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Schedule for Parshat Miketz Shabbat Chanukah/Shabbat Mevarchim

Friday, December 7 *3rd Day of Chanukah*
 Shacharit **6:40 am**
 Mincha **3:50 pm**
 Candle Lighting **3:53 pm**

Saturday, December 8 *4th Day of Chanukah*
 Shacharit at Salem Towers **7:45 am**
 Shacharit **8:45 am**
Kiddush following services
 Latest Time for Kriat Shema **9:18 am**
 Mincha **3:35 pm**
 Ma'ariv **4:50 pm**
 Shabbat Ends **5:01 pm**

Schedule for the Week of December 9 - 14

	Shacharit	Mincha	Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	3:55 pm	4:25 pm <i>5th Day of Chanukah</i>
Monday	6:40 am	3:55 pm	4:25 pm <i>6th Day of Chanukah, Rosh Chodesh</i>
Tuesday	6:40 am	3:55 pm	4:25 pm <i>7th Day of Chanukah</i>
Wednesday	6:40 am	3:55 pm	4:25 pm <i>8th Day of Chanukah</i>
Thursday	6:40 am	3:55 pm	4:25 pm
Friday	6:50 am	3:50 pm	<i>following Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat</i>

Beth Israel Mikveh Project

The final plans for the Beth Israel Mikveh have arrived, and are available in the shul's office for you to look at! The Rabbi has arranged a meeting with Joe Onorato, the architect from Newbury Design Associates, to go through the mikveh plans the night of December 12 at 7:30 pm. *Please respond to rabbi@bethisraelmalden.org or 781-322-5686 about coming to the meeting.*

Taking part in the construction of a mikveh is a very special and rare opportunity, one that few people are ever offered. Each and every one of us as congregants has the right to take part in this big mitzvah by coming out to learn about what is planned. I strongly encourage everyone to take an active part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

What does Judah the Maccabee look like?

If you don't know the answer, check out Rabbi Rabinowitz's Chanukah sermon on our website <http://www.BethIsraelMalden.org>, recorded live at our Chanukah party last night!

A big thanks to all who helped make the party a success!

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Please note that the maftir and haftarah are for Shabbat Chanukah. The maftir is from Numbers, Chapter 7, verses 30 to 35.

Kiddush Sponsorship

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Torah Ethics Class Monday, 12/10, 9:30 am at Salem Towers
- Weekly Parsha Class Thursday, 12/13 after Ma'ariv

The Rabbi's class is available on our website, www.BethIsraelMalden.org

Fulfillment of the Dreams

Insights into Parshat Miketz from the Ramban, by Rav Reuven Ungar of Sha'alvim.

“And the brothers of Yosef came and prostrated to him on the floor. And Yosef remembered the dreams that he dreamed concerning them, and he said to them ‘You are spies, to have come to discover the secrets of the land!’” (Genesis 42:6,9) Rashi comments that Yosef realized that the dreams of his family bowing to him had been fulfilled.

The Ramban understands the verse in the opposite. No dream had been fulfilled. The dream of the stalks included all of the stalks prostrating- this would include Binyamin, who presently was at home with his father, Yaakov. The latter dream of the sun, moon and stars was certainly not fulfilled in the absence of Yaakov.

Rather, maintains the Ramban, the verse indicates that Yosef realized that the dreams had NOT yet been fulfilled. Therefore, Yosef endeavored to generate the proper conditions for the fulfillment of the dreams that he had experienced prior to his abduction and subsequent descent to Egypt.

This principle resolves numerous difficulties:

1. Why didn't Yosef initially reveal his true identity to his brothers?
2. In previous the years that he was in Egypt, why didn't Yosef inform his father (such as be a letter) that he was alive? Granted, he may have desired to distress his brothers, but why should Yaakov receive such heartache?
3. Why did Yosef orchestrate the framing of his brothers for the theft of his goblet (gavia)? Was this intended as revenge, as an opportunity to psychologically torture the brothers?

The first dream was restricted to the brothers. Thus, Yosef intended to create the proper conditions that would warrant Binyamin joining the brothers, but would not include the presence of Yaakov Avinu. In order not to cause (at this stage) the descent of Yaakov, Yosef did not yet reveal his identity.

Yosef understood that the fulfillment of the dreams, his family bowing to him, would not transpire in The Land of Israel. It was obvious to him that in Egypt (where he acquired prominence) the dreams would be fulfilled. This was made exceedingly clear by the dreams that Yosef explained to Paroh, for their practical ramifications granted Yosef wide-sweeping authority and power.

Were it not for his desire to fulfill the dreams it is inconceivable that Yosef would have needlessly caused such psychological anguish to his father. Certainly an individual of his stature had ample opportunity to inform Yaakov that he was alive.

Yosef was concerned that the brothers may have envied Binyamin (due to the abundant affection displayed by Yaakov) similar to the jealousy that they displayed towards Yosef. Or perhaps Binyamin suspected that the brothers were involved in the selling of Yosef and leading to strife and hatred. Therefore Yosef wanted to verify that they loved Binyamin, prior to his sending Binyamin with them to inform Yaakov that Yosef is alive and in Egypt.

Thus positive goals motivated Yosef to act as he did. A desire to realize the fulfillment of the dreams and to protect Binyamin led Yosef to perform (and to desist from) actions that at first glance appear to be callous and cruel.