

Service Times

In-person service attendance is limited and [registration](#) is required. When unable to attend, please still partake in prayer services at home.

Erev Shabbat

Friday, December 25 (Tevet 10)
Fast of Tevet

6:02am - Fast begins

10:30 am - Zoom Tot Shabbat - *Off this week*

4:18pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

5:00pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv
[Register to attend.](#)

5:02pm - Late Candle Lighting

5:51pm - Fast ends (with Kiddush)

Shabbat

Saturday, December 26 (Tevet 11)

9:00 am - Shacharit [Register to attend.](#)

9:50 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:55 pm - Mincha [Register to attend.](#)

Weekly Parsha Shiur - Notes available at this [link](#).

6:02 pm - Maariv/Havdallah

6:30 pm - Havdallah & Schmooze

[Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Classes

See our full week of virtual programming [HERE](#).

• **Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon**
Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, [Phone Conference](#).

• **Torah Study with Rabbi Davies**
Sunday 8 pm, *Off this week*

• **Ketuvim with Kenny**
Monday 8 pm, [Facebook Live](#) & [Zoom](#)

• **Lunchtime Talmud with Rabbi Davies**
Thursday 12 pm, [Facebook Live](#) & [Zoom](#)

• **Cholent & Learn with Kenny Abitbol**
Thursday 8 pm, [Facebook Live](#) & [Zoom](#)

Contributions

➤ **Joe & Eddie Rubin**

- In memory of Eva Lipman,
sister of Anita Zucker

➤ **Jay Rosenblatt**

- In gratitude for the
Thursday Talmud learning

Contributions to CDT can be made at DorTikvah.org or by check.
Donations of \$10 or more are acknowledged here.

Dor Tikvah Events

✳ **Jive with Judaism: A Case of Mistaken Identity** - Dec. 29th, 7:30 pm

Join Yaakov on Zoom and schmooze. Details at Dortikvah.org/event/jive-with-judaism. Add to your [Facebook](#) calendar.

✳ **Zoom Tot Shabbat: Taking Care of Our Furry Friends**
- Jan. 1st, 10:30 am

Join Zahava for a musical Tot Shabbat with a different theme each week.
Dortikvah.org/youth-tots for more information and future sessions.

Community Events

✳ **The 5 Love Languages Couples Seminar** - Tues., 9 pm *Off Dec. 29th*

A 6-part online series for couples. Get more info and join at OurJMI.org.

✳ **First Responders Project** - Dec. 25th

Thank you to those who registered to celebrate our local heroes for working on Christmas day. tinyurl.com/CJF-FRproject

✳ **Volunteering at Cold Weather Shelter**

Volunteers needed at the *Arthur W Christopher Emergency Cold Weather Shelter*. Get details at the [City of Charleston Facebook](#) and contact Ilisa Cappell at iliscappell@gmail.com to learn more.

Refuah Sheleima

To add or remove a name, contact charlessteinert@gmail.com.

Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Blumah Leah bat Yitzhak Dov (Rosalind Minster)
Rahel Tzvia bat Feigel Sara
Shlomo Yoel ben Miriam (Stanford Kirshtein)
Ephraim Yehuda Ben Shana Itel
(Fred Rosenblum)
Sara Leah bat Batia (Sandy Katz)
Channah Penina bat Miriam Rochel
Simcha bat Sura Miriam

Simcha ben Ettle
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Esther bat Alitza
Yisroel Chaim ben Pesha
Yonatan ben Chana
Aron David ben Yudah
Moshe ben Esther

Life Cycle

Birthday

➤ Sam Kirshtein (12/23)

Anniversary

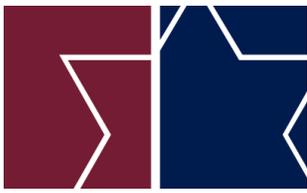
➤ Jeffrey & Jody Cohen (12/30)

Yahrzeit

➤ Bertha Briebart, Great Aunt of Nathan Kirshstein (12/25)
➤ Arthur Leighton Shorago, Father of Susan Chase (1/1)
➤ Cecile Lazarus, Grandfather of Nathan Kirshstein (1/1)

Announcements

➤ Our office will be closed Friday, December 25th & January 1st.

