



MESSAGE FROM THE RAV

Dear Chevra

Welcome to our minyan! We hope you had a successful week and wish you a relaxing and spiritual *שבת*. Thank you to everyone who helped in organizing and participated in our minyan's very successful Meals of Eight program last week. A special thanks to Gali for all of her hard work. The oneg generated a wonderful feeling of community and we look forward to enjoying many more together. Our Chanuka party was a big hit and raised money that will be donated to the One Family Fund. May we go from strength to strength!

Shabbat shalom,
Rav Shmuel and Taly

emotional pleas, Yehuda explains that "Benjamin cannot be taken as a slave as he has left an old father who awaits his return. If he will not return to his father, the old man will die of grief and aggravation. After all, he already lost one son to a terrible accident."

After seeing the concern that Yehuda has for his younger brother, Yosef reveals himself, forgives his brothers and tells them that his episode was divinely preordained, setting a path as a lifeline from the ensuing famine. He then sends his brothers back to Canaan to bring his father to Egypt, but before doing so he presents each of them with a set of clothes. However, Yosef gives his youngest brother Benjamin five sets of clothing and three hundred pieces of silver.

The Talmud (Megilla 16b) asks a very poignant question. How is it that Yosef, a victim of jealousy, provoked his brothers by favoring Benjamin? Didn't jealousy spur the hatred that led to the original calamity? The Talmud explains that Yosef was alluding to a similar event that would occur in the future. After being saved from the gallows, Mordechai, a descendent of Benjamin, miraculously rose to power and was gifted with five changes of clothing as he left the palace of Achashveirosh. Benjamin's five changes of clothing were symbolic of a future gift that Benjamin's descendent would receive.

Obviously, Yosef did not explain the deep meaning of his actions to his brothers. What then was gained by favoring Benjamin in front of them? Why does Yosef, in the midst of the turmoil of his startling revelation, decide to make a ceremonial gift that favors one brother over the rest, in order to foreshadow an event destined to occur in more than 1,000 years in the future?

Rabbi Paysach Krohn tells a beautiful tale in his work, *Along the Magid's Journey*: In 1939, the Nazi Gestapo shut down Rabbi Moshe Schneider's yeshiva in Frankfurt. With tremendous support from the English

community, he was able to relocate the school to England. Survival during that horrific period was both a tremendous spiritual and physical challenge but two boys in the Yeshiva, both named Moshe, helped. One would rise in the early hours of the morning and pick up leftover bread from a generous bakery. Carrying the bags of bread and leftover rolls while walking through the bitter cold was not easy, but Moshe never missed his duties. The other also woke up early to lead a special learning session before dawn and encouraged his friends to make the extra effort too.

After years of uninterrupted efforts, Rabbi Schneider blessed them in front of the entire school. "Moshe who shleps the bread is not only schlepping today's bread. One day, he will help distribute bread for thousands of people. And the Moshe who is concerned with spirituality of others will continue to do so in years to come," announced the Rosh Yeshiva. "Their actions today are only seeds of the future."

His words proved true. Moshe, the bread-shlepper, became Moshe (Paul) Reichman, one of our generation's most benevolent philanthropists. Moshe, the young teacher, became Rabbi Moshe Shternbuch, Rabbi in Johannesburg, South Africa and Har Nof, Israel, and author of prestigious books on Jewish Law.

Yosef is telling us the secret of our people. Benjamin stood in shackles. Accused of stealing a magic goblet, he was humiliatingly sentenced with life-long enslavement to Pharaoh. Moments later, he was liberated and recognized with honor and integrity as the blood brother of the most powerful man in the world. So too Mordechai, a Jew doomed to destruction by Haman, standing at the palace gates suddenly rises to greatness and is instrumental in saving his people. Our destiny changes at the bleakest moment.

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MORDECHAI KAMENETZKY

DESTINY

In last week's parsha, Yosef accused his brothers of stealing his magic goblet. Yehuda denied the possibility that any of the brothers could be a thief. So confident was Yehuda that he pre-ordained the would-be thief to a death penalty and offered the remaining group of nine brothers as slaves if the accusations proved correct. Unfortunately, Yehuda was unaware of Yosef's precontrived ruse of planting the goblet in Benjamin's sack.

This week's portion begins as Yosef wants to keep only Binyamin, as a slave, something that Yehuda will battle to the very end to prevent. In a mixed array of rage, fury, and



THANK YOU

Hosts, Guests & Rav Shmuel and Tali Bloom for a wonderful "Meals for Eight".

Events committee



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