

SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קודש

Candle Lighting	4:25 PM
Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos	4:16 PM
יום שבת קודש	
Daf Yomi @Main Shul	7:30 AM
Shacharis	
@Social Hall	7:00 AM
@Main Shul	8:30 AM
Netz - 7:17am Sof Zman K'S 8:56 N'ג' Sof Zman Tefilah 9:39- N'ג' 10:26- N'ג'	
Mincha	2:15 PM
Mincha	4:15 PM
Maariv/Havdala (50min)	5:34 PM
Avos Ubanim	6:20 PM

	62/40	מוזג האוויר בשבת*	CANDLES NEXT SHABBOS-4:27 PM
	56/42	Ohel Moshe Weather	

Weekday Tefilos
Shacharis

Sunday-6:35 & 8:00, M-F-6:30

SPECIAL CHNUKAH SHACHARIS
MON-FRI - 8:00 AM

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM DAF	7:30	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45
NETZ	7:18	7:19	7:20	7:20	7:21	7:22

Mincha/Maariv Sunday-Thursday	4:30 PM
Maariv Sunday-Thursday	7:45 PM

Learning Opportunities

PM Daf Yomi - Sun.-Thu. @Zoom	8:00 PM
Daf Hashavua - Mon. & Wed. @Main Shul	9:00 PM
Breathing Life - Monday @Main Shul	9:10 PM
Begging For More - Tuesday @Zoom	9:10 PM
Contemp. Halacha - Wed. @Zoom	9:00 PM
Open Bais Medrash - Sun.-Thu. @Main Shul	8:00 PM

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AVOS UBANIM!

Motzei Shabbos! 7:00 PM @TENT

Sponsored by Joel & Karin Mirkin,

In honor of our Gavriel's 12th Birthday.

Featuring a story from the Rabbi plus learning, pizza and prizes!

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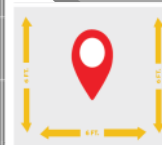
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Rabbi Zvi Teichman

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

The portions of Vayeishev and Miketz, which record the painful episode of the conflict between Yosef and his brothers, are always read in the proximity of Chanukah.

Rav Nosson Nota Shapira, the great kabbalist and Rav of Cracow, writes in his Megaleh Amukos, that Yosef HaTzadik, is the counterforce to the negative influences of the Assyrian-Greek kingdom that we faced during that exile known as *Galus Yavan*.

His role as antagonist to Yavan is indicated in the fact that the numerical value of his very name, יוסף, is equal to יון מלך, as well as to the king's actual name, אנטיוכוס (156)

Yet, aside from numerous mystical allusions within many of the verses in these portions that relate to Chanukah, the narrative seems to have no obvious connection to the challenges we faced in those later years with Yavan.

At the onset of the tale Yaakov displays great love for Yosef engendering jealousy among the brothers.

The verse tersely states: *they hated him, ולא יכלו—and they could not, speak to him peaceably.*

From that point on it was all downhill.

Why **couldn't** they speak to him? Did they suddenly lose their faculty of speech and become physically incapable of communicating with him? More likely 'they chose' not to speak to him and out of resentment simply did not **want** to talk to him.

So why does it use the phrase, ולא יכלו—they could not?

Targum Unkelos, who usually translates this verb, יכול, when it appears elsewhere as יכלו—could not, diverts here and offers more precisely, ולא צבנו—they were **not willing**.

Perhaps, although they 'chose' not to speak to him, and were certainly capable of overcoming their resistance, the verb used by the Torah is instructive in implying that they felt it was literally impossible for them to speak to him and were convinced it was beyond the realm of choice.

The lesson therein is that one must be brutally honest with oneself and admit that if we really want to make amends we could. One should never use the excuse that it is impossible.

The Midrash adds an additional facet that takes this to another level. It states that although the Torah casts the brothers in a negative light, nevertheless we may observe in their behavior something positive. What held them back from responding kindly to Yosef was their inability to portray themselves dishonestly in speaking, אחד ארד, speaking one thing but feeling differently in one's heart. So, what compelled them to refrain from talking to Yosef was their 'noble' commitment to honesty and integrity, they simply couldn't permit themselves to not present themselves wholeheartedly. Indeed, a worthy attribute.

But they were condemned for their behavior, moral excuses notwithstanding. I believe the lesson derived is that one should never couch one's misbehavior under a guise of moral correctness. One should rather slough off the resentment, as difficult as that

Yes, We Can!

may be, and display wholeheartedness in a positive way.

I discovered an even more remarkable and positive spin on their otherwise errant conduct, expressed in the Sefer *B'fikudeicha Asicha*, authored by Rav Avraham Kroll.

The first half of the verse quoted above first reports 'how his brothers saw that it was he, whom their father loved most of all his brothers, so they hated him...'. He suggests that they genuinely wanted to 'speak out their feelings and differences', as emotionally explosive it may get, as the Alshich teaches, that 'duking it out' is sometimes the best way to dispel pent-up emotions, putting feelings openly on the table, and bringing conflict to a healthier resolution. But they hesitated in expressing their anger, as they feared their father would not understand, knowing how much their father favored Yosef. So, they opted to stay angry rather than extract the hatred from their hearts.

Although this elevates their dilemma to a much more sophisticated struggle, even emphasizing their goal of reconciliation, nonetheless, they placated their conscience by subconsciously 'placing' the blame on Yaakov's favoritism of Yosef, that stifled their otherwise 'valiant' intention to 'confront' Yosef. They still neglected the optimal approach, do not harbor resentment. Another vital lesson derived.

The story of Chanukah teaches us that nothing, if one truly desires it, is impossible. So often we write off opportunities because we claim we are not equipped for the job, or because there are impediments beyond our control.

Yosef HaTzadik could have come up with many excuses for how impossible it was to survive the many challenges he faced. But he never did. He never said that as a teenager he could not possibly be expected to control his desires in face of the temptations he faced. We live by different rules of nature than the rest of the world. What is beyond human endurance is merely a challenge for us to overcome.

We say in Al HaNissim how they sought to make us 'forget the Torah and compel us to stray from חוקי רצונך—statutes of His will'. The word חוק, can also translate as the 'nature' of Your will, referring to the 'natural' law of Torah, where the impossible becomes the probable.

We descended into the clutches of Yavan, the moment we erred in thinking we 'cannot' overcome impulses or obstacles; when we think others are the cause of our inability to act as we please; when we misguidedly claim it is the 'principles' we live by that prevent me from acting.

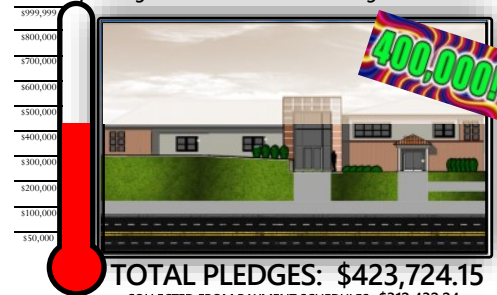
Yosef taught us otherwise — nothing is unconquerable. The Chashmonaim accomplished that which others scoffed at as inconceivable.

May we live with the spirit of Yosef never submitting to defeat, never saying 'we can't'!

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On the passing of Mrs. Natalie Frager
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6814 Cherokee Drive

Motzei Shabbos 7:30-9:30 PM
Sunday 10 AM - 12 PM & 7:30-9:30 PM

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