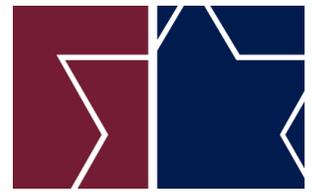


Vayigash

(Genesis 44:18–47:27)

Purely Positive Perspective

By Rabbi Abba Wagensberg Aish.com



Joseph's behavior teaches us how far we must go not to embarrass others.

In this week's Parsha, Joseph reveals his true identity to his brothers. After Yehuda's impassioned plea for Binyamin's release, the Torah tells us (Genesis 45:1) that Joseph could not restrain himself any longer. Rashi explains that Joseph could not bear the thought of embarrassing his brothers in front of the Egyptians in the room. The revelation of his true identity would mean revealing that his brothers had sold him, and that this would be intensely humiliating for them. Therefore, Joseph ordered all his Egyptian servants to leave the room, before he stated, "I am Joseph."

We might wonder how Rashi knows that Joseph was primarily concerned with preventing his brothers' embarrassment. Perhaps he sent out his servants because it would not be proper for a great leader to cry in front of his subordinates. In other words, maybe Joseph was interested only in preventing his OWN embarrassment! The Iturei Torah counters this claim by pointing out that Joseph, immediately after sending out his servants, raised his voice and cried so loudly that all of Egypt and everyone in Pharaoh's palace heard his sobbing (Genesis 45:2). Clearly, Joseph was not concerned with maintaining his own dignity if this is how he behaved. Therefore, he must have dismissed the Egyptians only in order to prevent his brothers' public humiliation.

STILL CONNECTED

Joseph's behavior teaches us how far we must go to keep from embarrassing others. Shortly after Joseph breaks down in tears, he tells his brothers, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold down to Egypt" (Genesis 45:4). The Ohr HaChaim comments that the word "your brother," which seems superfluous in this context, actually conveys an important message. Through the intentional addition of this word, Joseph is telling his family, "Even when you sold me down to Egypt, I was still your brother. Even in the midst of that incredibly challenging time, I still loved you and still felt connected to you."

Furthermore, the Sfat Emet points out that the word *asher* ("whom") in this verse can have the connotation of *yasher kochacha*, an expression that means "congratulations" or "thank you" (literally, "Your strength should be upright"). We see an example of this definition in Exodus 34:1, when G-d tells Moses to carve a second set of Tablets like the first ones "that you broke" (*asher shibarta*). The Talmud (Shabbat 87a) explains that the word *asher* here means *yasher kochacha* - in other words, that Moses deserved congratulations for breaking the first set of Tablets. Based on this interpretation, we can understand the word *asher* in our verse the same way. Joseph tells his brothers, "I am Joseph your brother, whom (*asher*) you sold down to Egypt." According to the Sfat Emet, Joseph is implying, "I congratulate you for selling me down to Egypt because it enabled me to support our entire family." Instead of being bitter or angry about his treatment, Joseph sees how the brothers' actions actually led to great benefit. They should not be condemned for selling him; rather, they should be congratulated!

LOVE AND WARMTH

Imagine how we would feel if we were in Joseph's place - how difficult it would be for us to rise above our own hurt and resentment. Yet Joseph goes to great lengths to treat his brothers respectfully. Not only is he concerned with their possible humiliation, sending out his entourage so that no disparaging information will be overheard, but he even thanks his brothers for selling him! We can learn from here how to approach situations where we feel slighted. Joseph does not allow himself to be dominated by feelings of bitterness about the past. Rather, he emphasizes the positive aspects of the situation, to where he is able to relate to his brothers with true warmth and respect.

May we learn to cultivate a warm, loving attitude toward every other person. May we learn to overcome resentments about the way we were treated in the past, rising above our own hurt so we can see the ultimate good in every situation. Just as Joseph was reunited with his family, which brought about redemption for all of the Jewish people at that time, so may we deserve to see unity and camaraderie among all the Jewish people and our final redemption.