 am

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 - 9:00 am

Shabbat Service

Shabbat, Jan. 1, 2022 - 10:45 am

Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 - 9:00 am

Shabbat Service

Shabbat, Jan. 8, 2022 - 10:45 am

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Service Times

Friday night

4:00 pm

Shabbat day

10:00 am

Kiddush and refreshments

1:00 pm



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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Vayigash

Judah approaches Joseph to plead for the release of **Benjamin**, offering himself as a slave to the Egyptian ruler in Benjamin's stead. Upon witnessing his **brothers** loyalty to one another, Joseph **reveals his identity** to them. **I am Joseph, he declares. Is my father still alive?**

The brothers are overcome by shame and remorse, but Joseph comforts them. It was not you who sent me here, he says to them, but **Gd**. It has all been ordained from Above to save us, and the entire region, from famine.

The brothers rush back to Canaan with **the news**. **Jacob** comes to Egypt with his sons and their families **seventy souls in all** and **is reunited with his beloved son after 22 years**. On his way to Egypt **he receives the divine promise**: Fear not to go down to Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation. I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again.

Joseph gathers the wealth of Egypt by **selling food and seed during the famine**. Pharaoh gives Jacobs family the fertile county of **Goshen** to settle, and the children of Israel prosper in their Egyptian **exile**.



Today's Quote

Nor does darkness obscure for You; the night shines as the day,
darkness is as light
Psalms 139:12

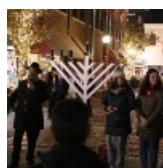


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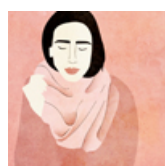
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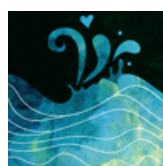
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